



Tecumseh United Church  
~ An Affirming Congregation ~  
Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 10 a.m.  
We are a fragrance-free environment. We acknowledge that the land  
on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron,  
Anishinaabe & Haudenosaunee peoples.  
Advent Three

*We Gather in God's Love*

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Hymn # 35 "Good Christian Friends Rejoice"**

Advent Candle Lighting: (Candles from previous week are lit)

*We gather...*

One: Arise and celebrate, good news of deep joy is here!

**All: The warm glow of the Divine lightens our hearts.**

One: Here we are together. We are not alone. We gather on  
this third Sunday in Advent with gratitude and overflowing  
generosity, blessed multiple times by our give-away God.  
We are witnesses to joy.

*We listen...*

A Story of Joy

Our Response:

**All: The Joy of Christ is good news, unexpected and  
surprising in its overflowing.**

*We pray...*

God-who-lights-up-life give us joyful, generous, and  
courageous hearts. As we lean on your love may your joy  
well up in us so that our joy may overflow and flourish,  
witnessing to a life of constant gratitude, full of grace,  
cathartic hilarity, and goodness.

Call to Worship:

Our wait will be a little while longer.

Today we look for the joy in our lives;  
we find ways to bring joy to others.

**Joy, that sounds good, but how do we do that?**

We begin with worship; we sing and we pray  
and we celebrate that God is with us in our service today.

**And then?**

Let's begin with worship and see where it takes us.

**For when we come together in God's name,  
God is with us and God's joy is close at hand.**

*We Listen to God's Word*

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

**\*Hymn # 5 "All Earth Is Waiting"**

Meditation

*We Respond to God's Word*

**Choir Anthem**

Prayers of the People / Prayer Book is read / Lord's Prayer

*We Go to Love and Serve God*

**\*Hymn # 59 "Joy to the World"**

Commissioning and Benediction

\*CCLI Music Licence # 1132634

**Happy Birthday** this week to Mark Coulbeck and Charlotte Cortese

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** - There will be a  
**Communion Christmas Eve** service **at 7pm  
ONLY. You MUST pre-register** by calling or  
emailing the office with the # of people in  
your party. You will need to **provide proof of  
double vaccination to enter** as well.



**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>** - There will **NOT** be a service.

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Ian Phillips will lead the service.

Would **Committee Chairs** please start getting your reports  
ready? The office needs them in after the holidays. Thanks!



The Giving Tree in the entrance to the church is ready  
to receive hats, sock, scarves, mittens. If you see a  
sale, or if you see an item for the tree while shopping,  
maybe you can add it to the tree in the next weeks.

**Update on Street Help donations:**

To date, this week, our donations total \$2145. Thank you to our church community! Today is the last day to donate for this campaign and we look forward to delivering a cheque next week.



GIVINGS ENVELOPES will be available for pick up next Sunday. PLEASE discard any old envelopes you have and only use the new ones! They have different numbers each year, and this will make things easier on the Finance team 😊

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