

Sunday, November 10, 2019 10:00 am

Theme: Remembrance Day

VU = Voices United MV = More Voices

## Welcome to Worship!

St. Thomas United is an open, affirming, accepting, and child friendly faith community. With children present we expect noise and movement, so there's no need to leave the Sanctuary when it happens. If parents feel more comfortable with their children in nursery care, we have a nursery for babies & children under 3 years of age – just follow the posted signs.

We hope that your worship experience will feed you and challenge you on your faith journey.

Please talk to a greeter or the folks wearing an "Ask Me" badge if there's anything you are unsure of or have a question about.

There are Hearing Assistance Sets available. Ask a greeter or Ask Me person to get one.

We project everything you will need to participate in worship. You will also find hymnbooks in your seats if you'd prefer to use them.

Newcomers – please fill out one of our Communication Cards. This is our first opportunity to be in touch with you so that we can begin to get to know one another.

**Ministers:** Rev. Tracy Robertson,  
Rev. Justin McNeill

**Office Administrator:** Halyna Kinasevych

**Music Team:** Pam Bazinet, Barb Robertson,  
Dick Worton, Erin MacLean-Berko

**Accompanists:** Kari Orosz, Kloria Wen

**Youth Leaders:** Heather Robertson,  
Eden Middleton, Caitlin Hornbeck

**Sunday School & Nursery Coordinator:**

Erin MacLean-Berko

**Office Email:** office@stthomasunited.ca

**Prelude:** *Kari Orosz: 'Band of Brothers' Michael Kamen*

**Act of Remembrance:** *O Canada*

**Last Post:** *Dick Worton*

**Two Minutes of Silence**

**Fiddlers Lament:** *Pam Bazinet 'Lament for the Death of Reverend Archie Beaton' John M. Mason*

**Reveille:** *Dick Worton*

**God Save the Queen**

**Welcome to our Livestream Worship Service**

**Acknowledgement of Treaty 7, Métis Region 3 Land**

**Greeting One Another & Announcements**

**Christ Candle Lighting & Silence:** *Sheila Campbell*

**Introit:** *Let All Things Now Living (Verse 1)*

**VU#242**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Prayer:** *Holy God, you yearn for peace and blessings to overflow in your world, and yet often the reality that we have created is so far from that image. Help us to remember; to remember your call to peace, to remember those who work for an end to violence, and to remember those who pay the ultimate price. As we gather, help us to remember together. Amen.*

**Opening Hymn:** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* **VU#684**

**Scripture:** *Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes*

**Ministry of Music:** *Adult Choir: 'Peace' by Patricia Mock/Richard Nichols*

**Children's Time:**

**Message:**

**Hymn:** *When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides*

**MV#169**

**Minute for Mission:** *Answering the Call*

**Invitation to Open Hands**

**Opportunity to Open Hands**

**Ministry of Music:** *The Strummers: Standing Strong and True by Ron Irving, and Lynda and Tom McKillip*

**Offertory Hymn:** *Grateful (Chorus 2X's)*

**MV#182**

**Offertory Prayer:** *Holy God, as we gather the gifts of our lives, help us to continue to hear your call to peace and may we work to pour out your love in the world. Through our gifts may we build a place of mercy and righteousness where all your people are blessed by your love. Amen.*

**Call to Prayer:** *There Is Room for All*

**MV#62**

**Pastoral Prayers & Prayer of Jesus**

**Closing Hymn:** *I Am Walking a Path of Peace*

**MV#221**

**Commissioning**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

A full version of this morning's liturgy is available  
– just ask a Greeter or Ask Me host.

## CALLED TO SERVE

***Volunteers Needed for Nursery Supervision During Service:*** Babies and toddlers can be brought into and left in the Nursery while parents/caregivers attend the service. **Volunteers** comfortable with infants and toddlers will supervise these children for approx. one hour. One volunteer per 3 children. **Please sign up** on the **green sign up poster** on the **window of the Nursery Room**. Please plan to be at the room about 10 mins before church begins, even though many times, the children arrive after the children's story. Thanks!  
- Hospitality Committee

***Veteran's Association Food Bank*** – Thank you everyone who brought in toiletries, paper products and cleaning supplies. They were greatly appreciated! The Food Bank is moving next door to a much bigger location. The cost per sq foot is less, keeping it affordable. Here is the list of needs for this month: cookies, crackers, pancake and cake mixes, canned fruit (especially mandarins and pears), canned salmon, oysters and sardines, Hamburger Helper and instant potatoes. Thanks everybody for remembering our veterans. -Loree Irving

Please join us on one of the following dates to make a dinner for the homeless youth at **Avenue 15** (938 – 15<sup>th</sup> Ave SW) at 3 pm on the **Sundays of: Dec 15 and Jan 12**. It takes approx 3 hours to prepare and eat the meal. Staying to share in the meal is encouraged but not required. Donations of unused makeup, toiletries, feminine hygiene products, condoms, stuffed toys and gently used, clean clothing are much appreciated. For more info or to donate contact Hope Cochran at 587.581.2619 or hopeco7@gmail.com

## FUNDRAISING



**Grocery Gift Cards** for Safeway/Sobey's, Co-op and Superstore are available in \$50 and \$100 denominations. Payment is by cheque made out to St Thomas United Church, cash, or e-transfer to [fundraising@stthomasunited.ca](mailto:fundraising@stthomasunited.ca). Cards will be available Nov 17 and Dec 1, 8 and 15. Or contact Richard Taylor-Kerr at the above email with your order. Cards will be ready for pick up the following Sunday.

### ***Coupon Books***

The youth group is selling the ADmazing coupon books again this year. They are \$25 each and will be for sale each Sunday before and after the service. You can also stop by the office to pick one up during office hours.

### ***Purdys Christmas Fundraiser***

Are you eager to begin your Christmas shopping? How about ordering Purdys chocolates for colleagues, friends and family? St. Thomas will receive 25% fundraising profit! Pick up a catalogue in the Narthex after church through November and **place your order by Nov 24**. Payment (Cash or Cheque to St Thomas United Church) must be included with your order. Or order online and pay by credit card. The orders will be available for **pickup on Dec 8**. Please contact Karen Kavanagh or Loree Irving for more info.



### ***United Church 2020 Calendars***

The new calendars are available for purchase in the Narthex and in the church office at \$7.00 each.

## UPCOMING



Community friends, neighbours and families are invited to a communal viewing of the **REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE IN OTTAWA** at St. Thomas on **Monday, November 11** (Doors open at 9:30 am). The TV ceremony will be shown at 10:00 am on the big screen. Beverages and muffins will be offered as we share this time together. Nursery care provided and Veterans' Food Bank donations are welcomed. The Décor Committee encourages participants to bring ***Veteran memorabilia***: uniforms, caps, medals, photos for DISPLAY for both the **Sunday, November 10, service and the Monday, November 11 event**. Please be SURE to label/name your items so we can identify the family and for correct return to owners. Also: A huge ***thank you*** to those who offered to make muffins for this gathering!



***Junior Youth Group Social Event:*** Junior Youth Group is for grades 4 - 6 preteens. They meet once a month for fun and community building. The children are encouraged to bring their friends. This month's Junior Youth Group social evening is on **Friday, November 15 at 6:30 pm**. All youth attending are requested to fill out a registration and waiver form the first time they attend during a school year. Forms are available on the website at <http://stthomasunited.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Jr-Youth-Group-Registration-Package-2019-2020.pdf> or at the Church the night of the meeting.

### ***Junior Youth Sunday Morning:***

On **Sunday, Nov 24** during the service, there will be a special program geared towards children in grades 4 – 6. It will be lead by one of the Junior youth leaders. The children will start the morning in the service and then leave for their program when the rest of the Sunday school and the senior youth group leaves. Friends are always welcome.

## UPCOMING

**Primetimers:** We look forward to seeing everyone **Thursday, November 14 at 10 am** for our **Coffee and Chat** at 10:00 am in our Narthex. Let us know if you are bringing treats. Remember to bring along a few a few books for the book exchange. Also, you are invited to attend the **Primetimers Christmas Luncheon** on **Thursday, December 5 at 11:30 am**. Please see more details in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Jan or Keith Campbell.



**Festive Fair and Sale:** at St. Thomas on **Saturday, November 16 from 10 am to 2 pm** and **Sunday, November 17 from 11 am to 1 pm**. Quilted items, delectable treats, homemade & unique gifts, fair trade coffee and more for purchase. See posters and the latest newsletter for full details.

**The Great Plains Concert** at St. Thomas **Saturday, November 23 at 2 pm**. The Great Plains is a Canadian duo who play their original blend of bluegrass-Gospel/Celtic and Folk music. They also play many familiar songs and will include traditional Christmas hymns and carols. Tickets are \$20 and are available Sunday mornings, from the church office and at the door. See posters and the current newsletter for further details.

**A Celebration of Life:** for Dorothy Wanlin, mother of Hope Cochran will be held on Saturday, November 23 at 11:00 am here at St Thomas.

**Lunch & Learn** at St. Thomas, **Sunday, November 24, 11 am** following worship. Come hear about **Basic Income Calgary**. See full write up in the current newsletter for more details.

## UPCOMING

**Wednesday Night Book Club:** Every second Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the St. Thomas Library (usually). The next books are:

November 13      *'The Island Of Sea Women'* by Lisa See

December 11      *'A Week at the Airport'* by Alain De Botton

January 8          *'The Stonecarvers'* by Jane Urquhart

February 12      *'Rockbound'* by Frank Parker Day

We will be holding our December meeting in a restaurant with a private room. Stay tuned for details. Everyone is welcome!



**Parent's Day Out: Saturday, November 30, 10 am - 3 pm.** Want to do some Christmas shopping without your kids? Need a safe place to drop them off where they will be engaged in games and crafts? Want to volunteer at this fun event? For more details see the poster on the bulletin board or contact Rev Tracy.

**Advent Workshop Series:** This four-part educational series focuses on a global issue of importance for all people of faith: that of the conflict in Israel -Palestine. The series is set up to allow for consideration of history; theology; power; and holistic thinking. Anti-Arab racism; anti-Semitism; and the newly emerging analyses from the Palestinian Christian community are some of the issues to be discussed. The workshops will take place St. Thomas, over the four Sundays of Advent, **beginning December 1 from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.** Joe Kadi, who is currently engaged in theological studies at the Centre for Christian Studies, will facilitate the sessions. Participants will be asked to complete short readings before each session.

## BEYOND ST. THOMAS

Please take a moment to check out the Narthex bulletin board for details regarding the many seasonal events happening in our United Church community and beyond including:

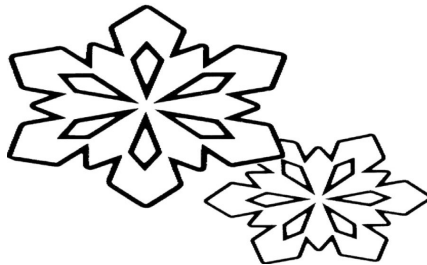
Christmas Market: Saturday, Nov. 16 at Robert McClure United Church

Christmas Craft Fair: Saturday, Nov 16 at Northminster United Church

Fall Tea: Saturday, Nov. 30 at Forest Lawn United Church

Craft Fair: Saturday, Nov. 30 at Foothills United Church

Camp Caravan Elves Workshop: Nov. 30 at St Andrew's Centre



**Twitter:** We now have a new way to stay engaged with the goings-on at St. Thomas. Come and say hi. Go to [https://twitter.com/st\\_thomas\\_yc](https://twitter.com/st_thomas_yc).

**Please Note:** We Livestream most Worship Services. Please go to <https://livestream.com/StThomasUnited> to watch them online.

**Sign Up for St. Thomas Announcements and e-Letters:** Want to know what's going on? Sign up for announcements by filling out a Communication Card or contacting the office at (403)241-0366 or [office@stthomasunited.ca](mailto:office@stthomasunited.ca).

**Note:** *Any announcements, advertisements, or requests for non-church related products, services, or donations to organizations contained in this bulletin/newsletter should not be interpreted as recommendations, endorsements, or permissions by St. Thomas United Church.*

# THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

## Sunday, Nov 10

10:00 am      Worship  
6:30 pm      12 Step Group

## Monday, Nov 11

9:30 am      Remembrance Day Service  
1:00 pm      Bridge

## Tuesday, Nov 12

9:00 am      Tuesday's Grace Quilters  
1:00 pm      Strummers  
4:15 pm      Karate  
6:00 pm      Executive Council  
6:15 pm      Girl Guides  
7:30 pm      Committee meetings

## Wednesday, Nov 13

9:00 am      Hospitality Team  
9:30 am      AM Fitness  
10:00 am      Maple Leaf Brass  
1:00 pm      Open Art Studio  
6:00 pm      Sparks & Brownies  
7:00 pm      Youth Choir, Cool Choir  
& Book Club

## Thursday, Nov 14

9:00 am      Quilting for Others  
9:30 am      Primetimer's Coffee  
4:15 pm      Karate  
5:30 pm      Children's Choir  
6:00 pm      Strummers  
6:30 pm      Pathfinders  
7:15 pm      Adult Choir  
7:30 pm      Rendezvous Planning Team

## Friday, Nov 15

9:30 am      AM Fitness  
1:00 pm      Al Medinah Islamic Assembly  
5:00 pm      Girl Guides  
6:15 pm      Youth Group & Junior Youth

## Saturday, Nov 16

7:00 am      Girl Guides  
9:00 am      Chinese School  
9:00 am      Karate  
10:00 am      Festive Fair

For a detailed and up to date calendar, please check out our web-site at: [stthomasunited.ca/what-we-do/calendar/](http://stthomasunited.ca/what-we-do/calendar/)

**Check the digital sign in the Narthex for location of activities.  
Please feel free to take a bulletin with you after Worship.**

## Worship Services

Nov 10: Remembrance Sunday  
Nov 17: Intergenerational Sunday  
Nov 24: Basic Income Calgary  
Dec 1 : Advent #1: HOPE



Each Sunday we acknowledge that we are on Treaty 7 land, not out of guilt or shame, but in recognition of the land on which we gather. We give thanks for the traditional territories and oral practices that have lived on this land for thousands of years through the Indigenous Nations of the Siksika, Kanai, Piikani, Stoney-Nakota, and Tsuut'ina and all people who make their homes in this, our Treaty 7 region of Alberta, and the Region 3 Métis Nation.



Through our gifts we commit ourselves to live out the mission and ministry of the church. Please give generously to the **Mission and Service Fund** to make this possible.



St. Thomas is an **Affirming Ministry** within The United Church of Canada. LGBTQ2 people are whole people and full members in this community of faith.



**The United Church of Canada** St. Thomas is proud to be part of the United Church of Canada which ministers to close to 3 million people in 3,500 congregations across the country. **For more information about the United Church visit [www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca)**

Today's Service

***We give great thanks to all who participated in making today's worship service a reality.***

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