

This Week at Faith United

Monday, December 12	Sparks (S) 6:00 pm Guides & Pathfinders (SR) 6:30 pm
Tuesday, December 13	Quilters (SR) 9:30 am The Porch (Online) 7:00 pm Happy Harmony Choir (S) 7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 14	Pathfinders (S) 6:30 pm UCW Meeting (LR) 7:00 pm
Thursday, December 15	Men's Gathering (LR) 9:30 am Durham Storytellers (LR) 7:00 pm Faith Choir Practice (S) 7:00 pm
Friday, December 16	Violin Recital (S) 4 pm
Saturday, December 17	Sound The Kazoo... (S) 3:00 pm
Sunday, December 18	Hybrid Worship (S) 10:30 am Joyful Noise (Online) 10:30 am

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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Friday 9 am – 12 pm

December 11, 2022

Advent 3



Welcome

A Time of Quiet Preparation

WE GATHER

Introit: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VU 1

(adapted by Rev. M.Speer)

O come, O Wisdom from on high; you order all things joyfully; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us on your Way to go.

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

One: Surely, God is in this place.

All: Help me notice.

One: Come, share in the journey of Advent.

All: We journey in joy.

One: Come, welcome the light of the world.

All: We gather in joy.

One: Come, celebrate the presence of God.

All: We worship in joy.

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

Praise Song: You Have Shown Us

Prayer of Invocation and Transformation *(unison)*

We are deep into our Advent waiting, Abba, and it feels confusing. We recognize the light even as we seem to be in darkness. We feel your Presence and yet feel strangely alone sometimes. Remind us that we are not alone on our journey; that hope will sustain us as our sowings take root, that peace is with us in the darkness and in the waiting, and that you will celebrate with us in the harvest of joy. Remind us that our tears are not forever, and comfort us in our seasons of uncertainty and change.

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.)

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

Luke 1:46-55

Elaine Rennie

Music Ministry: Alleluia for Advent by Patrick Liebergen

Message: Joydemic

WE RESPOND

Hymn: My Soul Cries Out *(v.1,2,4)*

MV 120

Prayer *(w/Lord's Prayer)*

Offering & Life and Work of the Congregation

Generous God, in this season where we celebrate
the gift of Jesus, may our giving be like yours – loving,
helping, healing, holy, and bringing light and love to
those who receive. Amen.

Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful *(v.1,2,3,4)*

VU 60

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.

Sound The Kazoo! Jesus is Coming!

Join Us on
Saturday, December 17th at 3 PM for an afternoon of
music featuring the Faith United Choir, Rev. Larry,
Kristine Dandavino, and guests! Admission is a non-
perishable food item.

Christmas Concert Rehearsal

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

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!

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!

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.

Thank You For Your Sock Donations!

The children and youth at Faith United would like to
thank you for your generous donation of new socks for
teens and children. All SOCKS stay in the community!

Joyful Noise (In-Person & Online) - Faith United offers
Joyful Noise, a children's program for JK to Grade 5. It
runs every Sunday from September until the end of
June. Kids are invited to learn about a story from the
Bible, do a craft, & explore.

Youth LGBTQ+ & Allies Drop-In - Every third Tuesday
at 6:30 PM. A safe and welcoming place for all ages 10-
21. Discussion, games, snacks, and crafts. This group
meets once per month in the living room.

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

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

We would like to set up a group of people who are
willing to drive people to church when they no longer
can drive themselves. A co-ordinator would receive
calls and connect people with a driver. First a co-
ordinator needs to be found and then drivers. Are you
that person? Please call Donna Bignell at 905-728-7749
if you are interested or would like more information.
Thank you.

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
Roblin-Enterprise