

We Go to Love and Serve God

***Hymn # 677 "O God of Every Nation"**

Commissioning:

**Come, let us walk the road that Mary walked,
the challenging road from Nazareth to Bethlehem
not knowing what the future holds.**

**Come, let us walk the road that Joseph walked
not sure what we are taking on but standing
to be counted no matter the cost of such love.**

**Come, let us walk the road that Jesus walked
from Bethlehem - via Galilee - to Jerusalem
from Advent to Easter from new birth to new life.**

Amen.

Benediction

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Tecumseh United Church
~ *An Affirming Congregation* ~
Sunday, November 27th, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

We are a fragrance-free environment. We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

*Please stand as you are able

We Gather in God's Love

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle: *(Based on work by Kevin Bradley)*

In this Advent season, we honor a time in history when people anticipated the birth of a child.

The child grew to be a man who gave hope to his people.

That man showed the people new ways to express God in their lives.

Following his example, we express God in everything we do.

There are people who do not know how to express God.

There are people who do not know love. We will love them.

We will look for the Christ presence in them and show them how to express it. We will be the change we wish to see in the world.

The lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

Candle-lighting Hymn # 6 "A Candle is Burning" verse 1

(Please remain seated)

Call to Worship:

We gather in this time of waiting we call Advent
**to reflect upon our lives, our faith, our past,
present and future.**

We gather to support each other through
the season of Christmas

with its joy for some, sorrow for others.

We gather to reset ourselves on our faith journey
within our Christian family, the church.

Let us worship God, who gives us Jesus, the Christ
alive in the past, in the present, and in the future

Thanks be to God, Amen.

***Hymn # 374 "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"**

Opening Prayer:

O God, the source of all our dreaming, this Advent season, help us to dream of a better world, a world of justice and peace, in which the whole of creation is treated with reverence and respect.

God who empowers and frees us from our reluctance to change, this Advent season, enable us to take responsibility for our own thoughts and actions, and so become compassionate people who work to create a better world.

O God, this Advent season, may our inner turmoil serve as a force to be focused on supporting just causes. And grant that we may not be so enchanted by a desire for peace that we fail to do anything about the injustices and oppressions of this world. Amen.

***Hymn MV #158 "Dream a Dream"**

Children's Time / Lord's Prayer

Singing the Children Out ~ MV # 195 "Long Ago..." verse 2

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 2:1 - 3, Matthew 24:36 - 44

***Hymn # 680 "Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old"**

Meditation: *"Intervention or Collaboration?"*

We Respond to God's Word

Choir Anthem

Minute for Mission

The Offering

Offering Prayer:

God of all peoples and God of all places, we give our offerings that they may be used to extend your kin-dom here on earth. With them, we offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

Prayer Book is read / Prayers for Discipleship (by Bronwyn White)

**Due to the increase in incidents of viral disease, the Board strongly recommends wearing a mask over your nose and mouth while in the building.*

Thank you for coming to Tecumseh United Church for worship. If you are new to the church, please fill out a Welcome Envelope.

Thanks to **Ian Phillips** for preparing and leading the service, to **John Cafe** for reading and to **Mary Cole and Jean Weir** for hosting Coffee Hour today.

Volunteers are needed for "Lotto Snow" Please see sign-up sheet in the entry. Also needed are Coffee Hour hosts.

Happy Birthday this coming week to
Bev Mackenzie, Sue White and Kathy Arner

THE GIVING TREE is up and ready to receive Hats, Gloves, Socks, Hand and Foot Warmers (available at Dollar Store), Juice boxes, Fruit cups, Granola bars, Underwear, Canned vegetables, individually wrapped snacks such as fruit snacks, pepperonis, tuna or chicken snack kits **FOR STREET HELP.**

(see reverse for shopping list -Thank you☺)

UCW Candlelight Communion Service and Potluck Lunch -

Tuesday, December 6th at 1 pm. We'll be drawing the winner of our Quilt Raffle!!!

The United Church of Canada developed the giving catalogue called **Gifts with Vision** If you are seeking **inspiring new gift ideas** or perhaps would rather not give family and friends the same old things, **Gifts with Vision** presents a new way to celebrate special occasions.

Give a gift that can help change people's lives!

Please take one from the entry table.

A NOTE FROM the Finance Committee

Come January and church receipt time, those who have been receiving their Newsletters by email will also get their receipts by this method. Anyone not wanting this should let us know by email at finanance@tecumsehunited.

Bringing Christmas to Street Help

Our Christmas campaign this year is for STREET HELP

A shopping list of items that can be part of our donation to Street Help this December:

Hats

Gloves

Socks

Underwear

Hand and Foot Warmers

Fruit Cups and/or other individually wrapped snacks

Granola Bars

Canned Vegetable (no beans please)

Bigger ticket Items:

Sleeping bags (washable and rated for cold) and blankets. Sleeping bags are more expensive and maybe combine resources with a family or friends.

And/OR: Cash donations are very helpful and important.

See instructions on how to give as provided in the bulletin.

As always...

Please give as you are able.

Thank you.