

Almonte United Church

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Friday, April 3, 2026 10:30 am

Good Friday

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.

The Call to Worship: (136, vu)
“O come and mourn with me awhile;
O come now to the Saviour’s side,
O come, together; let us mourn:
Jesus, our Love, is crucified.”

Welcome and the Announcements

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 Opening Hymn: 149 (vu) “When I survey the Wondrous Cross”

The Gathering Prayer: (together)

Beloved Jesus, our crucified and living Saviour, like your disciples of long ago, we come filled with shame and fear. We don’t like chaos and confusion; we don’t like being forsaken; and we really don’t want to bear the burden of your cross. Help us to truly understand the tragic events of this day; and reassure us, once again, of your great promise that in life, in

death, and even in life beyond death, you with us always. This promise we remember as we pray: “Our Father, who art in heaven...”

The Choir

The Antagonists at the Crucifixion of Jesus:

Peter’s Denial (Mark 14: 66-72)

The Crowd Demands Crucifixion (Mark 15:6-15)

The Soldiers Mock Jesus (Mark 15: 16-20)

The Crucifixion (Mark 15:25-42)

Hymn: 144 (vu) Were You There?

The Caregivers at the Crucifixion of Jesus:

Simon of Cyrene Carries the Cross (Mark 15: 21)

Unknown Giver of Sponge with Sour Wine (Mark 15: 36)

The Centurion’s Response: (Mark 15:39)

Joseph of Arimathea and the Mary’s: (Mark 15: 42-46)

A Litany Prayer at the Foot of the Cross:

One: O crucified Redeemer, we gather at the foot of your cross. In your pain and agony, we hear you praying on our behalf:

All: “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

One: We acknowledge how we continue to be caught up in the tangled web of this world’s sin: of greed and injustice; of power and oppression; of inhumane acts that continue to harm others.

All: “Father, forgive us, for often we do not know what we are doing.”

One: Have mercy upon us, O Crucified Redeemer, unworthy sinners that we are:

All: “Father, forgive us, and lead us into new paths of restoration and righteousness, for we pray in the name of our crucified Saviour. Amen”

The Closing Hymn: 142 (vu) “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

The Closing Prayer: (in unison)

“O God, we leave this time of remembrance having come face to face with the painful reality of betrayal, suffering, brokenness and death.

Yet we know that death isn’t the end of this story.

We know that, in Christ:

Goodness is stronger than evil;

Love is stronger than hate;

Light is stronger than darkness; and

Life is stronger than death.

So, O God, help us to go into our world to reveal the goodness, love, light, and love of our crucified Redeemer. Amen.

We depart this Worship Service in reverence, humility and silence.

At 12 Noon: The Almonte Ecumenical Walk of the Cross

1. Beginning at the Baptist Church to the
2. Community Presbyterian Church to
3. Almonte United Church to
4. Holy Name of Mary Roman Catholic Church to
5. James Naismith Statue for Hillside Reformed Presbyterian Church to
6. Old Town Hall for Cornerstone Community Church to
7. St. Paul’s Anglican Church

The walk will take place rain or shine. Join at the beginning or anywhere along the route. Please join us afterwards at the St. Paul’s Anglican Church for a short service and light refreshments.

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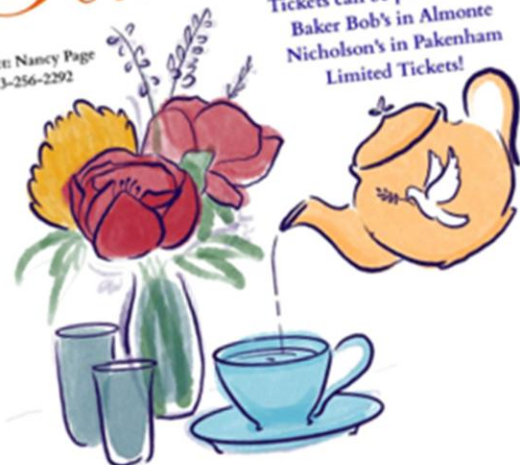
CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Spring Tea

Contact: Nancy Page
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Saturday May 2, 2026
1:00pm - 3:00pm
Almonte United
Church Hall
106 Elgin Street,
Almonte

\$20 per person
Tickets can be purchased at:
Baker Bob's in Almonte
Nicholson's in Pakenham
Limited Tickets!



Join us for a lovely afternoon tea on Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 1:00pm until 3:00 pm. Tickets are available at Baker Bob's in Almonte and at Nicholson's store in Pakenham. For more info, contact Nancy Page at 613-256-2292. Treat yourself and bring a friend! We look forward to seeing you!



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 and please include your name and contact information in the message line.



Greeters Needed- We're looking for a few more people to join the Greeter Schedule. It's an easy yet important job. Duties including greeting folks at the door as they arrive and then passing the offering plate. Please let Rev. Heather know if this

is something you can help with once a month.

Like us on our Facebook pages:

Almonte United Church

AUC Sunday School

Check out our Website at
www.almontheunited.com

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, April 6

5:30 Taekwon Do

Tuesday, April 7

10:00 Mom and Baby Physio Workout

6:00 Almonte Embers

Wednesday, April 8

12:45 Carebridge Pilates

5:30 Taekwon Do

Thursday, April 9

10:00 Mom and Baby Physio Workout

11:30 Vicki Lafleur Exercise

7:00 AUC Choir Practice

Friday, April 10

9:30 Lisa Kmiel Yoga

Saturday, April 11

Sunday, April 12

10:30 Sunday Worship

Sunday School

Youth Group

7:00 Lindsey Lambden Yoga



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Choir Director:	Neil Milnes
Custodian:	Kim Julian
Office:	Virginia Atkinson
Counter this month:	Ron Williamson & David Fewtrell
Greeter:	tbd
Greeter next week:	Leon & Nancy Page
Reader:	tbd
Reader next week:	Beth Robertson
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.



