WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
THANKSGIVING - October 11, 2026
Worship Leader: Rev. Kellie McComb
Music: Chris Savory

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BEFORE ALL OTHER THINGS: THANKSGIVING ADDRESS Cori Angus
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
OPENING HYMN: God Whose Farm Is All Creation VU #300

SCRIPTURE READINGS read by Robynne Forrest
Psalm 65 VU page 782
Refrain: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion.
Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed.
You give head to prayer; to you all mortals shall come.
The burden of our sins is too great for us,
but you will purge them away. (R)
Blessed are the people you choose and bring to dwell in your courts.
We shall be filled with the blessings of your house, your holy temple.
With awesome deeds you answer our prayers for deliverance, O God our saviour
you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the far-off seas.
By your strength you make fast the mountains,
and gird yourself round with power.
You still the raging of the seas,
and the roaring of the waves, the tumult of the peoples.
Those who dwell at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your wonders;
the gateways of both morning and evening shout for joy. (R)
You visit the earth and water it,
you make it very fruitful.
The waters of heaven brim over their banks,
providing us with grain, for so you have prepared the land,
drenching its furrows, settling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
You crown the year with goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
The pastures of the wilderness abound with grass,
and the hills are girded with joy.
The fields are clothed with sheep;
the valleys are decked with wheat, so that they shout and sing for joy. (R)

Luke 17: 11 - 19

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: The Country Faith music by Geoffrey Snow
(words printed)

MESSAGE: "Filled with Gratitude"
What has sustained me this year?

- Who has given care, often without recognition?
- What beauty or goodness have I nearly missed?
- How might my gratitude become generosity, justice, or repair?

HYMN: Come, You Thankful People, Come VU #516

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE
One: For the soil, seeds, rain, sunlight, and all the life of the earth,
All: **We give thanks, and we commit ourselves to care.**
One: For farmers, food workers, cooks, neighbours, and all whose labour feeds us,
All: **We give thanks, and we commit ourselves to fairness.**
One: For those who share food, shelter, companionship, and courage.
All: **We give thanks, and we commit ourselves to generosity.**
One: For people living with grief, illness, loneliness, conflict, or uncertainty,
All: **May they find care, and may we help make it real.**
One: For communities seeking justice, healing, and reconciliation,
All: **Give us humility, courage, and the will to keep going.**
One: For the gifts we have received and the gifts we can still offer.
All: **May gratitude shape the way we live.**

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING
Offertory: For the Gift of Creation VU #538
For the gift of creation, the gift of your love, and gift of the Spirit by which we live, we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands. May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.
Dedicating Prayer

CLOSING HYMN: We Plough the Fields and Scatter VU #520

BLESSING:
May you notice the gifts that sustain you. May you have companions in joy and in sorrow. May your gratitude become generosity, your hope become courage, and your love become care for the earth and all its people.
Go in peace. Amen.

BENEDICTION SONG: We shall Go Out with Joy VU #884
You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace.
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the fields
will clap, will clap their hands.
And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
The trees of the fields will clap their hands,
The trees of the fields will clap their hands, while you go out with joy.

THE COUNTRY FAITH

Here in the country's heart where the grass is green
Life is the same sweet life as it e'er hath been.
Trust in God still lives and the bell at morn
floats with a thought of God o'er the rising corn.

God comes down in the rain and the crop grows tall
This is the country faith and the best of all.

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FILLED WITH GRATITUDE

Today we are gathered in 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.

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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FREE OUTREACH SOUP SUPPER – Wednesday, October 14 at 5 p.m.
All Welcome!

MAGIC NICKEL raised $101 in September to support the Outdoor Food Pantry! The next Magic Nickel collection is Sunday October 25.

CONVERSATION RE BROADVIEW MAGAZINE SPECIAL EDITION with Rev. Kellie following worship on Sunday, October 25. Limited copies are available at the back of the sanctuary if you don't already have one. Come and let's talk about the article and about our church here in Waterford. All welcome!

PUMPKINFEST EVENTS AT WATERFORD UNITED – Saturday, October 17
Trunk Sale and Craft Vendors – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Chili Lunch – from 11:00 a.m. includes chili, bun, dessert and beverage all for just $10.

THE WATERFORD PUMPKINFEST COMMITTEE has informed us that Church Street will be closed to traffic from Friday, October 16 at 4 p.m. through to Sunday, October 18 at 5 p.m. **However cars will be allowed to enter the street at Duncombe Road** for all who are attending Sunday Worship. **Passes are available at the back of the sanctuary today to post on your car dash board to help identify those driving in to church.**

GOSPEL SING-ALONG is hosted by Grace United Church, 18 Chapman St. W., Port Dover on Tuesday, October 13 at 7 p.m. No experience required. $2 donation at the door to cover costs. See bulletin board for details.

RETREAT DAY FOR GRIEVING ADULTS, a day of healing, connection and hope sponsored by the Norfolk Haldimand Hospice. Saturday, October 24 from 9:30 a.m. Preregister at 519-410-0881. See bulletin board for more details.

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featuring
The LONDON KIDS COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR
---35 children, a full band and whole lotta energy and praise---

Sunday, October 25 ~ 6:00 pm

This is a night to remember and you don't want to miss it!

Tickets are adults $20, under 18 $10 by calling 519-277-1102 with how many tickets you want to be held at the door for you.