

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

December 8, 2019 – Advent 2

A warm welcome...to anyone who is visiting with us this morning. We hope you will find yourselves ‘at home’ among us. Please sign our guest register in the Narthex.

Infant care... is available in the Nursery. The ushers will be happy show you its location. Nursing Moms are welcome in the Nursery.

Trinity Kids ...is available for children. Everyone joins in the first part of worship and then the children leave after the Time for All Ages.

Hearing Assistance... portable devices are available at the sound console at the back of the church.

*Congregation to stand as able.

WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome

We Prepare for Worship: A Moment of Silence

***Processional Hymn VU 20** *On Jordan’s Bank*

***Call to Worship**

ONE: Take me to the river dear Jesus.

ALL: Let the cool water cleanse me.

ONE: Take me to the river dear Jesus.

ALL: Let me be baptised by you.

ONE: Take me to the river dear Jesus.

ALL: Let the Holy Spirit enter me.

ONE: Take me to the river dear Jesus.

ALL: Send me forward with you in my heart.

Gathering Prayer: *from Isaiah 40, verse 3-5*

A voice cries out: in the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer VU 959 *(sung)*

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WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Moment for Mission - *Elaine Lee*

The Life and Work of the Church

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Peace

ONE: Peaceful Spirit

ALL: We are your people.

ONE: Fill us with your spirit, as we light the candle of peace...

ALL: May we find the gift of peace within our hearts.

May this gift of peace strengthen us to hear all voices. Amen

(Second Advent candle is lit)

Sung Response: VU 7 *Hope Is a Star (2nd verse and chorus)*

Anthem: *A Hallelujah Christmas - Cloverton*

Scripture: *Matthew 3 :1-12*

***Hymn VU 100** *When Jesus Comes to be Baptized*

Sermon: **John’s Proclamation** Herb deJong

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Offering

Ministry of Music *Pat Lee* *Winter Snow by Chris Tomlin*

***Presented in Song VU 540** *Grant Us, God, the Grace*

***Prayer of Dedication** *(including gifts given through PAR)*

Pastoral Prayer

WE GO OUT IN FAITHFUL LIVING

***Recessional Hymn Hymn VU 1** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** *Go Gently, Go Lightly*

Postlude

Five Minute Mix...Please use the first 5 minutes after Worship to speak to someone you don’t know or don’t know well. We only come to know each other as we take the time. Let’s build our community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – December 8, 2019

We acknowledge that the land we are on right now, for thousands of years before our arrival was cherished by the nations of the Chippewa, Odawa, Potawatomi and Delaware.

Thank you Herb deJong for your message this morning and to Pat Lee for you ministry of music today.

Thank you for all the **White Gifts and Snowflake Tree Gifts** brought in today. May your generosity bless you! Thanks to the Mission & Outreach Committee who will organize it all and purchase any additional gifts that are needed to complete requests.

The church looks great! Thanks to all to Worship & Sanctuary Committee for all the effort they put into decorating the church.

The Poinsettia Luncheon, had another successful year. Thanks to those who prepared and served the lunch, to those who provided baking for the sale and to those who attended.

We will be welcoming the **Royal Conservatory of Music** to use our Church for examinations on Dec. 9th and 10th. *Please refrain from coming into the church on these days as quiet is necessary.* Thank you!

Longest Night Service, Dec. 21, 7 pm. A quiet service of prayer, scripture, candle-lighting and music which provides a place for those who are experiencing a loss, a problem, or for those who are feeling overwhelmed by the busyness of the Season.

Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24, 7pm

Welcome The Christmas Season – Sarnia Bluewater Chordsmen, Mercy and Mikayla Lozon with be performing at the Port Lambton United Church Sun., Dec. 8th at 7:00pm. Freewill offering.

Community Christmas Carol Sing at Our Lady of Help, Dec. 10th at 7pm. Come and enjoy the music of local choirs and groups, and join in the singing of Christmas Carols. Sponsored by the Wallaceburg and District Ministerial Association. Fellowship will follow in the hall.

Wallaceburg Retirement Residence invites you to a “Winter Walk”. An evening to enjoy the beautiful decorated windows around their home. There will be Carolers, hot chocolate and cookies! Dec. 12, 6:00-7:00pm

No One Dines Alone Christmas Dinner – Father’s Voice Christian Family Ministry, December 25, 2019 at 5:00pm, 222 Lafontaine St. W’burg. RSVP Dorothy Gallant – Call/Text: 519-350-4640.

Thought for the Week

Christmas, my child, is love in action.
Every time we love, every time we give, it’s Christmas.
~ Dale Evans ~

☺ Heavenly Humour ☺

What do Snowmen like to do for the weekend??
Chill out!

Christmas Poinsettia Project

Remember those you love this Christmas with a \$10 donation toward the purchase of Poinsettias to bless our Christmas worship. Names of those remembered will be printed in the bulletin. Small poinsettias will be delivered to shut-ins in December.

In Memory of: _____

Donor Name: _____ **Env. #:** _____



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