



Sunday, December 29, 2024

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Paul Cornies

Speaker — David Hrynyk

*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.*

Order of Worship

VT #240, *Joy to the World*

Welcome and announcements

Justice and Peace Candle lighting

Christ candle lighting

Responsive reading

Call to worship

Offering with hymn VT #249, *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Story time

Scripture reading — Luke 2:21-38

VT #258, *Love Has Come*

Message — Simeon, Anna, and the Kingdom of God

VT #253, *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* (vs. 1, 3, 6)

Sharing time and prayer

VT #247, *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Benediction

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

Church Life . . .

◆ **Join us Next Sunday, January 5** at 10 am when Judy Cornies leads worship and Mary Krueger brings the message.

◆ **Painting in Church.** Maintenance Team wants to do some prep work in early January so that in mid-January some painting can happen in the building. Volunteer painters will be needed. More details to follow.

◆ **Donations to NLUMC**

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>

**The church office will be closed
Wednesday, January 1, 2025
for the New Year's Day holiday.**

We will reopen again on Thursday, January 2 at 9 am.

Community/Conference Events . . .

◆ Essex Kent Mennonite Historical Association News

Travelogues at the Heritage Centre at 7 pm.

Friday, January 10 — *Japan* by Paul and Leasa Barkovsky

Friday, January 17 — *Romania* by Luise Taves

Friday, January 31 — “Power of the Past” book launch by Louise Cornies
Everyone welcome. Admission by donation.

◆ Mennonite Burial Society

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held both in person at Scott Street Church (www.scottstchurch.ca) 339 Scott Street, St. Catharines, Ontario, and online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7404216638> on **Saturday, January 11** at 2 pm. Agenda will be similar to past AGMs, discussing 2024 results, 2025 levies and benefit payments, and future plans. Board and committee positions are available. Further details available at www.mennoniteburialsociety.com, or Barry Boese at 905-228-1850 or email info@mennoniteburialsociety.com

◆ Join the Sacred Conversation! Reclaiming the art of the sermon as a dialogue in Jesus' way. A dialogical preaching workshop led by Rielly McLaren. He is a chaplain, pastor and spiritual director in Windsor, Ontario. Join us on **Sunday, January 19, 2025** from 1-3 pm at Faith Mennonite Church, 269 Sherk St. Leamington. Online or via Zoom. Rielly will be modelling this method in worship at 10:30. Lunch available. Join us as you are able. Register by calling 519-990-2869 or click <https://forms.gle/wvFERZtkpo5yTRF29>.

"Dialogical preaching encourages Christ-like discipleship through mutual listening and learning." If you know of someone in your congregation - a lay preacher or team member, please share this opportunity with them. The cost is free as this event is possible through a Vital Worship, Vital Preaching Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.

◆ Support MCEC's Future: Your Help Is Needed! This season, remember MCEC in your giving. MCEC faces a financial challenge and needs your support by **January 31, 2025** to meet the approved budget. Churches are finding renewed purpose and reimagining ministry, and they're privileged to journey with them—and they can't do it alone. Your donation fuels MCEC's transformational work. Visit mcec.ca/annual-appeal to give today!

Thought for the Day

How do you see God at work in your everyday life?
How might you participate in what God is doing?

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda** and their lay leaders.

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

Missions — see Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) for giving opportunities, www.mcc.org

Connect . . .

- Check out our church website at 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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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 3 pm.