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Tecumseh United Church
~ *An Affirming Congregation* ~
Sunday, December 21st, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.
4th 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: *(Three candles are lit)*

Today is the Advent of love. As we light this candle, we remember all who are feeling lonely and distressed at this time of year.

We live in a world that fears the stranger and the strange.

We light this candle as our commitment to love that is expressed in inclusivity.

**We are the community
that welcomes unconditionally and generously.**

We light this candle for Jesus, the Lover of All.

(The 4th Advent Candle of Love is lit)

Candle-lighting Hymn # 6 "A Candle is Burning" verse 4

Call to Worship:

Advent is a season of waiting.

But we do not wait alone.

God is with us.

**We gather with those who have seen the signs,
heard the whispers,
felt the tugs in their hearts.**

God is birthing Love into this waiting world.

Let us worship with hearts open to Love.

***Hymn # 9 “People, Look East”**

Opening Prayer:

**Compassionate God,
be present with each one here today.
Hold us in your love.
Steady us and remind us that
when we are rooted in your love,
we can be channels of blessing and healing.
We pray now these holy blessings
on all who gather in love.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
who came to reconcile and make new. Amen.**

***Hymn # 36 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

Faith Friends / Lord’s Prayer

Hymn MV # 175 “May We But Wait”

We Listen to God’s Word

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 40:3-4, Matthew 1:18-25

***Hymn # 282 “Long Before the Night”**

Meditation

We Respond to God’s Word

Choir Anthem

The Offering

Offering Prayer:

**God of Love, we bring these gifts as signs of our own
choosing to live with courage, compassion, and hope.
Empower us to shape our world with justice and
tenderness, guided-not overshadowed-by Your presence.
As we prepare for Christ’s coming, strengthen our resolve
to love freely and act faithfully. Amen.**

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 # 43 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

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 Barb Mitchell-Scott for reading and to
the Ben & Nicole Lashar for hosting Coffee Hour today.

Happy Birthday this coming week to
Dave Paterson and Ashton Rivait

Happy Anniversary this coming week to
Karen & Harry Devries and Anne & Mark Auger

ONE MORE SUNDAY

BEFORE WE TAKE DONATIONS 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.

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