

Sunday, November 17, 2019

10:00 am

Theme: Children's Sunday-Intergenerational Worship

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: *Celtic Magnificat* by Larry Shackley

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: *On this Children's Sunday, God, we ask your blessing now and beyond for all the children with us here within this community which you hold dear. Bless us all, your children, true as we live out your love in all we do. Amen.*

Opening Hymn: *Jesus Loves Me* **VU#365**

Story Time: *Horton Hears a Who* by Dr Suess

Ministry of Music: Youth Choir: *The Weather Song*

Music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Words and Arrangement Maurice Gardner

Wondering Questions from *Horton Hears a Who*

Scripture

Ministry of Music: Orchestra

Wondering Questions from *Scripture*

Hymn: *I Am a Child of God* **MV#157**

Minute for Mission:

Invitation to Open Hands

Opportunity to Open Hands

Offertory Hymn: *Grateful (Chorus 2X's)* **MV#182**

Offertory Prayer: *No matter the size and in all of our livin', We thank you for blessings that we have been given. We all do our best to live out these kinds; Open Hands, Open Hearts, and Open Minds. We give of our time and talent and treasure with gratefulness, far beyond any measure. Amen.*

Call to Prayer: *There Is Room for All* **MV#62**

Pastoral Prayers & Prayer of Jesus

Closing Hymn: *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* **MV#357**

Commissioning

Benediction

Postlude

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

CALLED TO SERVE

Christmas Decorating Event: On **Thursday, November 28, 9:30 am -noon** we will take down FALL and put up the CHRISTMAS trees and decorate them and all the other Christmas items for the Sanctuary and Narthex. Advent Sunday is Dec. 1, three days hence. Please notify me if you are able to help out. Eight helpers would be lovely! - Lori Weller

Youth Group Sandwich Making: On Friday, Nov. 22 the youth group will be making sandwiches to donate to **Alpha House** (a local organization addressing addiction and homelessness) and we need your help gathering sandwich supplies including: **bread, sandwich meat, butter, mayo, cheese and other sandwich fillings.** The sandwiches will likely be put in a freezer so we do NOT need lettuce, tomatoes, or other ingredients that don't freeze well. We will also NOT be using peanut/nut butters, as our youth group is a nut-free group. If you would like to contribute to the sandwich making night, please drop the items off at the church between now and Nov. 22 or around 6:30 pm on Nov. 22 as youth group is starting that evening. If dropping off your food donation in advance, please label them so we know they're for the youth group.



Veteran's Association Food Bank: A huge thank you to everyone who responded to the media's and our appeal for food, supplies and cash leading up to Remembrance Day. Thank you also to the Colbrans who delivered the many bags and boxes. The Food Bank was most grateful for our large donation.

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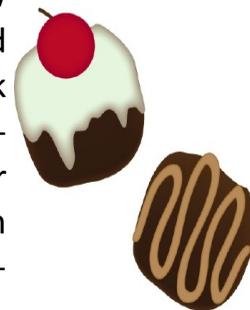
Grocery Gift Cards for Safeway/Sobey's, Co-op and Superstore are available in \$50 and \$100 denominations. Payment is by cheque made out to St Thomas United Church, cash, or e-transfer to fundraising@stthomasunited.ca. Cards will be available Nov 17 and Dec 1, 8 and 15. Or contact Richard Taylor-Kerr 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

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.



Festive Fair and Sale at St Thomas is this weekend of **November 16-17**. Quilted items, delectable treats, homemade & unique gifts, fair trade coffee, and more for purchase. See posters and the current newsletter for full details.

Children's Sunday: After Nov 17th worship, everyone is invited to stay and watch the Dr. Seuss classic ***Horton Hears a Who***. Popcorn will be provided.



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 Nov-Dec newsletter for further details. Friends are always welcome.

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

UPCOMING

Junior Youth Sunday Morning: On Sunday, Nov 24 during the service, there will be a special program geared towards children in grades 4 – 6 lead by the Junior Youth group leaders. The grades 4 - 6 will join the Sunday School for their opening and then move off for their own discussion and activities separate from the Sunday school targeted for this age group. All children in this age group are welcome.

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



Primetimers Christmas Luncheon: You are invited to attend our Christmas Luncheon (cost is \$25.00), at the Winston Golf Club on **Thursday, December 5 at 11:30 am**. Please see the information board in the Narthex for more details. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 24. Keith Campbell will be available Sunday, Nov. 17 after the service to accept payments.

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

Dec 11 'A Week at the Airport' by Alain De Botton'

Jan 8 'The Stonecarvers' by Jane Urquhart

Feb 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 welcome!

UPCOMING

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. There are five readings in total; three for week one, one for week two, and one for week three. Please contact the church office to obtain copies of the readings.



Christmas Carols and Hot Chocolate Everyone loves to sing Christmas music! Come join the adult choir on **Friday, Dec 6 between 7:00 - 8:30 pm** for an informal evening to sing your favourite Christmas carols and songs. Come for as much or as little of the evening as you like. Invite your neighbours and friends to join in. Hot chocolate will be served!

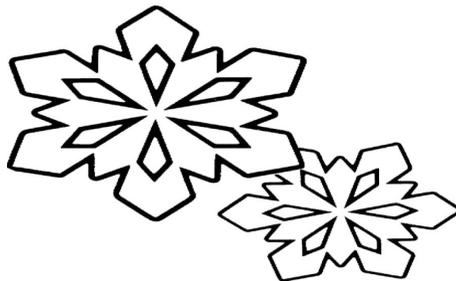
BEYOND ST. THOMAS

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:

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.

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.

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 17

8:00 am	Pathfinders Breakfast
10:00 am	Worship
11:00 am	Festive Fair
11:30 am	Family Movie Time
6:30 pm	12 Step Group

Monday, Nov 18

9:30 am	AM Fitness
1:00 pm	Bridge
1:30 pm	Faith Formation
7:00 pm	Orchestra

Tuesday, Nov 19

9:00 am	Tuesday's Grace Quilters
1:00 pm	Strummers
4:15 pm	Karate
6:15 pm	Girl Guides

Wednesday, Nov 20

8:30 am	STUC 2020
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

Thursday, Nov 21

4:15 pm	Karate
5:30 pm	Children's Choir
6:00 pm	Strummers
6:30 pm	Pathfinders
7:15 pm	Adult Choir

Friday, Nov 22

9:30 am	AM Fitness
1:00 pm	Al Medinah Islamic Assembly
4:00 pm	Scouts Popcorn Night
6:15 pm	Youth Group & Junior Youth
7:00 pm	Friday Night Sewing

Saturday, Nov 23

9:00 am	Karate
11:00 am	Celebration of Life: Dorothy Wanlin
2:00 pm	Great Plains Concert

For a detailed and up to date calendar, please check out our website at: 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 17: Intergenerational Sunday

Nov 24: Basic Income Calgary

Dec 1: Advent #1: HOPE

Dec 8: Advent # 2: JOY & Youth & Children's Christmas Pageant Service



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**

Today's Service

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

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