

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of understanding the cultural context of the research. It highlights the need for researchers to be sensitive to the values and beliefs of the communities they are studying. This is particularly important in the field of education, where cultural differences can significantly impact learning outcomes. The paper then moves on to discuss the challenges of conducting research in culturally diverse settings. It notes that researchers often face difficulties in finding appropriate research methods and in interpreting the data they collect. To address these challenges, the paper suggests that researchers should adopt a more flexible and open-minded approach to their research. This involves being willing to learn from the community and to adapt their research methods as needed. The paper also emphasizes the importance of building trust and rapport with the community. This is essential for ensuring that the research is conducted in a respectful and ethical manner. Finally, the paper concludes by noting that while there are many challenges to conducting research in culturally diverse settings, it is also an opportunity to gain valuable insights into the lives of different communities. By understanding these communities better, researchers can help to improve the lives of the people they are studying.

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**Sunday, December 29, 2024 10:30 am**

*We gather today on the traditional and unceded territory  
of the Algonquin Anishnaabe Nation.*

*May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

## **Musical Prelude**

## **Welcome and The Announcements**

### **The Call to Worship:**

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: The Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

One: The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God  
will be your glory.

All: Come, let us worship our God of light and glory. Alleluia!  
Amen!

(from Isaiah 60)

## **Re-Lighting the Advent and Christ Candles**

**Hymn:** Good Christian Friends Rejoice (Vu # 35)

### **Gathering Prayer:**

O God of our past, as we remember the momentous events  
of this year, 2024, we give thanks for your faithfulness to us.  
O God of our present, we anticipate the opportunities of this  
new day; be with us now in this time of worship and renewed  
commitment to you.

O God of our future, we are open to all the risks and challenges of the soon-to-come 2025, knowing you will continue to be our Comfort and our Guide.

O God of eternity, hear our prayers for we pray in the name of our Christmas Saviour, Amen.

## **Children's Time with Gloria and Gus**

**Hymn:** The First Noel (Vu # 91)

### **The Scripture Lesson:**

John 1: 1-5, 9-14. (Page 862) "In his opening chapter, John writes that the Word was with God at creation,"

**Hymn** Angels We Have Heard On High (Vu # 38)

**The offering is collected**

**Offertory Prayer and Sung Response:**

**"What can I give him, poor as I am?**

**If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;**

**if I were a wise man, I would do my part;**

**yet what I can, I give him.... give my heart."**

(VU, #55 verse 4)

**Closing Hymn:** Once In Royal David's City (Vu # 62)

**Extinguishing the Advent Candles**

**The Benediction**

**Musical Postlude**



# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

## Potluck Lunch

Please join us to bring in the New year with a New Year's Potluck Appetizer & Dessert Party on Sunday, January 12, 2025 following the service. These items can be your choice of hot or cold. As we have many allergies in the congregation, we ask you to please keep all dishes nut/peanut free and list out the ingredients on a card beside your items. We look forward to a wonderful time to connect, enjoy great food, and share fellowship with one another. We hope to see you there.

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***The office is now closed and will reopen on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am***

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## Marvellous MondayMeals

The email to those on our email list was sent out on December 26 and included the offerings for January 6th. If you wish to order meals, we need to receive it by December 31st. We will continue to send you a confirmation of your order. Pick up is between 1 and 2pm on Monday, January 6th.

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## **Financial Donations by E-transfer:**

During the pandemic we began to receive donations by e-transfer. For many people it is a quick and easy way to make a weekly financial donation. The email address

is [office@almontheunited.com](mailto:office@almontheunited.com) and please include your name and contact information in the message line.



## **ST. PAUL'S/DUNROBIN UNITED CHURCH – CAFES EVENT** **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

On **January 17, 2025** St. Paul's United Church will host a collaborative community workshop event with **CAFES** (Community Associations For Environmental Sustainability):

**Date:** Friday, January 17th, 2025

**Time:** 5:30pm-8:30pm

**Location:** St Paul's United Church Carp, 3760 Carp Rd, Ottawa, ON K0A 1L0 **Food: Pizza!** Enjoy a pizza supper and beverages. Connect with community members about climate action. Ideal for ages 16 and up, and no prior knowledge of climate science is required.

**Attendance for the event will be limited - pre-registration will be required. Please use the following link to register:**

**LINK: <https://bit.ly/stpaulscarp>**

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### ***Movie Nights at AUC***

Almonte United Church is inviting any and all movie buffs to attend four showings in our Social Hall, located at [106 Elgin Street, Almonte](#) over the coming months. Show times at 7:00pm and admission is by donation. Please refer to poster on our bulletin board and in the Social Hall for titles and dates. This is a community wide event so please feel free to invite a neighbour or friend. The movies have been chosen to appeal to a broad range of people however there are adult themes from time to time. Finally, as hosts we will do our best to re-create an authentic, movie worthy, hot dog and popcorn menu. The price for these will only be \$1. Hope to see you there. The next presentation will be “Sapphires” on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. This musical/comedy/drama is set in 1968, when four young Australian Aboriginal girls learn about love, friendship and war as their all-girl singing group travels to Vietnam to entertain the U.S. Troops.



# HAPPY NEW YEAR

May God's grace  
shine upon you  
and yours!

# WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

## OFFICE HOURS:

**The office is now closed and will reopen on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**

### Monday to Friday

7:00 am Almonte Cooperative Nursery School

### Monday, December 30

### Tuesday, December 31

**New Years Eve**

### Wednesday, January 1

**New Years Day**

### Thursday, January 2

10:00 Mom & Baby physio workout

### Friday, January 3

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

### Saturday, January 4

### Sunday, January 5

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lamden Yoga

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