

NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, November 26, 2023 at 10 am

Reign of Christ Sunday

Music as We Gather

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land:

As we gather, we acknowledge that we meet and live on the traditional territories of the Mississauga Anishinaabe People. We give thanks for their care for the land over thousands of years and for their deep spirituality and honouring of the Creator and the creation. May we live with respect in God's creation and in harmony with our neighbours.

Music as We Centre

Lighting the Christ Candle: Honouring the Reign of the Holy

Please stand to sing hymn

Opening Hymn: VU211 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing

who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Life and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: Called to gather and share in the Reign of the Holy.

All: Called to acknowledge the Reign of the Holy is here.

One: Called to sing, pray, and reflect. Let us worship.

All: Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: As we move through the Seasons of Pentecost and
Creation, may we feel the presence and forgiveness of the
Holy as we live and love together.

All: We are loved. We are forgiven. We are blessed.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Matt Kraft

^{34:11} For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep,
and will seek them out. ¹² As shepherds seek out their flocks when
they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep.
I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been

scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰ Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²² I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³ I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Please remain seated

Psalm Selection: VU820 (Sung)

“Make a Joyful Noise”
(From Psalm 100)

R Make a joyful noise all the earth!
 Worship your God with gladness.
 Make a joyful noise all the earth.
 Come to this place with a song!

1 Know that your God has made you.
 Know it's to God we belong.
 And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.
 Worship your God with a song! R

2 Enter these gates, thanks giving.
 Enter these courts with praise.
 Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.
 Worship your God with a song! R

3 Ages through endless ages,
seasons of endless years,
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.
Worship your God with a song! R

Young at Heart Time:

“Woolly Takes a Walk”

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46

Matt Kraft

^{25:31} ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

Response:

Reader: As we listen to the words from our scripture...

All: may we hear the stories from our faith history that inspire us to embrace the promise and new life shared with us as we live and love together the spirit of Pentecost.

Reader: In the name of Jesus...

All: Amen.

Please remain seated for hymn

Hymn: VU213

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

- 1 Rejoice the Lord is King!
Your risen Lord adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!
- 2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins,
he took his seat above. R
- 3 God's kingdom cannot fail;
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given. R
- 4 Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Meditation:

“A Busy Barnyard”

Music for Meditation

The New Creed: *Please stand*

One Let us stand as we are able and join together in a statement of our communal faith...

All We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and
others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

We Receive the Offering

Doxology: VU541 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Dedication of Our Gifts

An Affirm Minute

Nola Wilson

Please remain seated for hymn

Hymn: VU314

"Come Now, Almighty King"

- 1 Come now, almighty King,
help us your name to sing, help us to praise;
one God all glorious, ever victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come now, incarnate Son,
your life in us begun, our prayer attend;
come, and your people bless,
come, give your word success;
stablish your righteousness, Saviour and friend!
- 3 Come holy Comforter,
your sacred witness bear in this glad hour;

your grace to us impart, now rule in every heart,
never from us depart, Spirit of power!

- 4 To the great One in Three,
eternal praises be for evermore;
your sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

Prayers of the People and the Jesus Prayer

Please stand for closing hymn

Closing Hymn: VU330

“Jesus Shall Reign”

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
and prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
- 4 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place as children of the Holy.

All: We go in celebration.

One: Let us go from this place as children of Creation.

All: We go in love and thanksgiving.

One: Let us go from this place transformed and inspired.

All: We go in peace.

One: Let us go in peace.

All: Peace be with us! Amen!

Music as the Worship Service Concludes

Regional Council Prayer Cycle

As church, we are called to pray for each other and for our mission in the world for the week of November 26, 2023

**Madoc: Trinity Pastoral Charge
Trinity United Church, Madoc**

[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for Nov 26/23

Duty	<i>Jaymes Winch</i>
Elevator	<i>Paula Winch</i>
Greeters	<i>Fran Morton, Judy Henderson Wayne Ferguson, Brenda Sobiski</i>
Scripture Reader	<i>Matt Kraft</i>
An Affirm Minute	<i>Nola Wilson</i>
Congregational Elder	<i>Mary Hess Northey</i>
Sound	<i>Alex Brunton/AI Bartholomew</i>
Video	<i>Nelson Pickett</i>
Videographer	<i>Lynn Bartholomew</i>
Coffee Fellowship	<i>M & P</i>
Coffee Fellowship [Dec]	<i>Official Board</i>

the new "Coffee Fellowship" **sign up sheet is now posted on the bulletin board.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DO YOU LOVE TO SING?!!



The Northminster United Church Choir would love you to join them... They meet each Thursday evening at 7:30 pm in the Friendship Room for practice. No previous experience required, just the joy of music. If you have any questions, please speak with Dustin Bowers or call the church office, we can answer your questions...

FOOD BANK SUNDAY- is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We invite you to bring items to support Kawartha Food Share. Boxes are located in Upper Wright Hall and back foyer [*exit to parking lot*]. If you wish to make a cash donation instead, we ask that you place money in a separate envelope clearly marked as “*Donation to Kawartha Food Share*” also include your name or envelope number. ***Please make cheques payable to: “Northminster United Church”***. This can be placed on the offering plate. **Next date: December 10th**. We also accept Interac NUC Treasurer: treasurernuc@gmail.com



OUR NURSERY FOR OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN is along the main corridor across from the kitchen.

WE WOULD LOVE IT IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING:

Greeters, elevator operators and Sunday Duty persons. If you are not already on our volunteer list, please consider helping out. If you could spare one Sunday every 4 or 5 weeks. Please contact the office. 705-748-4881

“VIDEO SLIDESHOW OPERATORS” & “AUDIO TECH” required. We are looking for more people to sign up to help with Sunday video & sound. No previous experience required and you will be trained. To find out more information please call the office.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available throughout the Sanctuary. Please provide either your name or write your envelope number on the envelope. Contact the office to have personal envelopes. If you wish to have an envelope number, please contact the office.

NORTHMINSTER CHURCH FUNDRAISING DINNER

Provided by East Side Mario's

Friday, December 8th, 2023

Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Cost \$35.00 [includes wine]

Tickets available after church or from the office during the week

Please take a look at the bulletin board down the hallway for Christmas events happening in the area.

Sunday, November 26th Reign of Christ

Sunday, December 3rd Advent I with Communion

Sunday, December 10th Advent II White Gift

Sunday, December 17th Advent III

Sunday, December 24th at 10 am Advent IV

Sunday, December 24th at 7:30 pm Christmas Eve with Communion

Sunday, December 31st 1st Sunday after Christmas

Christmas Joy

John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." Luke 3:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 3:7-11



V H Z L G N E R T T R E E W X
 K Y P D M M R Y H R L B E W T
 Q A N S H L K I H U S L B K O
 I I W T N P M X B A C N W B Y
 M C M O S D E F C R O W D U M
 R V M N L H E G Y U G V F J G
 O S O E S G S F I W V O O J Z
 O H D S B R T S D X D I O M S
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 W L D P A F N Y M F C T K D O
 I S R B C H I L D R E N B R M

FIRE	CROWD	TREE	FOOD	CHILDREN
ROOT	SHARE	STONES	SHIRTS	BAPTIZED
VIPERS	NONE	TWO	FRUIT	BROOD