



**St. Thomas United Church**  
Open Hands – Open Hearts – Open Minds

## 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

**Sunday, November 24, 2019**

**10:00 am**

**Theme: Basic Income Calgary**

**VU = Voices United      MV = More Voices**

**Prelude:** Kari Orosz: *He Shall Feed His Flock* by G.F. Handel

**Welcome to our Livestream Worship Service**

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

**Greeting One Another & Announcements**

**Christ Candle Lighting & Silence:** Rachel Murray

**Introit:** *Let All Things Now Living (Verse 1)* **VU#242**

**Call to Worship**

**Ministry of Music:** Children's Choir—Peanuts: "I Prayed in the Tub"

**Opening Prayer:** *Holy One, in the midst of our lives, the calm and the chaos, the highs and the lows, we gather. Together in community may we celebrate the highs and support through lows; that together we might know and become the love of God in the world. That through love, our worries might dim, our stress might subside, and love might shine through it all. Amen.*

**Opening Hymn:** *This Is God's Wondrous World* **VU#296**

**Scripture:** *Matthew 20:1-16*

**Ministry of Music:** Children's Choir—Dinos:

**Children's Time:**

**Hymn:** *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* **VU#356**

**The Message:** *Basic Income Calgary*

**Minute for Mission:** *"We Are Family"*

**Invitation to Open Hands**

**Opportunity to Open Hands**

**Ministry of Music:** *Adult Choir: Advent Cry* by Joseph Martin

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

**Offertory Prayer:** *Holy One, together may we know the power of your love and the power of our lives to create a world where there is care for all. Bless these gifts we offer that together we might re-create the world around us. Amen.*

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

**Pastoral Prayers & Prayer of Jesus**

**Closing Hymn:** *May God's Sheltering Wings* **MV#214**

**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

Please join us on one of the following dates to make a dinner for the homeless youth at **Avenue 15** (938—15th 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

### **2019 Stewardship Campaign Wrap-Up!**

St. Thomas is an amazing and inspiring community where people live out their full Christian potential with **Open Hands, Open Hearts and Open Minds**. We encourage you to prayerfully consider all the ways that you can support the mission and ministry of St. Thomas United!

- ◆ **Please review** the information in your Stewardship package, your current commitment, the Step-Up Chart and consider moving up to the next level or to increase your annual pledge if possible. **Remember – your charitable contributions are personal tax deductible.**
- ◆ **Please complete and return your Commitment Cards** (whether or not you've made a change) to the "Stewardship Box" in the Narthex, the Offering Plate or to the St. Thomas Office.

Thanks very much, Bob Nixon



## 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 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***

**Last chance** to buy your ADmazing coupon book is **Sunday, November 24**. Proceeds support the youth program at St. Thomas.

### ***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 this Sunday, November 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

**Junior Youth Sunday Morning:** On Sunday, Nov. 24th 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.

**Lunch & Learn** at St. Thomas, this **Sunday, November 24** 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 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 at 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** 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

On **Tuesday November 26 from 7 - 9 pm**, at 1227 Kensington Close NW, all are welcome to join the Hillhurst Right Relations Circle as we view ***“Treaty Talk - Sharing the River of Life”***. This is a 50 minute teaching tool to better understand our collective responsibility to treaty. The purpose of this video is to build understanding, allyship, and bridges for better relationships. This film, through the sharing of a traditional Cree understanding on natural law and treaty, will explore and model how Indigenous nations and non-Indigenous allies in Canada can come together to transform racism and discrimination at a local and systemic level and to build a future of mutual benefit. For more info, contact Tony Snow, HUC Indigenous Lead 403-863-2756.

### ***Global Climate Strike***

We are in a climate emergency. The science is clear. We are running out of time to act to avert an impending climate catastrophe. All over the world, people are waking up and starting to take action, telling politicians that they need to do more. Fridays for Future is a global youth-led activism organization that was started by Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg. Every Friday, thousands of youth strike from school outside their government buildings. They are joined by all generations from all walks of life, because the climate crisis affects everyone. On September 27th, the world came together for a Global Climate Strike, and over 7 million people worldwide took part in a protest. But there's still work to do. Join us again on November 29th from 12pm-2pm outside City Hall, as we make our voices heard, demanding urgent climate action. The time is now. Will you join us? For more information, head over to our website at [fridaysforfuturecalgary.ca](https://fridaysforfuturecalgary.ca), or find us on social media. You can also reach us at [fridaysforfuturecalgary@gmail.com](mailto:fridaysforfuturecalgary@gmail.com) - Kylene Glass

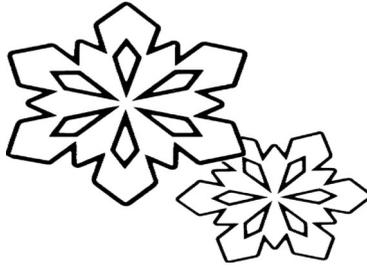
## BEYOND ST. THOMAS

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:** Saturday, 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\\_YYC](https://twitter.com/st_thomas_YYC).

**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 24

10:00 am Worship  
11:30 am Lunch & Learn  
6:30 pm 12 Step Group

## Monday, Nov 25

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

## Tuesday, Nov 26

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

## Wednesday, Nov 27

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

## Thursday, Nov 28

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 29

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

## Saturday, Nov 30

9:00 am Karate  
10:00 am Parent's Day Out  
11:00 am Children's Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 pm Piano Recital

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 24: Basic Income Calgary

Dec 1: Advent #1: HOPE

Dec 8: Advent # 2: JOY & Youth &

Children's Christmas Pageant Service

Dec 15: Advent # 3: PEACE



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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