

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
November 24, 2024 – Reign of Christ
Rev. Lena Medeiros

PRELUDE
WELCOME

GATHERING SONG: All Who are Thirsty MVU #4
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE Wayne Kennington
TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

God established the world from of old.
God's reign shall never end.
God delivered us in freedom and truth.
God's love is everlasting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers
instead of the power of your love;
help us to turn our hearts toward you.
Restore us in your love,
and set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven,
by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

HYMN: Crown Him with Many Crowns VU #211

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit;
open our hearts to receive a word of truth,
then set us free
to follow in the power of Christ's love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 1: Psalm 132 (Parts 1 & 2) VU #855 Wayne Kennington

SCRIPTURE READING 2: Revelation 1:4b–8 Wayne Kennington

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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Let All Things Now Living VU #242

REFLECTION: "A and Ω"

HYMN: Be Thou My Vision VU #642

MINUTE FOR MISSION: "Gifts with Vision: A Gift to All" Jean Benton Turner

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

SUNG DEDICATION: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU #541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING & CONCERN

In our prayers, let us give thanks for the gifts of God,
and pray for those who work in God's vineyard, saying:

we give you thanks, blessed Spirit.

For the bounty of the earth,

for the goodness within the human heart,

for power to change and the will to learn,

let us give thanks:

we give you thanks, blessed Spirit.

For all those who work for healing,

for people in the caring ministries,

for ecologists and researchers,

for pastoral care workers and friends,

for the hands of Christ in the world,

let us give thanks:

we give you thanks, blessed Spirit.

For all those who learn and teach,

for apprentices and supervisors,

for students and resource people,
for program directors and camp leaders,
for schools and educators,

for wisdom and knowledge and guidance,
let us give thanks:

We give you thanks, blessed Spirit.

For those who struggle for liberation and justice,

for the witness of base communities,

for mission and development workers,

for those who risk their lives for others,

for those who work for human rights,

for those who speak truth on behalf of the oppressed,

for all who bear witness to the way of Christ,

let us give thanks:

we give you thanks, blessed Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Rejoice the Lord is King VU #213

BENEDICTION

CHORAL CLOSE: : May God's Sheltering Wings MVU #214
May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,
And hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.

POSTLUDE



WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

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Worship Leader: Rev. Lena Medeiros

Music: Chris Savory



REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

**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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THE M & P COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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. 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 – 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. 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 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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 SERVICE is a Covenanting Service at 1:30 p.m. **There will be NO morning service.**

All Committees please submit their 2025 budget ASAP to Treasurer Kim at wuctreasurer@bellnet.ca

All Committees and Teams please submit a written report to be included in the Annual Report 2025 to Secretary Diane at wucsecretary@bellnet.ca

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!!

DONATIONS FOR SUPPORT are being sought from Five Oaks and Campfire Circle (formerly Camp Trillium). If you are interested in supporting these causes, see bulletin board for more information.

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.

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

Sunday, December 1	1st Advent Service
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.

