



Almonte United Church

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Sunday, January 21, 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.

*“The God we know in Jesus is the One who called Sarah
and Abraham and gave the Torah to Moses.”*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship:

Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is from God.

God’s love was revealed among us in this way,

Jesus Christ came into the world.

Since God loved us so much,

we are called to love one another.

Come, let us worship.

***Hymn:** Arise, Your Light Is Come - 79

Welcome & Announcements

Choir Anthem: “Believer’s Prayer”

Children’s Story

Mission and Service Story

Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 and Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

***Hymn:** I Am the Light of the World - 87

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

Prayers of the People

In the darkness of time,
you created all that lives and breathes.

In the darkness of Mary’s womb,
you nurtured the Christ-child, bringer of light.

In the darkness of our world, O God, your spirit sustains us.

O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.

Under the cover of darkness,
Magi followed the star to the Christ-child.

O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.

In blessed desert darkness,
Mary and Joseph fled to safety in Egypt with the infant Jesus.

O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.

In quiet darkness,
dreams emerge, guiding the Holy Family home to Galilee.

O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.

In the stillness of the dark,
we pray for all who need God’s presence in a special way—
all who are sick, unemployed,
bereaved, persecuted, or homeless;
all who are demoralized and discouraged,
all whose fear has turned to cynicism,
all whose vulnerability has become bitterness.

O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.

In the embrace of darkness,
we pray for those who are near to our hearts—
colleagues, partners, parents, children, neighbours, friends.
We thank you God for their presence,
and ask you to bless and protect them in all that they do—
at home, at school, as they travel, as they work, as they play.

O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.

In the serenity of darkness, we bring to you, O God,
our fears and concerns, our hopes and our visions.
In your presence, we come face to face with ourselves,
and with the road that lies ahead of us.
In the solitude of darkness
we find expectant hope for the journey.

**O God, we know you are with us in darkness and in light.
Amen.**

*Hymn: Will You Come and See the Light - 96

Blessing

Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

ROCKIN' READERS USED BOOK SALE is fast
approaching: **February 3rd, noon until 8:00 pm**, here in the Social
Hall of AUC. Our Youth Group's book sale is almost here and you
are invited. Here are some of the exciting things they have planned:

Used and new books for sale by donation

A reading rockathon

Repurposed book workshop - make and take with Dot

Door prizes

The Joy of Snacking Canteen

Celebrity readers

... and a few surprises!

We hope you can drop in and support our youth as they fulfill their commitment to SchoolBOX, helping to make education possible in Treaty 3 Indigenous communities.



AUC's Souper Bowl Sunday

February 11th, 2024 is Super Bowl LVIII. The final two teams are unknown at this time, however, it is projected that the Baltimore Ravens and the San Francisco 49ers will be in the Super Bowl.

Some 'souper' people around AUC will be preparing containers of soup, with biscuits and cookies for purchase after Church in the Upper Hall on Sunday, February 11th. These will be in freezer and microwaveable safe containers. These will be tasty treats for you to take home for your family or a neighbour or friend.

Please mark the date (February 11th) on your calendars and watch in the weeks ahead for the choices we will be offering and the cost.

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday from 10 to 2

Thursday from 10 to 3

Friday 10 to 12 noon

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9:00 am Almonte Cooperative Nursery School

Monday, January 22

5:30 pm Taekwon Do

Tuesday, January 23

6:00 pm Almonte Embers

Wednesday, January 24

9:30 am Mom & Baby Physio workout

5:30 pm Taekwon Do

7:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, January 25

Friday, January 26

Saturday, January 27

Sunday, January 28

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 pm Lindsey Lamden Yoga





Do you miss seeing some people at Church? If so, phone or email them and ask them to meet you at Church and to join us for coffee after Worship.



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| Guest Ministry: | Rev. Matt Gallinger |
| Choir Director: | Neil Milnes |
| Custodian: | Kim Julian |
| Office: | Virginia Atkinson |
| Counter this month: | Ron MacMeekin & Alan Paul |
| Greeter: | Ron & Mary MacMeekin |
| Greeter next week: | Julie Julian &
Norma Glandon |
| Reader: | John Peters |
| Reader next week: | Mary MacMeekin |
| Sunday School: | Margie Graff |

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

