

This Week at Faith United

Monday, November 28	Office Closed Sparks (S) 6:00 pm Guides & Pathfinders (SR) 6:30 pm
Tuesday, November 29	Quilters (SR) 9:30 am The Porch (Online) 7:00 pm Happy Harmony Choir (S) 7:00 pm
Wednesday, November 30	Pathfinders (S) 6:30 pm
Thursday, December 1	Men's Gathering (LR) 9:30 am Faith Choir Practice (S) 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 3	Flute Choir Practice (SR) 3:00 pm
Sunday, December 4	Hybrid Worship (S) 10:30 am Joyful Noise (Online) 10:30 am

WANTED: New Socks for Kids and Teens

The children and youth at Faith United are collecting new socks. We appreciate donations of new socks for teens and children. All SOCKS stay in the community! Please help us raise 14,000 socks for children and youth in the Durham Region. The collection bin is located in the atrium and will be there until Monday, December 5th. Thank you!

The Church Office Will Be Closed On Mon. Nov 28th

We're Glad You're Here! ~ Guest Information

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Ph: _____

Postal Code: _____ How Did You Find Us? _____

My Household Includes: Child Youth Adult Senior

I'm Interested In: Learning more about Faith
 Envelopes/PAR information
 Becoming a member
 Baptism

Comments: _____

(please tear off this section and place in offering plate or hand to a member.)

Please join us in making Faith United a scent-free environment.

Faith United Mission Statement

We believe in a loving and forgiving God, shown to us through Jesus Christ, creation, the bible, and the community of believers.

Therefore we will:

strive to provide a spiritual home that is openly welcoming, nurturing and safe whatever a person's ability/disability, age, ethnicity, exceptionality, gender identity, sexual orientation, or social or economic circumstance;

seek to become disciples of Christ growing in faith through worship, study and prayer;

risk sharing our resources with local and global neighbours in response to God's call;

be committed to the responsible use and care of all that God has entrusted to us;

encourage all who gather here to participate freely in the life and work of this church.

Let our actions reflect our faith.



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Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday 9 am – 2:30 pm

Wednesday & Thursday 9 am – 2 pm

Friday 9 am – 12 pm

November 27, 2022

Advent 1



Welcome

A Time of Quiet Preparation

WE GATHER

Introit: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VU 1

(adapted by Rev. M.Speer)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, to comfort us and make us well.

We mourn in captive exile here, until the Child of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee and with thee dwell.

Call to Worship

One: Surely, God is in this place.

All: Help me notice.

One: Come, begin the journey of Advent.

All: We journey in hope.

One: Come, welcome the light of the world.

All: We gather in hope.

One: Come, celebrate the presence of God.

All: We worship in hope.

Shalom: *We exchange a greeting of "shalom" – An ancient word of faith meaning peace, wholeness, wellness, blessing...*

Praise Song: Be Still

Prayer of Invocation and Transformation *(unison)*

We enter, O God, into this season of preparation and anticipation, longing to skip ahead and celebrate the coming of your light into our darkness – but you would have us first slow down, breathe deeply, and prepare ourselves to receive your gift. We know that your Holy Spirit comes in powerful and unexpected ways, and so we pray we might recognize you moving in and through the season, seeing the face of hope as it shines.

Standing in your light, hearts broken open, acknowledging our humanness, seeking transformation, savouring your Holy Presence, we pray...

(a moment of contemplation)

One: God hears, forgives, makes whole, renews, and loves. Breathe deeply of God's shalom and be God's. Amen.

Candle Lighting & Kids Time

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Romans 15:4-13 (MSG)

Gail Minacs

Music Ministry: On a Night of Wonder by Jay Althouse

Message: Hopedemic

WE RESPOND

Hymn: Bathe Me in Your Light

MV 82

Prayer *(w/Lord's Prayer)*

Offering & Life and Work of the Congregation

We offer these gifts to quench thirsty souls, to transform hungry hearts and to shower your earth with blessings. And we offer ourselves as we affirm our commitment to love, love, love. Bless, O God, all these, our offerings. Amen.

Hymn: O, Little Town of Bethlehem *(v.1,3,4)* **VU 64**

Benediction

Closing: Amen

VU 967

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Porch–Monday Mornings and Tuesday Evenings

This weekly gathering looks at the upcoming Sunday's readings and will give participants a chance to ask questions, learn more about the texts, and think about what they might hear the following Sunday.

The 1st and 3rd Mondays will be hybrid at 10:30 am, and evenings will be offered online only on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

Christmas Concert Rehearsal

The rehearsal for the upcoming Christmas Concert will be Thursday, December 15th, at 7:00 PM.

Christmas Concert Sat. Dec. 17, 2022, at 3PM.

Anyone who wishes to participate in this concert, please let Kristine Dandavino know prior to December 1, 2022. There will be a rehearsal to coordinate prior to the concert. The date and time are to be determined.

Christmas Outreach: From Nov. 6 until Dec. 4, Church Work in Durham will have a table set up in the foyer, to receive your donations to the following agencies we support.

Gate 3:16 - Once again, due to Covid, The Gate is asking for donations of \$25.00 gift cards from No Frills, in lieu of the angel gift bags we used to make. Please feel free to donate whatever you can in cash/cheque, and Sheila will buy the cards.

The Simcoe St. Settlement House: If you wish to donate to the Christmas meals for the people in need, please donate cash or cheques and these will be delivered to the agency.

Please indicate the name of the agency you wish to support on your cheque.

The Mitten Tree: The mitten tree will be set up at the door to the sanctuary. All the mittens, scarves etc. will be delivered to schools in Oshawa, where children are in need.

Reverse Advent Food Drive

Collect one food item a day and put them all together in a box which will be donated to a local food bank. Children and youth are encouraged to decorate their boxes! Please drop off your filled boxes at the church by Tuesday, December 20th.

Faith United Choir Practice - Faith United's Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings (in-person) from 7:00 to 9:00PM. Do you enjoy singing? Join us! You don't need to read music, we will help you. Promise!

Quilters – Tuesday mornings from 9:30 am –2:00 pm in the sunroom.

Men's Gathering – Thursday's at 9:30 AM

Thursday mornings at Faith for coffee and conversation – all men welcome.

It's EASY to Donate to our Well Drilling Project in Haiti

Use your offering envelope or a separate cheque payable to Faith United.

1. Write "Lifewater" or "Well" on your cheque.
2. Take as many "Thank You" cards as you need to give to people who you made a donation on behalf of.
3. You've just given life this Christmas!



East Central Ontario Prayer Cycle
Warsaw