

Thank you to Chris and Nancy Morand for hosting Coffee Hour.

Happy Birthday this coming week to
Sydney Coulbeck and Barb Suominen

THIS EVENING - Communion Christmas Eve service 7pm

STREET HELP: **Thank you** for helping to bring
Christmas to Street Help this Advent. We filled up the trunks of
two cars with food, mittens, sleeping bags, hats and gloves among
other things! Also, we presented them with a cheque totalling just
over \$1100. They send their heartfelt thanks to us for
helping to support them in their work.

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Tecumseh United Church
~ An Affirming Congregation ~

Sunday, December 24th, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples.

ADVENT Four *Please stand as you are able

We Gather in God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Advent Candles:

(light three candles)

The fourth Sunday of Advent has arrived.

We join the dance of dark and light.

Imagine the night sky, a velvety deep black, surrounding and cradling the earth..

As the sky darkens, stars appear, one by one.

Darkness cradles the light.

Starlight twinkles in the beauty of the darkness.

And the wonder of dark and light dancing astounds us.

Light and dark, friends and companions.

One cannot exist without the other.

And out of the dance of night and stars

bursts forth love: the love of God revealed.

May love dance among us, the love we know

through Jesus. *(light a fourth candle)*

All sing:

Give me stars in the night, let the light and dark dance.

Give me stars in the night, I pray.

Give me stars in the night, let the dark and light dance,

let the dark and light dance today.

Love is coming, love is coming,

Love is coming on Christmas Day.

Christ is coming, Christ is coming,

Christ is coming, shout "hooray!"

Call to Worship:

God's love has come at Christmas time.

God's love through Jesus brightly shines.
Because Jesus was born on Christmas Day
We share with you our Christmas play.
We shout with joy and sing our songs.
Because we know all of us belong.
So join with us this Christmas Eve
So we can all share God's love after we leave.

***Hymn # 43 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"**

Opening Prayer:

Dear God, today we celebrate Christmas.

Will you join us at the manger?

We have listened and we have found joy.

We have listened so we can understand the story of Jesus being born.

We have listened so we know

how to share with others and love one another.

We are here today to say Happy Birthday

to the baby Jesus born today

and thank you to God for loving us

and being with us.

Amen.

***Hymn # 48 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"**

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-14 read by Linus Van Pelt

***Hymn # 69 "Away in a Manger"**

Sunday School Presentation

We Respond to God's Word

Choir Anthem

Offering Prayer / Prayers of the People / Prayer Book is read

We Go to Love and Serve God

***Hymn # 38 "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

Commissioning & Benediction

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Thanks to the Sunday School teachers and kids for preparing and presenting their play this morning.

Jesus' Birth ~ Past, Present, Future
The Cast ... in order of appearance

NARRATOR	Jasmin Gault
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JOSEPH	Charlotte Cortese
THE EMPEROR	Emma Milne
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