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Sunday, December 21, 2025 10:30 am.

ADVENT 4: LOVE

Musical Prelude

Land Acknowledgement: We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation.

May we dwell on this land with respect and peace

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

One: Describing God's unconditional love for us, St. Paul writes:

All: "Love is patient; love is kind;

Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

Love does not insist on its own way;

it is not irritable or resentful;

it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hope all things, endures all things.

Love never ends."

Choral Responses: #7 (VU; All Verses) "Hope is a Star"

The Gathering Prayer: (together)

Ever gracious God, we come from the darkness of a long night into the light of this shiny new day; we come from our own space and time to this holy place and sacred time; and we come with expectation as we await the coming of your Holy Child into our

human midst. So we pray that you might be especially with us now during our Advent worship. Amen.

The Scripture Reading: "Mary's Song of Praise" found at Page 898 in VU with Refrain #1. "Known as the Magnificat, this poem is Mary's response to the angel that she will bear a child who will be called the Son of God "

The Cantata by the Choir

Welcoming New Members (

Prelude

Presentation

Commitment

Congregational Commitment: "As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our love and support. With God's help, together we will live out the mission and ministry of Christ's Church"

Welcome

Blessing

The offering is collected-*Sung Response: MV#191

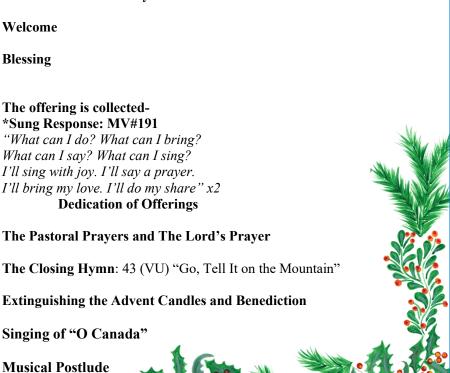
"What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing? I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share" x2 **Dedication of Offerings**

The Closing Hymn: 43 (VU) "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Extinguishing the Advent Candles and Benediction

Singing of "O Canada"

Musical Postlude





Christmas Eve, December 24th at 7:00 pm: A celebration of Jesus' birth with special music and candle lighting from the Christ Candle.

Sunday, December 28th at 10:30 am: An informal service in the Upper Hall with music, birthday cake, stories and fellowship.

Office Closure

The office will be closed for the holidays from Wednesday, December 24th and will reopen on Monday, January 5th at 10:00 am. For urgent requests during this time, please contact Rev. Heather at 613-619-5966.

New Minister Update

We are pleased to share that at the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, Pastoral Relations Commission meeting on November 25th, the call of Rev. Heather Davies to Almonte United Church was officially approved. Rev. Davies will begin her ministry with us on July 1st, 2026. We look forward to welcoming her into our community of faith and beginning this new chapter together.

- AUC Council and Search Committee

A NEW YEARS POTLUCK

_Please join in a new years potluck lunch on Sunday, January 18, 2026 following worship. Items can be your choice of hot or cold. With many allergies in the congregation, please keep all dishes peanut- free and list the ingredients on a card beside your items. Let's enjoy a time of great food and fellowship to begin 2026.

ALL WELCOME!



Almonte United Church - Report on Givings to November 30, 2025

		Budgete d	
Budget Revenue	Actual	Amount	2024
Givings to General Fund	\$100,92 3	\$94,771	\$91,235
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Fund raising	\$5,604	\$8,250	\$7,235
Rentals	\$37,077	\$28,883	\$29,816
	\$143,60		
Total	4	\$131,904	\$128,286
Outreach Givings			
Mission and Service	\$15,884	\$15,880	
Food Bank	\$3,660	\$1,500	
Food Grains Bank	\$4,330	\$3,420	
SchoolBox North	\$956		
Likulezi	\$4,751	\$1,396	
Camp Lauren	\$835	\$1,615	
Total Outreach Givings	\$30,416	\$23,811	
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WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday Dec. 22nd & Tuesday, December 23rd from 10 am to 2 pm

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Monday, December 22 5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, December 23

Wednesday, December 24

Thursday, December 25

Friday, December 26

Saturday, December 27

Sunday, December 28
10:30 Sunday Worship
Sunday School
Youth Group
7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga



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Minister: Rev. Heather Kinkaid

Choir Director: Neil Milnes Custodian: Kim Julian

Office: Virginia Atkinson Counter this month: Ron Williamson &

David Fewtrell

Greeter: Brian & Dawn Morrison

Greeter next week: George & Linda Mills

Reader: Beth Robertson

Reader next week: Cathy Hird Sunday School: Margie Graff Sound System Bob Lesser &

Laurie Blackstock

John Day

N.B. We have an automated external defibrillator! It can be found on the table outside the office door.