

**WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH**  
**November 17, 2024 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Rev. Lena Medeiros**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING SONG:** All Who Hunger VU #460

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE** Sandra Hannah

**TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Today we are gathered on the traditional territories of several indigenous nations with gratitude.

**As settlers, we take on the responsibility of learning about historic and current relationships,**

and our desire to engage in building right relations.

**We are also mindful of broken covenant, and the need to commit ourselves to deep reconciliation and healing.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ is with us.

**Christ is in our midst.**

Let us worship our God.

**We worship God with thanksgiving and praise.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of grace, all around us are wars, and rumors of wars,  
and we are afraid for ourselves and our world.

**We follow after false leaders and grasp for whatever security we can find.**

God of mercy, forgive us,

**for we are quick to forget that all of life is in your hands.**

**Renew our hope, increase our courage, and keep us watchful for the signs of your just and peaceful reign that is to come. Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**HYMN:** I Love to Tell the Story VU #343

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Almighty God, speak your Word to us, and guide our feet,  
that we might be hearers and doers of your word. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING 1:** Hebrews 10: 11 – 14, 19 – 25 Sandra Hannah

**SCRIPTURE READING 2:** Mark 2: 13 – 22 Sandra Hannah

**Reader:** May God bless to our understanding  
this reading from the Holy Scriptures.

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Azrael Hackshaw

**REFLECTION:** “Wine rules”

**HYMN:** Spirit God, Be Our Breath MVU #150

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**Sung Dedication:** For the Fruit of All Creation (vs. 3) VU 227

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

**Offertory Prayer**

With these gifts, O God, we express a small portion of our  
love for you, and for our neighbours.

**Take what we offer and use it to help fill the world to overflowing with  
your abundant goodness. Amen.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER RESPONSE**

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread;  
forgive us our sins, as we forgive  
those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN:** I Feel the Winds of God

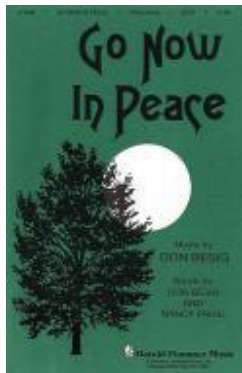
VU #625

## BENEDICTION

**CHORAL CLOSE:** Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will go with you each hour of every day,  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe  
Reach out to others so all the world can see,  
God will be there watching from above,  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

## POSTLUDE



## WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

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**Worship Leader:** Rev. Lena Medeiros

**Music:** Azrael Hackshaw



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**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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**OUTREACH SOUP LUNCH** – There will be a Soup Lunch **TODAY** after the service. Please join us for food and fellowship and to support Outreach initiatives.

**THE OFFICIAL BOARD** will meet this Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. All Committee Chairs or a representative are encouraged to attend.

**THE TRUSTEES ARE PLANNING THEIR ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER** on Friday, December 6 with prep night on Wednesday, December 4. Thank you to those who have signed up to help. There are still a few vacant spaces so please fill them up! The proceeds will be split evenly between Outreach Soup Supper (Loaves of Bread) and the general fund.

**SCRIPTURE READERS AND CANDLE LIGHTERS REQUIRED!!**  
See Diane or Cori.

**OUTDOOR FOOD PANTRY** - the Outreach Committee invites you to continue to help stock the pantry with your donations. Items requested are: instant packets of oatmeal, dried and canned soups, sardines, corned beef, baby formula, Ensure. Items with pull tabs are preferred rather than the need for a can opener. Cash donations are always welcome too!

**WHITE GIFT SUNDAY** – Advent Season is fast approaching and it's time to think about White Gift Sunday! White Gift 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.

**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.

**FREE CONCERT** – **The Brantford Community Symphony Orchestra** will present their Christmas Concert in our sanctuary on Friday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will follow. Please come and bring a friend!!

**A "FESTIVE FARE"** is being hosted by Colborne Village United Church on Saturday, November 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. See Bulletin Board.



### **ADVENT CHRISTMAS SERVICES and EVENTS**

Sunday, December 1	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Advent Service</b>
Friday, December 6	<b>Annual Trustees Turkey Dinner</b>
Sunday, December 8	<b>White Gift Sunday and 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Service</b>
Sunday, December 15	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Service</b>
Sunday, December 22	<b>Choir Cantata and 4<sup>th</sup> Advent Service</b>
Tuesday, December 24	<b>Christmas Eve service and Communion 5:00 p.m.</b>

