



# Westminster United Church

## "Embracing Our Community"



## Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

# November 17, 2019

### 61st Anniversary Service

Westminster United Church is a Christian family sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the congregation, the community and the world at large. We provide a spiritual home for worship, celebration of the sacraments, and Christian Education.



We embrace people of all ages, gender, sexual orientations, gender identity, abilities, ethnicity, social and economic circumstances, in the membership, ministry, leadership and life of this congregation.

We are so glad you came! Thank you for worshipping at Westminster. We hope you will be encouraged by the teaching you hear and by the people you meet. Please take a moment to fill out "A Westminster Welcome!" card located in the seat pocket in front of you and place it in the offering plate. To stay connected with us, see our Facebook page, website [www.westminster-uc.ca](http://www.westminster-uc.ca) or sign up for our weekly email at [wuc@westminster-uc.ca](mailto:wuc@westminster-uc.ca).

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(\* Indicates standing in body or spirit)

## **We Gather Together**

**Prelude** - Be Thou My Vision - *arr. Holstein*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Call to Worship**

One: Surely, God is in this place.

**ALL: Help me notice.**

One: We are a chosen people.

**ALL: All things are ours and work together for our good.**

One: We are a royal priesthood.

**ALL: We pray for others and build one another up in faith.**

One: We are a people claimed by God.

**ALL: To proclaim the triumph of the One who called us out of darkness into God's marvelous light.**

### **Gathering Verse - MV 4 All Who Are Thirsty (v1)**

#### **Opening Prayer**

\* **Passing the Peace**

\* **Hymn: VU 220 Praise to the Lord the Almighty - *Lobe Den Herren***

## **To Offer Ourselves**

### **Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** - Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones - *arr. Smith*

\* **Sung Response - VU 537 Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands**

### **Offering Prayer**

## **To Hear God's Word**

### **Time with all God's Children**

**Song while children leave for J.a.M.** "He's Got the Whole World"

**Ministry of Music** - Then Sings My Soul - *McDonald*

**Scripture: 1 Kings 17:8-16 ; Mark 12:38-44** *Bev Crumb*

**Message: "God Notices"** *Rev. Dan Yourkevich*

## To Respond in Faith

### Time of Silent Reflection

**\*Hymn: VU 835 Praise to the Lord** - *Richardson-Burton*

### Prayers of the People

#### Invitation to the Table - Communion

*We warmly invite all (adults, youth and children) to share in this celebration. The table of God is an open table to which all are welcome.*

**\* Hymn: VU 469 We Gather Here**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: We thank you, God, Father and Mother of us all.  
From the beginning You made the world and all its creatures;  
You made people to live for You and for each other.

**ALL: We praise You, God.**

One: You created Adam and Eve and gave them a garden;  
You showed Noah a rainbow;  
You gave strength to Moses to free his people  
and taught Miriam to sing;  
You gave courage to Esther and loyalty to Ruth;  
You helped David defeat the giant and gave him a harp to  
sing with.

**ALL: We praise You, God.**

One: And yet many of them turned away from You  
and forgot about You, as many of us do too.  
But You did not forget.  
You sent Your only child Jesus to the world to show  
how much You love us and to bring us back to You again.

**ALL: We praise You, God.**

One: As one of us He came, at first a tender infant,  
then a child, a youth and an adult.  
He rejoiced with those who rejoiced and wept with those  
who wept. To the despairing He spoke a word of hope.  
To the sick He gave healing. To the rejected He was a  
friend.

- One: And yet He was betrayed and nailed to a cross.  
But He was lifted from the grave and restored to life,  
that He might be with us and we with Him.  
Alive for evermore!  
Therefore, with all the saints, and with angels in the  
heavens, our hearts beat with happiness and we say:
- ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might. Heaven  
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the  
highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the  
Lord.**
- One: On the night before Jesus died, He had supper with His  
disciples; He took bread; thanked You, as we have thanked  
You; broke the bread; and gave the bread to His friends,  
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is My body,  
given for you. Each time you do this, remember Me."  
After supper He took the wine; thanked You for it,  
and passed a cup of wine to His friends, saying,  
"This cup is the new promise God has made with you in My  
blood. Each time you do this and drink from this cup, re-  
member Me."  
Remembering His death and celebrating His resurrection,  
we await with hope His coming again to bring  
peace and justice to the earth.
- ALL: As our Lord Jesus Christ offered Himself to You,  
O God, we offer ourselves to You, as Your people have  
done before, as they still do everywhere.  
Let us offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and  
acceptable in Your sight.  
Use us as You will that we may die to self to live for  
You. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- One: We pray You, God of Love, send Your Holy Spirit  
upon us and what we do here, that we, and these gifts,  
touched by Your Spirit, may be signs of life and love to  
each other, and to all the world.  
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is Yours,  
God most holy, now and for ever.
- ALL: Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

## **Prayer after Communion**

## To Go Into the World

\* **Hymn:** VU 288 Great is Thy Faithfulness - *Faithfulness*

\* **Blessing and Sending Forth**

**Closing Response - If I Take the Wings of the Morning (v1) -**  
*Motum*

\* **Postlude** - Go , Make a Difference - *Tomaszek*

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Next Week's Scripture: Luke 12:29-36;  
Mark 9:38-47 J.B. Phillips Translation  
Theme: "Decide"

What's  
on?

### Upcoming Services

- Sunday, December 1 Advent I; Minute for Mission
- Sunday, December 8 Advent II; Stewardship Moment



### Regional Prayer Cycle //

We are holding in prayer our fellow community of faith Heritage United Church Salem.

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### Prayer Requests during the service //

Our weekly worship service provides a time for submitting prayers of concern, thanksgiving and praise. You will find prayer forms in the pew pockets. Prayer & praise requests are collected along with the offering. Please place the completed prayer cards in the baskets as they are circulated and your weekly offering in the plates. The requests are read in the service during our prayer time together and then forwarded to our Prayer Team who will continue to pray for each concern.

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**Christmas Hampers //** A Westminster tradition has been to provide Christmas hampers to those in need in our community. Again this year we plan to help approximately 75 families with your generous help. Our tin cans have been counted, but we can still accept monetary donations towards the food portion of the hamper. Mark your cheque and envelope "Hamper Program". The tags to buy gifts for children or adults will be available on Nov 24, Dec 1 and Dec 8 if needed. The return date is Dec 14 and delivery will be Dec 15. Thanks to all for your support.

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## **We have Hearing Assistance equipment available every Sunday //**

If you are hard of hearing or you wear hearing aids, we can assist you to enjoy the service. Either headphones can be worn without hearing aids or neck loops which can be used with hearing aids. If you wish to wear the neck loop you need to ensure that your hearing aids come equipped with a telephone coil (T switch). You can ask one of our ushers for assistance.

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## **We thank you for your generosity to our Food Bank and for helping to keep our shelves stocked //**

It's official - the cupboards are bare at the Food Bank. We have seen a huge demand these past few months. Our needs are: soup, tea, coffee and whitener, jam fruit, vegetables, cereal, children's snacks and juice.



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## **NOOMA DVD Series //**



Mondays, 7:00pm - 8:00pm, Oct 28, Nov 11, Nov 25 & Dec 9

NOOMA is a series of short relatable films that invite you to search, question and join the discussion.

No registration is required.

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## **Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)//**

PAR allows you to support Westminster through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Besides being convenient, using PAR for your offering ensures regular monthly givings to help Westminster's ministry even when you are away. You will be providing a dependable flow of contributions, which increases the church's overall financial stability. Using PAR also reduces administration costs because of automated tracking of donations for tax receipt purposes.



Interested in making the switch or have questions? Come to the gym after the service and go to the table set up for PAR.

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## **Coffee and tea are served after worship in the gym // All Welcome!**

Purchases of organic coffee, green and NEW earl grey tea and Fair Trade chocolate bars we sell every Sunday enable us to provide the organic coffee and tea after church. Our Christmas Baskets are now available, gifts made for the special person.

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**A children's program** is available for your baby/toddler in the nursery down the hall. Children will be invited to head to **J.a.M.** during the service after the Children's Time. Please speak to an usher for directions or more information. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our J.a.M. program, please contact: Cathy Shaw, Minister of Faith Formation (cshaw@westminster-uc.ca)

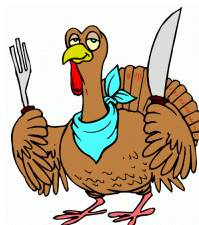
### Christmas Basket//

The Christmas basket to collect toiletries for men and women will be placed in the Narthex beginning this Sunday until December 15th.

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### **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

The "Turkey Ladies" would like to extend a BIG heart-felt thank-you to the hundreds of people who contributed to making Westminster's Annual Turkey Supper a resounding success: diners, donors, decorators, bakers, peelers, chefs, carvers, cleaners, servers, scrubbers and our chairmen . With everyone's help, we raised more than \$2600 this year. Gobble, gobble, indeed!



### Book Club //

The next gathering of the Book Club is Wednesday November 27 at 1:30pm at the church to discuss the book entitled

**A Novel of the Royal Wedding by Canadian author: Jennifer Robson.**

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## Feeling Worn out? Feeling Stressed out?

**TAKE THE WELLNESS QUIZ AND  
LEARN MORE ABOUT MENTAL  
HEALTH MATTERS**

Join us on Westminster Interchange  
<http://pages.today/westminster6>

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### Family ADVENTure Day //

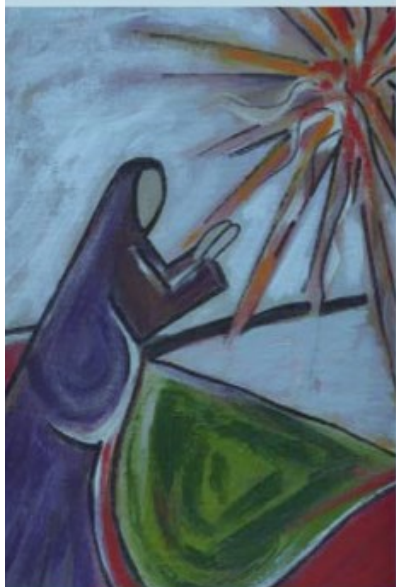
**When:** Sunday, December 1st from 12 - 2pm

**What:** A fun, family day to celebrate the Season of ADVENT. Come for lunch and stay for the family crafts and activities!



**This is a free event (ages 10 and under), sponsored by your Christian Education Committee. Spaces are limited, so you MUST REGISTER for this event to receive your free ticket!** Registration will take place in the gym following worship on Nov. 17 and 24.  
**Hope to see you there!**

Plan to attend Westminster's special Advent  
Meditation around the Labyrinth on  
November 27 at 7:00 P.M.



## Advent Labyrinth Meditation

NOVEMBER 27TH, 7:00 P.M.  
WESTMINSTER  
UNITED CHURCH,  
1850 ROSSLAND RD,  
WHITBY, ON

'Living in the light of Christ coming'





Come one, Come All -  
 Women of Westminster United Church -  
 You are invited to the  
**U.C.W. Christmas Potluck Dinner**  
 On

**Monday December 2nd, 2019**

In the Founder's Room at WUC

Gathering and appetizers at 5:30pm - Dinner @ 6pm  
 Please bring your favorite one of: A main course or a  
 salad or a dessert to feed 4.

If you desire: Christmas Donations are being gratefully  
 accepted for:

Westminster's own Food Bank - especially: packages  
 of 4 rolls of toilet paper, women's sanitary pads,  
 toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, instant coffee,  
 coffee creamer, raspberry jam, strawberry jam, or peak  
 frozen cookies.

R. S.V.P. on or before Friday November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to Margaret M @  
 905-723-7029 or

Susan P @ 905-493-3122 or Liz A @ 905-579-8459

# *Lessons, Carols and Candlelight*



*join us on*  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 7 PM  
*at*

Westminster United Church  
1850 Rossland Road East  
Whitby

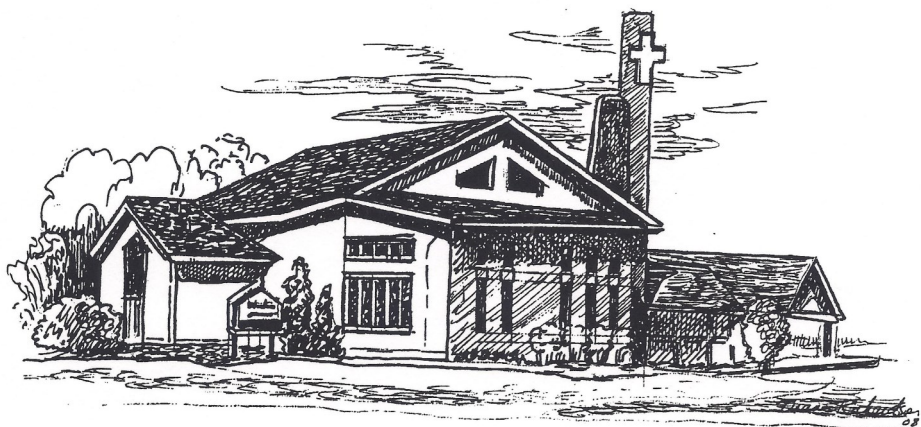
*featuring*

The choirs of  
BROOKLIN UNITED CHURCH,  
NORTHMINSTER/ST. STEPHEN'S UNITED CHURCHES  
WESTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

*and*

THE DURHAM WIND ENSEMBLE  
KATHY BEATTY, OBOE  
PANDORA BRYCE, FLUTE

<b>Sunday November 17</b>
<b>10:30 AM - 11:30 AM</b> -Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) <b>11:30 AM - 01:00 PM</b> -CDMC meeting (Founders' Room) <b>03:00 PM - 05:00 PM</b> -Christmas Play Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
<b>Monday November 18</b>
<b>08:30 AM - 04:30 PM</b> -YDAC (Room 1, Youth & Computer) <b>09:30 AM - 12:30 PM</b> -Taoism Tai Chi (Gym) <b>06:30 PM - 08:30 PM</b> -Guides 18th group (Gym) <b>07:00 PM - 09:00 PM</b> -Outreach Committee Meeting (Founders' Room) <b>07:00 PM - 09:00 PM</b> -CE Meeting (Room 1) <b>07:00 PM - 09:00 PM</b> -M&P Meeting (Youth Room) <b>07:00 PM - 09:00 PM</b> -Foodmangroup Meeting (Kitchen)
<b>Tuesday November 19</b>
<b>12:30 PM - 03:00 PM</b> -Stroke Recovery Group (Gym/Kitchen) <b>06:30 PM - 08:30 PM</b> -Friendly Visitor's Meeting (Youth Room) <b>06:30 PM - 08:00 PM</b> -Whitby 31st Brownies (Gym) <b>07:00 PM - 08:30 PM</b> -Food Safety Group Meeting (Room 1) <b>07:00 PM - 09:00 PM</b> -ECOR (Sanctuary, Founders, Narthex)
<b>Wednesday November 20</b>
<b>01:00 PM - 04:00 PM</b> -Bridge To a New Home (Founders Room) <b>07:00 PM - 09:00 PM</b> -Trustee Meeting (Founders Room) <b>07:00 PM - 08:30 PM</b> -Manning Mews Meeting (Room 1)
<b>Thursday November 21</b>
<b>09:30 AM - 02:00 PM</b> -Catering Committee (Kitchen) <b>06:30 PM - 08:30 PM</b> -Youth Group (Youth Room) <b>07:00 PM - 08:30 PM</b> -Choir Practice (Founder's Room/Sanctuary ) <b>07:00 PM - 08:30 PM</b> -Family Karate (Gym)
<b>Friday November 22</b>
<b>08:30 AM - 04:30 PM</b> -YDAC (Room 1, Computer Rm, Gym) <b>12:00 PM - 04:00 PM</b> -Aphasia (seminar) (Sanctuary) <b>01:00 PM - 03:00 PM</b> -Bridge to a New Home Meeting (Founders Room)
<b>Saturday November 23</b>



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**Greeters and Candle Lighter** Ava Tomlinson

**Ushers** Team 1 - Lorne Coe, Ron Kurtz, Wendy and Ed Ekker

**Coffee and Tea** Team 1 - Emma Lovasz, Joyce Lowe, Liz Robinson

**Tech Booth** Bruce Cullen and Adam Cullen

**Volunteer Custodian(s)** Team 1 - Bob Neil (leader), Sue Neil, Larry Morrow, Jeanne Yee

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