MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, November 1, 2026
23rd Sunday After Pentecost
All Saints Day
Holy Communion

We Gather

✞ **Please stand as you are able.**

The PRELUDE ~ Jesus, Priceless Treasure, J.G Walther

The INTROIT ~ Create in Me a Clean Heart, H. Willan

✞ *The* PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ For All the Saints VU 705

WELCOME *and* LIFE *of the* CHURCH

The LIGHTING *of the* CANDLE *of* PEACE

The LIGHTING *of the* CHRIST CANDLE

One: The Christ Candle reminds us of the presence of Christ, with us as we worship.
All: But present in our lives as well, giving us guidance, comfort and peace.

The CALL *to* WORSHIP

One: In worship, we acknowledge the presence of God with us.
All: We reflect on what God has done for us in Christ
One: We respond to God's actions in our thoughts and prayers.
All: And leave room for God's Spirit to touch our minds and our hearts.

The OPENING PRAYER

✞ *A* HYMN ~ O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee VU 560

TIME *for the* CHILDREN *and the* CHILD *within* US

The PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

The WORDS *of* ASSURANCE

One: God is gracious and merciful, relating to us in love.
All: We trust in the goodness and justice of our Creator.
One: In Christ, God offers to release from the consequence of their sins all who would seek forgiveness.
All: We rejoice in this commitment of love by our Saviour and Redeemer!

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

We Listen

The PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

One: We pray, God, that you might touch us through these words of scripture, helping us to understand more clearly the ways of your truth, your teachings and your love. Amen.

Reader ~ Rev. Rick Maxwell

The FIRST LESSON: 1 John 3: 1 – 3

One: The Word of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

✞ *The* RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 34 VU 761

The GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5: 1 – 12

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

The SERMON ~ "Children of God"

The ANTHEM ~ Lord of All Hopefulness, H. Willan

We Respond

The INVITATION *to the* OFFERING

✞ *The* OFFERTORY HYMN ~ Tune: Beach Spring, VU 374

We have come, God, with our praises
for your goodness everywhere;
now we bring to you our offering
drawn from what we freely share.
This along with time and talent,
heads that bow in humble prayer:
all these gifts of patient service
help extend your love and care.

The PRAYER *of* DEDICATION

Communion Service

Communion Setting C, VU 936 - 939

A HYMN – One Bread, One Body VU 467

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also, with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: In thanks and praise to God, whose love for us
is mirrored in the lives of all of us who have ever
struggled to live faithfully;
as an expression of our love for God
all our sisters and brothers—
young and old, rich and poor—
and in remembrance of all the meals Jesus shared
with saints and sinners,
we gather to feast in joy and harmony
with those of every time and place,
giving you praise and glory.

The SANCTUS *and* BENEDICTUS VU 936

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

One: Loving God, in Jesus Christ
we recognize the fulness of your grace.

All: Light, life and love revealed
in words that confront and comfort us,
in teachings that challenge and change us,
in compassion that heals and frees us.

One: And now we gather at this table to remember
and to be so filled with your Spirit
that we may rise together
to turn our worship into witness
and to follow in your way.

All: We rejoice, God, in the gift of your grace,
remembering Christ's life and death,

proclaiming his resurrection,
waiting in hope for his coming again.

One: Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving,
we may so offer ourselves to you
that our lives proclaim the mystery of faith:

The MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION VU 939

All: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

One: Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and upon these gifts.
May all who share in this loaf and cup
be the body of Christ:
light, life and love in the world.
In this hope, and as your people, we praise you:

All: **Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,**
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour are yours, Almighty God.

The GREAT AMEN VU 939

All: **Amen, amen, amen.**

The INVITATION *to the* TABLE

The INSTITUTION *of the* ELEMENTS *and* BLESSING

The SHARING *of the* ELEMENTS

The COMMUNION ANTHEM ~ We Are No More Strangers
G.A. McFarren

The PRAYER *after* COMMUNION *and the* LORD'S PRAYER

One: We give you thanks, God,
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.
Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another,
and send us into the world united in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
We pray in the words that Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Sending Forth

✞ *The* RECESSIONAL HYMN ~ Not Far Beyond the Sea VU 281

The COMMISSIONING *and* BENEDICTION

The CHORAL BENEDICTION ~ London Amen

The POSTLUDE ~ Gavotte, French Suite No. 5, J.S. Bach

Today's Greeters and Communion Helpers are Geoff Harrison and George Mayhew

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that our church is located on the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. May we continue to live with respect on this land, and to live in peace and friendship with all its people in the spirit of truth and reconciliation.

If you would like to light a candle to represent your prayers for a person or situation that is in your heart, you are invited to do so at the beginning or end of any worship service.

Personal prayer requests – please write your prayer requests in our Prayer Share Book which is located on the book stand on the altar.

Life And Work of the Church

We always welcome children and understand that they may not be quiet during the service. We appreciate their joyful noise and are glad that they are here!



New Fundraiser!

Our old slate roof tiles have been repurposed into coasters! They are sturdy and a reminder that a house built upon a rock endures! This is a fundraiser for our ongoing roof repairs. We will be selling them for $20 each at our November 21 Mistletoe Bazaar! If you cannot make our bazaar, reach out to the Church Office, melrose@melroseunited.ca, to reserve a coaster for yourself.

Old T-Shirts Needed!

We are looking for old t-shirts of any size to use with messy crafts on Sunday mornings to keep everyone's Sunday best their best!

Please drop off in our Pray and Play Room or give to Libby or Gwyn. Thanks!

Are you interested in becoming more involved at Melrose?
The following rewarding positions are available!

A) Trustee. This position in conjunction with others manages the investment portfolio of the church! Willingness to learn , ability to have one meeting every two months. Only one requirement: must be a member of Melrose United.

B) Ministry and Personnel - 2 positions. Your job would be to be paired with one of our paid personnel at Melrose. Meet with them, to discuss issues, work performance and support them. Again, all training provided!

C) Friendly Visitor Are you sociable? Some of our older folks need a friendly caller, a short visit or even a simple drop-off of a baked food item ! Just takes a smile and a hug!

Please speak with Gwyn, our Church Administrator Sue, or Rev. Ken about any of these available and rewarding positions.



United Church Calendars
You may now order United Church Calendars from the United Church Bookstore! To order just go to the United Church Bookstore website, https://ucrdbookstore.ca and search 2027 calendar. Calendars are $8.49 plus shipping and handling.

Decorating for Christmas!
Do you have a flare for decorating, especially at Christmas ? We are in need of volunteers to help get the tree and decorate the Sanctuary and church before Nov 29th. Please speak with

Libby Cook or contact the Church Office, melrose@melrosunited.ca.



Saturday, November 7th & 21st
Knitting & Crochet (and Needlework Too!)
@ 9:30 – 11:30
Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.



Sunday, November 8th ~ Board Games @ 1:00pm
Come and play your favourite board game or bring your own! You do not need a partner. Entry fee is $5, children under grade 1 are free!



Saturday, November 21st
Mistletoe Bazaar @ 9:00am – noon
The Mistletoe bazaar is coming on Nov21 . The following volunteer positions are needed:
- greeters
- cashier at the cookie walk
- tear down crew: 12:30 pm
- bake table sellers
- cashier at our gift basket sale table
- general assistant for " attending to various concerns and tasks"

The most important part is the needed contribution of baked goods: squares, loaves, cookies for our baked goods table and of course we need TONS of cookies for our famous cookie walk.

Please speak with Libby, Margaret, Gwyn or Catherine about your baking contributions.



Friday, November 27th ~ Progressive Euchre
Doors open at 7pm, games start at 7:30pm sharp! Beginners welcome!

Cooking in the Kitchen
Mondays, @ 6:00pm- 8:00pm
Everyone is welcome to assist on Monday evenings with baking cookies, putting together pies and soups for our frozen food section and Bake table at the bazaar. We need 4 people every Monday evening to assist in making this year's Bazaar a success. Please contact Libby or Gwyn and let us know your availability.

Social Media at Melrose!
Melrose has an active social media presence on Facebook and Instagram! Check out our pages for information on Melrose events and for messages of inspiration. **Don't forget to like and share our posts!**

Please visit: www.facebook.com/melroseunitedchurch
and www.instagram.com/melroseuc/

News From the Office
Please be sure to submit your church related news items for the bulletin or newsletter by Wednesday of each week. Kindly email Sue in the Church Office, melrose@melroseunited.ca. The Church Office hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm.

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MISTLETOE
BAZAAR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026
9AM TO NOON
Enjoy Vendors,
Bake Table,
Cookie Walk &
Tea Room
Basket Raffles
(supporting ongoing roof repairs)
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