MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, November 15, 2026
25th Sunday After Pentecost

We Gather

✞ **Please stand as you are able.**

The PRELUDE

✞ *The* PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ Immortal Invisible VU 264

WELCOME *and* LIFE *of the* CHURCH

The LIGHTING *of the* CANDLE *of* PEACE

The LIGHTING *of the* CHRIST CANDLE

One: We light the candle to remind ourselves of Christ's presence with us as we worship.
All: Christ is with us now and in our lives always.

The CALL *to* WORSHIP

One: We are called to worship, to express our praise before God.
All: We respond in our prayers, in our hymns, and in our thoughts.
One: We are people to whom God's love has been revealed in Jesus Christ.
All: And so, we give thanks to God.

The INTROIT ~ These Are They which Follow the Lamb, J. Goss

The OPENING PRAYER

✞ *A* HYMN ~ O God, Our Help in Ages Past VU 806

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

The PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

The WORDS *of* ASSURANCE

One: God reaches out to us in love, calling us to turn back from

the wrong paths we have taken,

All: **offering to renew us and restore us to productive living.**

One: In Christ, God has forgiven our sins and removed their consequences from us.

All: **Praise be to God!**

We Listen

The PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

One: We hear your voice in many ways, God, but especially in the words of Scripture. As we listen to them now, give us insight and understanding for the message they hold for us. Amen.

Reader ~ Kathy Wells

The FIRST LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 4: 1 – 11

One: The Word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✞ *The* RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 90 VU 805

The GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25: 14 – 30

One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The SERMON ~ "Frog Kissing"

The ANTHEM ~ I Waited for the Lord, F. Mendelssohn;
Allana Stevenson, soprano; Margaret Duff, soprano

We Respond

The INVITATION *to the* OFFERING

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

Sing: **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

The PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

The LORD'S PRAYER

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 ~
God of Grace and God of Glory VU 686

The COMMISSIONING *and* BENEDICTION

The CHORAL BENEDICTION ~ London Amen, J.G. Allan

The POSTLUDE ~ Nocturne in C# minor, F. Chopin

Today's Greeters are Richard Feenstra and George Mayhew

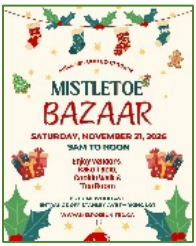
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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!



Saturday, November 21st
Mistletoe Bazaar @ 9:00am – noon
The Mistletoe bazaar is coming up next week on Saturday, November 21st! Volunteers are still needed! 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 or if you are available to volunteer!

THE ONLINE STORE IS NOW OPEN FOR PRE-ORDERS!

Please visit https://melrose-united-church.square.site/ to order!
All orders must be picked up the day of the Bazaar!

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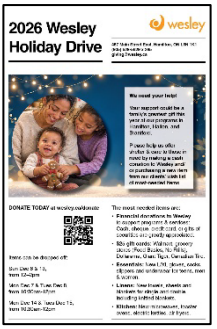

At Wesley, we support individuals and families in Hamilton, Halton and Brantford who are experiencing poverty, homelessness, and other challenges. Your generosity helps provide shelter, care, and essential support to those who need it most. This holiday season, you can make a difference by making a financial donation or purchasing a new item from our clients' wish list.

Most-Needed Items:

- **Financial Donations:** Cash, cheque, credit card, or gifts of securities to support Wesley's programs and services.**$25 Gift Cards:** Walmart, Food Basics, No Frills, PC Stores, Dollarama, Giant Tiger, and Canadian Tire.
- **Essentials:** New L/XL gloves, socks, slippers and underwear for teens, men, and women.
- **Linens:** New towels, single and double sheets, and blankets (including knitted blankets).
- **Kitchen Items:** New microwaves, toaster ovens, electric kettles, and air fryers.

Every gift makes a difference and helps Wesley continue creating positive change in our community. **To donate, please visit:** https://wesley.ca/giving/donate/

PAR

We love our monthly PAR (pre-authorised remittance) donors at Melrose United Church, and you can join the group! When you give monthly through PAR, you show that your giving and generosity are both dedicated and strategic. Your gifts help keep our mission sustainable and our community presence possible. Plus, it's so good for your spiritual health. So, if you've been thinking about becoming a monthly donor or thinking about making changes to your PAR contribution but have been holding out for the right time, this is it! PAR forms are available at the front of the Church or contact Sue in the Church Office for more information, melrose@melroseunited.ca. Speak with Tabitha for more information, too!

Saturday, November 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. This week we will be meeting on the stage in the Auditorium during the Mistletoe Bazaar! Come say hello!



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

Saturday, November 28th ~ 2pm & 5pm



McMaster University Choir Presents: A World Alive
The McMaster University Choir and Vocal Ensemble come together in performance at Melrose. Tickets are $10 for students, $25 for general admission. Tickets are available at https://www.showpass.com/muc-fall-concert/ or at the door.



Sunday, November 29th @ 2:30pm
Women of Song Concert ~ Let It Snow!
On Sunday, November 29, Women of Song will be presenting our Annual Holiday Concert, "Let It Snow!" at Melrose United Church from 2:30 to 4:00pm. Women of Song have been busy rehearsing and will be joined by other local talent for your listening enjoyment. Tickets are now on sale! Prices are $25 for adults, $20 for seniors and students, children under 12 free of charge! Tickets available at https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/let-it-snow-concert or at the door.



Sunday, December 4th ! Christmas Movie Party
Join us for our annual Christmas Movie Party in the Auditorium! A classic Christmas movie! Crafts! Cookies! Hot Chocolate! Fun for all ages!

Sunday, December 13th ~
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!



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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