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Tecumseh United Church
~ *An Affirming Congregation* ~
Sunday, December 14th, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.
3rd 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

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting the Advent Candles: *(Two candles are lit)*

Today is the Advent of joy.

We light this candle for the joy of the earth,
the oceans, the skies, and all that lives.

**We live in a world that takes more from the earth
than it gives.**

We light this candle as our commitment
to the joy of living in respect with creation.

We are the caretakers of this earth, our home.

We light this candle in celebration of Jesus,
the Light of the World. *(The lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy)*

Candle-lighting Hymn # 6 "A Candle Is Burning" verse 3

Call to Worship:

Today we light the candle of Joy-
welcoming every body, every story, every identity.

**Joy meets us as we are,
a gift of the Holy One who delights in all creation.**

Come, Beloveds-let us worship the God
who kindles joy in unexpected places.

Amen.

***Hymn # 5 “All Earth Is Waiting”**

Opening Prayer:

**The earth has turned once more, Creator God.
The season of hope, peace, joy, and love returns as a
reminder of how we should live the whole year through.
You have called us to be your people,
asking us to take your light out into the world.
Help us in our times of worship throughout this season
of Advent to find the words to share the message
of hope, peace, joy, and love.
Show us how to be fully aware of your presence,
so that we might share your presence with others.
In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

***Hymn # 14 “To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary”**

Faith Friends Time / The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn MV # 175 “May We But Wait”

We Listen to God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:39-56

Hymn MV # 134 “There Was a Child in Galilee (Dreaming Mary)”

Meditation

We Respond to God’s Word

Choir Anthem

The Offering / Offering Prayer

Offertory Hymn # 116 “Giver of the Perfect Gift” verse 1

Prayers of the People / Prayer Book is read

We Go to Love and Serve God

***Hymn # 59 “Joy to the World”**

Commissioning & Benediction

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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 John McIntosh for reading and to
Pat Busteed and Paul & Sharon Higgins
for hosting Coffee Hour today.

Happy Birthday this coming week to Charlotte Cortese,
Lisa Brown, Roy Symons and Donna Marsh

DONATE to STREET HELP *On the table by the tree*, please find
out how we can add Street Help to our List for Christmas Gifts.
Financial donations to Street Help enable them to buy needed
food and cooking supplies. Please forward financial donations
as in the past: cash donations should be made out to Tecumseh
United Church, if paying by cheque write “Street Help” on the
memo line of the cheque. Or e-transfer your donation to
donations@tecumsehunited.com and state
“Street Help” in the comment section. Thank you.

The UCW will be making **meat pies** next week and the proceeds
will go towards the roof repair fund. **Pre-order** yours by
contacting Joannie Weisshaar at jweiss07@hotmail.com or
calling 519-979-8217. Large cost \$17.00, small \$7.00.
These make wonderful hostess gifts throughout the holidays
or family dinners!

Our **Christmas Eve** service will take place
at **7pm** with **Communion**.