

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 diverse cultural settings. It notes that researchers often face difficulties in establishing rapport with participants and in interpreting their responses. To address these challenges, the paper suggests several strategies, including the use of local researchers and the development of culturally appropriate research instruments. The final part of the paper discusses the importance of ethical considerations in cross-cultural research. It emphasizes the need for researchers to obtain informed consent from participants and to ensure that the research is conducted in a way that respects the dignity and rights of all individuals.

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Sunday, December 7, 2025 10:30 am

The 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 The Announcements

The Call to Worship:

One: In a farewell passage for the ages, Jesus said:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

All: As our Advent journey continues, may we feel the peace of Christ in our hearts, our words and our actions, for we pray in the name of the Child born in Bethlehem.

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: Peace

Hymn of Response:

Hope is a star that shines in the night, Leading us on till the morning is bright.

Chorus: When God is a child, there's joy in our song; The last shall be first, and the weak shall be strong; And none shall be afraid.

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, Giving a promise of safety and worth... Chorus....

Gathering Prayer:

O God, you who desires peace for all the world's people, we pray that the peace of Christ might fill our hearts, our minds, and our very souls during this time of worship. And we pray that you might enable us to become peace-makers in our own families and our

communities, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Opening Hymn: #1 in MV “Let Us Build a House”

The Children’s Time with Gus and Gloria

The Choir Anthem: “An Advent Alleluia”

The Scripture Lesson: The Song of Zechariah with Sung Response. Page 900 in Voices United

Meditation:

Hymn: #29 (VU) “Hark the Glad Sound”

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 Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer (page 921 in VU)

The Closing Hymn: 426 (vu) “Saviour, Again to Your Dear Name”

Extinguishing the Advent Candles and the Benediction

Singing of “O Canada”

The Musical Postlude



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



FINAL DAYS FOR STOCKING DROP OFF

These are the last two days for the Food Bank Stocking Drive for adults. For many, this is the only gift they will receive this Christmas, and they look forward to the wonderful surprises that the stocking brings. If you are able, please fill a stocking with toiletries for either a lady or a gentleman, **clearly marked HIS or HERS**, and return it no later than

Tuesday December 9, 2025. The stockings can be dropped off at the Church Office on Monday or Tuesday of this week between 10 am and 2 pm. Or at Textile Traditions, 87 Mill Street on Monday or Tuesday.

Examples of useful toiletries include: Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body wash, 5-blade razors, Nail file, Nail clippers, Shaving cream, After-shave lotion, Hand lotion, Moisturizing lotion, Loofa, Hairbrush, Comb, Cleansing cream/wash, Dental floss/picks, Deodorant, Liquid hand soap, Bar soap, Wet wipes, Hand sanitizer, Q-tips, Facial mask, Sunscreen, Mouthwash, Nail polish, Nail polish remover, and perhaps a small sweet.

Thank you for your support!

New 2026 Donation Envelopes

The new 2026 donation envelopes will be available at the back of the Sanctuary beginning on Sunday, December 14th. Please retrieve yours.

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.

A Christmas Lunch



A Christmas Lunch is being planned for **Saturday, December 13th from 11:30 am – 1:00pm**. We are looking for people to help with the posters, set up, food prep, serving and clean up. Anybody interested in helping should contact either Liz Barron at: barronliz1356@gmail.com or Mary Smiley [at: marysmiley1@gmail.com](mailto:marysmiley1@gmail.com)

We need your help!

Poinsettias and Amaryllis

You are invited to donate or lend flowers of the season in honour/memory of someone you care about to add brightness and meaning to the sanctuary. Place them on the altar steps or wherever you like with a label, indicating the special person's name. You can lend flowers/plants for just one Sunday, a couple of weeks or the whole season; it's up to you. The decor team will ensure the plants are watered!



Bells of Hope Concert

Experience the joy of the season at the Bells of Hope Concert featuring the Bells of St. Paul's and the Welsh Elvis (Welvis) on December 14th from 2:30 – 4:00 pm at the Community Presbyterian Church located at 111 Church St., Almonte. Admission is free. Voluntary monetary or food donations will be gratefully accepted to support our local food bank.

A NEW YEARS POTLUCK

Please join in a new years potluck lunch on Sunday, January 11, 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 !

WHAT'S ON AT AUC THIS WEEK

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm

Monday to Friday

8:30 Almonte Co-operative Nursery School

Monday, December 8

5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, December 9

10:00 Mom and Baby Physio Workout

6:00 Almonte Embers

Wednesday, December 10

12:45 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

Thursday, December 11

10:00 Mom and Baby Physio Workout

6:00 Rhythm & Song Choir

7:00 AUC Choir Practice

Friday, December 12

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

7:00 Sound Healing

Saturday, December 13

Sunday, December 14

10:30 Sunday Worship: **Children's Service**

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga

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Counter this month:	Bob & Pat Lesser
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Greeter next week:	Julie Julian & Kathy Stewart
Reader:	Emmett Badger
Reader next week:	Children's Service
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.***