



**Sunday, December 1, 2024**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — John Harder

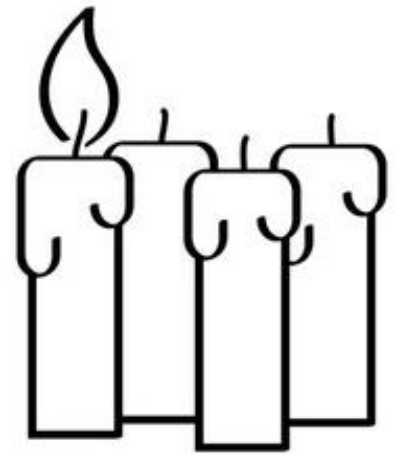
Speaker — Chris Hutton

*With voice and heart we worship God together at NLUMC.*

*We strive to be a welcoming community who live our faith  
in active and practical ways of discipleship and service.*

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## Order of Worship



Announcements

Justice and Peace Candle Lighting

Call to worship and opening prayer

VT #218, *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Lighting of First Advent Candle

Offering with hymn VT #210, *O Come, O Come, Immanuel*, verses 1, 4, 6, 7

Children's time

Scripture reading — Psalm 46

Message — Together on the Journey #1: The Journey to Christmas Begins

Communion

VT #211, *Hope is a Candle*

Sharing and congregational prayer

Closing hymn VT #259, *To Us a Child of Hope Is Born*

Benediction

*Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the worship service.*

**Today . . .** The early church combined the celebration of Communion with a program of offering food to the less fortunate. The Missions Team recommends that we follow a similar practice through the donation of grocery cards. Come celebrate Communion and drop off a grocery card for SECC. Donations can also be made at <https://www.secc.on.ca/donate/>

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# Church Life . . .

## ◆ Next Sunday, Second Sunday of Advent, December 8

Join us for worship at 10 am on the Second Sunday of Advent as we continue our Advent series “Together on the Journey” with Sandra Warkentin leading worship and Chris Hutton bringing the message.

## ◆ Worship Team meeting, Tuesday, December 3, 6:30 pm.

◆ **Community Building Team News.** Pizza Night is the **second Friday of each month** at the Roma Club, Leamington. Bring your family - everyone orders and pays for their own pizza and drink. **Friday, December 13** will be the next gathering. Doors open 6 – 10 pm. Come as you are available.

## ◆ Missions Team News

► Our table is set for 13!! \$8,235 has been raised! Thanks to all who support the Community Meal, making it possible to serve delicious, hearty meals to our neighbours.

► **Keeping Heads Warm! Toques for Kids!** According to Major Judi Wickens at The Salvation Army, the need for winter wear in our community is great. The Missions Team is collecting winter hats, mitts and gloves for one more week. Please leave your donations in the bin.

## ◆ Anyone travelling to Concord/Vaughan, ON?

The Church photo directories are being printed in Concord, ON with an estimated delivery around Christmas time. Due to the Canada Post strike they would have to source another shipping mode and we just wondered if anyone might be travelling that way near the end of December/beginning of January. If so, please let Brenda Fischer know and we will see if schedules might coincide.

## ◆ Donations to NLUMC

► Have you considered increasing your automatic transfer donation amount?  
► Your donations to NLUMC can also be offered through Abundance Canada if your family is setting up a Gifting Fund through charitable stocks and bonds in-kind. Visit <https://abundance.ca>

► Donations are accepted by:

- 1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan
- 2) E-transfer – email [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com) - include member # in message
- 3) Offering on Sunday morning

Contact Susan Klassen, [office@nlumc.com](mailto:office@nlumc.com); or Brenda Klassen, [treasurer@nlumc.com](mailto:treasurer@nlumc.com)

◆ News address for — Irma Janzen



— Upcoming Events —

**Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22**

10 am worship.

Together on the Journey: Who lends a hand?  
The children will share songs with the congregation.

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## Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ **Soli Deo Gloria Singers' Christmas Concert**

“Hear the Good News” **Sunday, December 1** at 3 pm at Leamington United Mennonite Church, 78 Oak St.E, Suggested donation: \$20. Everyone welcome.

◆ **Lights of Life, Wednesday, December 4, 5:30 pm.** Honour a loved one this season with a dedicated light at Erie Shores HealthCare's Light of Life ceremony. Each light shines in remembrance, symbolizing love and memory, while your donation supports vital spiritual care services for patients and families. Go to [Donate - Lights of Life - ESHC Lights of Life](#) *Donations must be received by Monday, December 2.*

◆ **Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News**

Travelogue at 7 pm at the Heritage Centre. Everyone welcome by donation.  
**Friday, December 6:** *Ukraine Heritage Cruise 2008* by John Dick

◆ **UMEI Christian High School News**

▶ UMEI's Senior Drama Class presents *James and the Giant Peach* on **Friday, December 13 at 7 pm** and **Saturday, December 14 at 2 pm.** Tickets can be purchased ahead of time in the office at UMEI or at the door.

▶ **UMEI's Choir Christmas Concert** will be held on **Tuesday, December 17** at 7 pm at Faith Mennonite Church. All are welcome.

▶ Thank you to all the generous donors who have already supported our Annual Autumn Campaign. The contributions we have received have made a tremendous impact on UMEI, enabling us to continue offering high quality Christian education to students in our community. We are just over halfway to our goal, and we would be honoured if you continued to help us make a difference in the lives of our students. Donations can be made by e-transfer to [office@umei.ca](mailto:office@umei.ca) or on our website at [umei.ca/giving](http://umei.ca/giving).

## ◆ **Carolinian Wild Church**

Do you want to watch the sun set? Try Wild Church. Worship outdoors with creation and people who are seeking restorative solitude and community.

**Sunday December 15**, at 4 pm, Lakeside Park—315 Queen St, Kingsville.

Meet at the pavilion by the lake. Bring a chair or a blanket. Dress for the weather. For more information call Ruth at 519-990-2869.

## ◆ **Mennonite Central Committee**

Choosing a gift for someone can be a challenge, especially at Christmas. Sometimes the task is easier because a list has been made and the only choice is what gift from the list you choose to buy and give. My family started making lists like this a few years ago and it does make the Christmas shopping experience much easier. **The MCC Christmas Giving Guide** allows you to buy a gift for a family in a way that can transform their lives through resources such as clean water, nutritious food or quality education. There are several guides in the church foyer. The guide is also at [Christmas Giving | Mennonite Central Committee](#)

## ◆ **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp**

► **Winter and Spring Retreats Registration opens December 1** at 12 pm. Come to Silver Lake in 2025 for fun camp experiences! On the calendar are... Fathers & Kids Retreat (January 17-19), Women's Retreat (January 31-February 2), Winter Camp for Grown-Ups (February 28-March 2), Staff Alumni Retreat (March 21-23), Music Retreat (March 28-30), Family Camp (May 16-18). Go to [slmc.ca/retreats](http://slmc.ca/retreats) for more info.

► **Summer Camp:** Registration for overnight camp and day camp opens February 1 at 8 am. Outtrip registration opens January 7 – sign up before January 30 to get \$100 off! Visit [slmc.ca/summer-camp](http://slmc.ca/summer-camp) to have a sneak peek at the 2025 schedule.

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## **Junior Youth**

**Christmas Party, Friday, December 13, 6:30 - 8:30 pm** at the church.

## **Senior Youth**

**Christmas Party, Monday, December 9, 6:30 - 8:30 pm** at the church.

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## Thought for the Day

“Be still and know that I am God!  
I will be honored by every nation.  
I will be honored throughout the world.”  
Psalm 46:10

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## Prayer List . . .

**Neighbouring Congregation** — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **Life Church Leamington** and their pastor Edmond.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada**, prays for one of our congregations. This week, MCEC churches are praying for **North Leamington**. Let us pray for all churches in MCEC.

**Congratulations to** —

*Rosalind Regehr & Roger Castillo* on their marriage, October 26, 2024.

*Erin Tiessen & Wesley Dymond* on their marriage, November 16, 2024.

*Alexandria Fischer & Matthew Janisse* on their marriage, November 23, 2024.

**To view more information from MCEC** go to [News & Events - Mennonite Church Eastern Canada \(mceec.ca\)](https://www.mceec.ca)

**Missions** — see Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for giving opportunities, [www.mcc.org](http://www.mcc.org)

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## Connect . . .

- Check out our church website at [nlumc.com](http://nlumc.com), including YouTube videos of our past services.
  - Watch our Sunday morning service via YouTube livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCdn1sLuXDZYqHsEyd92k0g/featured>
  - Get updates on our ministries by joining our Facebook group.
  - See photos of what we are doing on our Instagram page.
  - Contact the church office, pastor or Council members for information.
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## Care . . .

If you are aware of any crises needs or visitation needs within our community of faith, please contact the church office or Linda Driedger, Caregiving Team chairperson, 519-733-6130.

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## Contacts . . .

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