

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
December 1, 2024:
1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT – HOPE
Rev. Lena Medeiros

COMMUNION PRAYER

WELCOME

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Wayne Kennington

A candle burns,
the sign of our hope.
God of hope, come to us again this Advent.
May your hope live within us, burning as a light in our lives.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN: A Candle Is Burning (vs. 1) VU #6

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

SPIRIT SIGHTINGS

OPENING HYMN: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus VU #2

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Ever-present God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, may our Word lead us
in your truth. Amen.**

SCRIPTURES

Wayne Kennington

Psalm 25 VU #752

Refrain #2: To you, O god, I lift my soul, to you I lift my soul.

Luke 21: 25 – 36

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: All Earth Is Waiting VU #5

REFLECTION: “Night Flowers”

COMMUNION HYMN: As We Gather At Your Table VU #457

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

We open them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is right to lift up thanks and praise.

How can we thank you, O God?

For sun and moon and stars,

for breath and life and all things good,

for your steadfast promise and your faithful love,

for the day that is surely coming

when all things will be made new.

With saints, with angels and with the whole creation,
we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna in the highest!

We give thanks, Holy God, for Jesus,

who came to be your living Word,

to baptize with Spirit and fire,

to feed the hungry and to humble the mighty,

and to announce the good news of your coming realm.

With thanksgiving, we remember how,

when the hour had come,

Jesus took his place at the table with the apostles.

He said to them, “I will not eat this Passover again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God...”

...With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you, sharing this holy meal,
remembering Christ’s dying and rising, and praying:

Come Lord Jesus!

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit upon us – this bread, this cup, this people – Christ’s body and blood, given in love for the world. Make us one in Spirit, one in the church and one with Christ Jesus.

Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people, serving our neighbours, worshipping you alone. Keep us in the peace of Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

And so this is our prayer. So be it! Amen!

Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

VU #959

SHARING THE LOAF AND CUP

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

SUNG DEDICATION: In Gratitude and Humble Trust VU #544

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life’s way.
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,
Teach us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.

BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

God who leads by a Star,
show us the direction to Bethlehem.

Lead us to the place where love is to be born in our lives.

**Give us signs along the road as we make our journey,
that we may follow in your way. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: I See a New Heaven

VU #713

CHORAL CLOSE: Hope Shines as a Solitary Star
(sing 2X)

MVU #220

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

December 1, 2024

Worship Leader: Rev. Lena Medeiros

Music: Chris Savory



The Waterford United Church is a place where everyone is welcome regardless of their ability, age, class, ethnicity, gender, race, or sexual orientation.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE TRUSTEES will meet on Monday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 SERVICE is a Covenanting Service at 1:30 p.m. for Rev. Lena. **There will be NO morning service.** A reception will follow.

THE EXECUTORS FOR BETTY MULDER'S ESTATE said that we should tell the Congregation of Betty's generous gift to Waterford United Church and whole heartily supported it saying that Betty would have liked that. Thank you, Betty. You are missed.

THE TRUSTEES ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER is on Friday, December 6 with prep night on Wednesday, December 4. Tickets are \$22 with family and youth rates available. The proceeds will be split evenly between Outreach Soup Supper (Loaves of Bread) and the general fund. Bring your friends!!

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY is planned for Sunday, December 8. Donated gifts will support the Christmas Hampers. We welcome your gifts of food, gifts, or gift cards to help support the ministry. This year we have created our own list of recipients from within our community. Distribution is set for December 20 from 3 to 8 p.m.

THE BOOK CLUB will meet after church on Sunday, December 8 to discuss "The Maid." Please come ready to suggest another book for our next meeting. Looking forward to seeing you.

THE MITTEN TREE is up and ready for your contributions of mittens, hats, scarfs, socks, etc. They will be donated to those in need this winter. Thank you to the knitters, who meet here twice monthly, for the generous donation of knitted hats, scarves, baby sweaters and blankets that were placed on the mitten tree.

ALL COMMITTEES AND TEAMS please submit a **WRITTEN REPORT** for the Annual Report 2024 to Secretary Diane at wucsecretary@bellnet.ca

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES –

Happy 90th Birthday and blessings on this milestone, **Nettie Ferrell!**
Happy 93rd Birthday to **Carol Chadwick.** We wish you a wonderful day!

Woodhouse United Church (Hwy 6 & 24) presents **the Tia and Tommy Annual Christmas Concert.** Saturday December 14 at 2 p.m. This year the theme will be JOY. Tickets are \$25 each available by calling Lisa Jo at 519-428-2827.

The Lynn Valley Voices present their Advent concert - "Wintersong" featuring music about remembrance, light and peace - on Sunday, December 1 at 3 pm at St. James United Church, 150 Colborne St. S., Simcoe and on Sunday, December 8 at 3:30 pm at Grace United Church, 18 Chapman St. W., Port Dover. Admission by donation. See Bulletin Board.

Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon at Jarvis Community Church, 19 Church Street) on Saturday, December 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. See Bulletin Board.



ADVENT CHRISTMAS SERVICES and EVENTS

Friday, December 6	Annual Trustees Turkey Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 8	White Gift Sunday and 2nd Advent Service
Wednesday, December 11	Outreach Soup Supper 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 15	Covenanting Service at 1:30 p.m. NO morning service
Sunday, December 22	Choir Cantata and 4th Advent Service
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve service and Communion 5:00 p.m.

