MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, October 18, 2026
21st Sunday After Pentecost

We Gather

✞ **Please stand as you are able.**

The PRELUDE ~ Palace Beautiful, R. Shepherd

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

✞ *The* PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty VU 220

WELCOME *and* LIFE *of the* CHURCH

The LIGHTING *of the* CANDLE *of* PEACE

The LIGHTING *of the* CHRIST CANDLE

One: We light our candle this morning, a reminder of Christ's presence among us,
All: And God's Spirit within us.
One: We worship in the light of Christ
All: Who brings clarity and understanding to God's ways.

The CALL *to* WORSHIP

One: Worship is a time to praise our Creator, to wonder at the mystery of our creation.
All: We worship expectantly, trusting that God will touch our lives.
One: We worship inquisitively, seeking to know more completely what God requires of us.
All: And through the Holy Spirit, God speaks to us and guides our lives.

The OPENING PRAYER

✞ *A* HYMN ~ O Joy of God VU 407

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

The PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

The ASSURANCE *of* PARDON

One: Through Christ we have received God's mercy and grace.
All: We can let go of our worries about the wrong we may have done,
One: We can live new and forgiven lives before God and others.
All: For this, we praise our God.

We Listen

The PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION

One: God, you speak to us in so many ways. Speak to us now through the reading of scripture. Help us to hear your voice and follow your way. Amen

Reader ~ Tabitha de Bruin

The FIRST LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1– 10

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

✞ *The* RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 96 VU 816

The GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22: 15 – 22

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

The SERMON ~ "A Good Likeness"

The ANTHEM ~ Psalm 100, R.B. Anderson

We Respond

The INVITATION *to the* OFFERING

✞ *The* OFFERTORY HYMN ~
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU 541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator Word and Spirit, One.

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 ~ O God of Every Nation VU 677

The COMMISSIONING *and* BENEDICTION

The CHORAL BENEDICTION ~ Sevenfold Amen, J. Stainer

The POSTLUDE ~ Prelude in E minor, WTC 1, J.S. Bach

Today's greeters are Sandra Groves Winniger and Gwyn Xagoraris

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!

Children's T-Shirts Needed!
We are looking for old children's t-shirts 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!

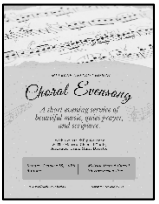
Are you interested in becoming more involved at Melrose?
The following rewarding positions are available!

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.

TODAY! Sunday, October 18th
Choral Evensong @ 5:00pm



A short evening service of beautiful music, quiet prayer and scripture with Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner and the Melrose Chancel Choir.



TODAY! Sunday, October 18th
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 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.



Friday, October 23rd ~ Progressive Euchre
Doors open at 7pm, games start at 7:30pm sharp! Beginners welcome!

Saturday, November 21st
Mistletoe Bazaar @ 9:00am – noon



The Mistletoe bazaar is coming on November 21st! The following volunteer positions are needed:
- greeters
- cashier at the cookie walk
- tear down crew: 12:30 pm
- bake table sellers
- distributer of prepaid advanced orders
- 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.

United Church Calendar's are now available!
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.

Cooking in the Kitchen
Starting Monday, September 21 from 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
Sue will be out of the office on Monday, October 19th and Tuesday October 20th to attend the Annual Professional Church Secretaries and Administrators Conference. This year the Conference is being held at Lambton Centre on the shores of Lake Huron.

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 is open Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm.

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