



Westminster United Church

"Embracing Our Community"



Weekly Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
December 8, 2019

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, race, 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 or sign up for our weekly email at wuc@westminster-uc.ca.

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(* Indicates standing in body or spirit)

We Gather Together

Prelude - Veni Emmanuel - *arr. Hopson*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: In anticipation we gather.

ALL: With expectation we wait.

One: We gather to hear the Good News.

ALL: O God, open our hearts, that we may hear with peace the Word You speak.

One: In this spirit let our praise begin.

ALL: Let our prayers be lifted. Let our celebrations bring new life.

Advent 2 Candle Lighting - Peace - *Wendy, Carleigh and Kimberly Pearce*

Prayer

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is sadness, joy;

And where there is darkness, light.

Grant that we may seek not so much to be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

In pardoning that we are pardoned,

And in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Gathering Verse - MV 33 Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope (v2)

Opening Prayer

*** Passing the Peace**

*** Hymn: VU 35 Good Christian Friends Rejoice** - *In Dulci Jubilo*

To Offer Ourselves

Stewardship Moment

Invitation to Offering

Offertory - Christmas Hallelujah - (*Madelyn Freckleton*)

*** Sung Response - VU 55 In the Bleak Midwinter (v4)**

Offering Prayer

To Hear God's Word

Time with all God's Children

Song while children leave for J.a.M. MV 36 Glory to God

Ministry of Music - O Come, Emmanuel - *Martin*

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 - *Claire Stacey*

Message: "Deciding and Waiting" *Rev. Dan Yourkevich*

To Respond in Faith

Time of Silent Reflection

***Hymn: VU 27 Tomorrow Christ is Coming** - *Little Baddow*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

To Go Into the World

*** Hymn: VU 60 O Come, All Ye Faithful** - *Adeste Fideles*

*** Blessing and Sending Forth**

Closing Response - Soon, and Very Soon (v1 x2) - *Very Soon*

*** Postlude** - My Soul Cries Out - *arr. Cooney*

Next Week's Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5
Theme: "Only Love can See the Star"
Advent Communion

What's
on?

Upcoming Services

- TONIGHT Lessons and Carols at 7pm
- Sunday, December 15 Hamper Delivery Day
- Tuesday, December 17 Blood Donor Clinic
- Tuesday, December 17 Longest Night Service 7pm



Regional Prayer Cycle //

We are holding in prayer our fellow community of faith
Burnt River: Coboconk.

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.

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. Our demand is increasing and we are in great need of canned vegetables and fruit, snacks, juice boxes, coffee, cereal, tea, peanut butter as well as toiletries.



Climate Disruption Mitigation Committee //

Why not consider this "Christmas Challenge": As we endeavour to reduce our impact on our stressed planet, plan to create at least one gift this year from second-hand or used materials—some of which you may already have!



Coffee and tea are served after worship in the gym//

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 with coffee, tea, and chocolate bars for that special person who has everything.**



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Toiletries //

The Christmas basket to collect toiletries for men and women is in the Narthex and will stay there until December 15th.

Grocery Cards //

We all buy groceries, so why not support Westminster at the same time? Grocery gift cards are available for purchase at face value after service on Sunday in the gym or in the church office during the week. 5% of the proceeds go to Westminster United Church.



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.

Westminster Advent Mitten Tree //

The Outreach Committee invites everyone to take part in our annual ADVENT MITTEN TREE. The tree is up today for the first Sunday of Advent. Please hang your donations of mittens and gloves for both **CHILDREN** and **ADULTS** on the tree in the Narthex. All donations will be given out in January, to area schools and community groups that have expressed a need.



donate.
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urgently.



Blood Donor Clinic //

Tuesday December 17, 2019.

You can book your appointment time by calling ahead to Canadian Blood Services at 1-888-236-6283.

Faith & Fellowship

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The "come as you can" meeting of this Small Group has been changed to Wednesday, December 18 (instead of Dec 11), from 1:30 - 3:00pm. Hope to see you there!

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)

Update from the Stewardship/Finance Committee on November 2019 Offerings//

For the month of November, offerings were \$20,839 vs. target of \$31,095 (shortfall of \$10,706). November 2018 offerings were \$28,552. Based on offerings so far this year, the target goal of a balanced budget for the year will not be achieved.

Mission & Service offerings to the end of November are \$4,445 greater than the same time last year.

We greatly appreciate your ongoing financial support. Please give prayerful consideration to you continued financial support of Westminster as we celebrate the season of Advent and give thanks for the blessings of hope, peace, joy and love.

New Ways to Make an Offering //

You can now text your offering any time! Text "give" to 833-963-1387 to set up your account. Once you've set up your account, you can text your offering amount. It's that simple!

OR

You can now make your offering through the Tithe.ly app (download for free). Set up your account within minutes!



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If you have questions for either option, please see Monica Veenstra in the gym after service.

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



The Longest Night Service

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

7:00pm

It is our hope that this evening will provide you with an opportunity in a supportive community and among caring friends to be reminded that the Christmas story contains a message of hope no matter our circumstances.



A Star is Born

Christmas Eve Play - December 24, 2019

Times:

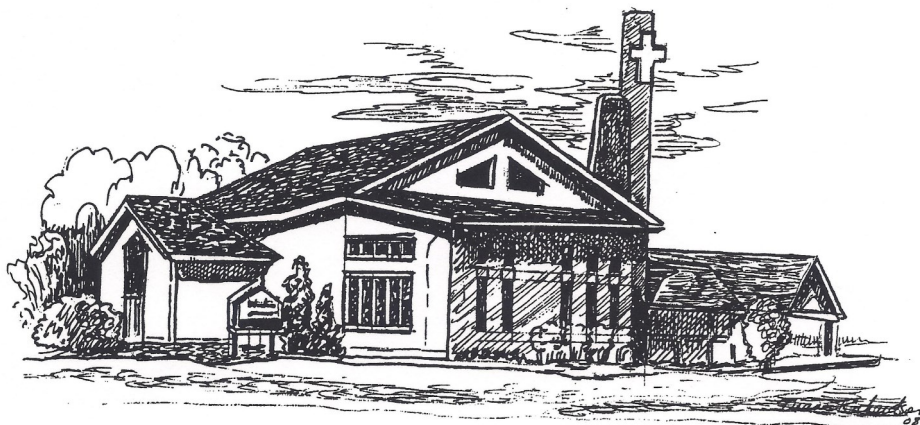
1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm

Christmas Eve Communion

December 24, 2019

10:00pm





Greeters and Candle Lighter

Joanne Brown and Pat Weldon

Ushers

Team 4 - Bob Dingman, Larry Morrow,
Bob Neil, Arlene Jones, Gord Mahaffy,
Neville Wright, Jim Edwards

Coffee and Tea

Team 4 - Heather Montague, Dean
Mortimer, Susan Webb, Lisa Geisberger

Tech Booth

Tim Shkolnik, Chris Shkolnik

Volunteer Custodian(s)

Team 4 - Bob Dingman, Maureen
Dingman, Bill Beer, Bonnie Beer

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