WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
November 15, 2026
Worship Leader: Peter Scovil
Music: Azrael Hackshaw

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Pause (a prayer)
Let me pause from this rush. Let me take time to remember the morning's quiet hush.
Let me stop, let me pray. Tap into my source of energy for this hurried day.
Let me hear once again for I have long stopped listening, swept away by the din.
Let me search in my soul for desires that have captured me detract from my whole.
Let me sing once again for I have long forgotten the comfort that it brings.
Let me see beauty's trace drop the scales from my eyes and show me Your face.
Incline me towards Your heart to find truth here.
Give boldness to my actions, wash away my fear as I struggle to draw near, for I know You are here. ***Anonymous, 2003***

HYMN: God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness VU #260

OPENING PRAYER (together)
Holy God, be with us now. May we hear your voice and understand your way. Grant us wisdom and strength as we reflect on our life in your world. Help us to continue faithfully in your way, by the power of your Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PSALM 123 VU p. 847
Refrain: To you, O God, our eyes we raise until your mercy we may praise.
To you I lift up my eyes.
To you who are enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to their master's hands,
As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to you, O God.
As we wait till you show us your favour. (R)
We have had more than enough of contempt.
Too long we have suffered the scorn of the wealthy, and the contempt of the arrogant. (R)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Azrael Hackshaw

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25: 14 – 30
MESSAGE: Talents
HYMN: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me VU #575

OFFERING: *Offering plate is located at the back of the sanctuary*
Offertory: We Are Marching in the Light of God VU #646
Dedication Prayer: We offer this to you now as a sign of our love for you. May it be used to show your love to others. **Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION Dawna Butler

HYMN: We Are Pilgrims (vs. 1 – 4) VU #595

BLESSING: A Franciscan Benediction
May God bless you with discomfort
At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships
So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger
At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,
So that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears
To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war,
So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and
To turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness
To believe that you can make a difference in the world,
So that you can do what others claim cannot be done
To bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. Amen
Sister Ruth Marlene Fox, 1985

SENDING FORTH: Go Make a Difference (chorus only X2) MVU #209
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference. We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

135 Main Street S., Waterford

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

Friday, December 4, 2026
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

TICKETS AT THE DOOR
$25 for Adults
$10 for children 6 to 12
Free for children under 6
$60 Family Group of 4



Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberries
Butternut Squash, Coleslaw, Homestyle Pie

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH
MEMORIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

The Official Board is now offering Memorial Plaques to be installed on a Tree of Life which will be mounted on the memorial wall at the front of our church. The plaque chosen by the congregation is the small brass 1" X 3" plaque as shown.

The price is $35.00

In Loving Memory of
TOBI LYNN WOLOSHYN
July 4, 1969 – March 21, 2026

Send your request to Rick Woloshyn at thegoodlife@nor-del.com or phone 519-443-0628

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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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THANK YOU to Peter Scovil for leading today's Worship Service.

TRUSTEES TURKEY DINNER will be held on Friday, December 4 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tickets at the door are $25 adults, $10 ages 6 to 12, free under age 6, $60 family group of 4. Come, bring your friends, and enjoy a complete turkey dinner including homestyle pie!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 – Intergenerational Service "Tower of Babel"
Also Magic Nickel will be collected.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY will be held on Sunday, November 29. There will be a trolley at the back of the sanctuary to collect our white gifts for the Christmas Baskets where you are invited to donate a monetary donation, clearly marked in an envelope, along with your usual envelope number. Gift cards are also appreciated from Food Basics, Superstore, Walmart or Foodland. If you have any questions, please ask Carol Goff, chair of Outreach. Thank-you.

DONATION ENVELOPES FOR 2027 are now available at the back of sanctuary for pickup. If there is no envelope box for you and you would like one, contact Diane in the office at 519-443-5261 or via email at wucsecretary@bellnet.ca.

COFFEE HOUR REMINDER – volunteers are encouraged to prepare and cleanup for Sunday coffee hour following services. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

HALDIMAND NOFOLK CONCERT BAND is presenting a Christmas Concert "Merry and Bright" on Thursday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. in our church sanctuary. All are welcome!

FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Brantford Community Symphony Orchestra on Friday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments follow. All welcome!

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