North Leamington United Mennonite Church

Sunday, December 21, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship Service — 10 am

Worship Leader — Chani Wiens
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.

Order of Worship

Welcome and announcements
Lighting the Justice & Peace candle
Call to worship
Worship band –
Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)
Angels We Have Heard On High
Here I Am To Worship
Opening prayer
Advent Candle lighting
Offering
Children's time
Scripture reading — John 1:1–5, 10, 14
Message — Be Amazed Part 4: Loves Comes Down
VT #250, *The First Noel*
Sharing time and prayer
VT #241, *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
Benediction

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

Church Life . . .

♦ Upcoming Christmas Services

► **Wednesday, December 24,** 7 pm. Join us for *"The Best Christmas Ever."* This Christmas, discover again how unexpected grace can change everything. Treat bags will be distributed to the children.

► **Thursday, December 25,** 10 am. Join us for *"A Child is Born."* How can one child give so much meaning to so many.

♦ **Next Sunday, December 28,** 10 am. Join us when Natalie Ferguson leads us through worship as we join in singing several Christmas selections.

♦ Sunday School News

There will be no children's Sunday School on Sunday, December 28 & Sunday, January 4. We will resume on January 11, 2026.

♦ Dear NLUMC Congregants,

The Personnel Team have begun the review process for Pastor Chris with the creation of a survey form that you may access via this link: https://forms.gle/DKezVFzH7R3Vrjpr6

If you prefer to use paper and pen, there will be printed copies of the form available in the church foyer; place in John Harder's mail slot when completed.

Considering this busy Advent and Christmas season, we ask for your submission no later than Sunday, January 4, 2026. We will compile all information, prepare a report, and finish the process by the Annual General Meeting later in January. Blessings to All, in the name of the One who came as a Child to live among us and teach us The Way of God!

The Personnel Team — John Harder, Mary Derksen and Joel Epp

♦ Giving to NLUMC. Donations are accepted by:

1) Automatic transfers – contact Susan;
2) E-transfer – email treasurer@nlumc.com - include member # in message;
3) Offering plate on Sunday morning

► Your donations help to support the work of our church - both, in our building and in our community!

► 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

► Contact Susan Klassen, office@nlumc.com; or Joel Epp, treasurer@nlumc.com with any questions.

Holiday Office Hours

Open

December 23, 30, January 2
(9 am – 3 pm)
December 31
(9 am – 1 pm)

Closed

December 24, 25, 26, January 1

Community/Conference Events . . .

♦ UMEI Christian High School News

Merry Christmas from the staff and students at UMEI! As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we send out heartfelt Christmas wishes to you. May his love, joy, and peace fill your hearts and homes this holiday season.

♦ Mennonite Burial Society

Our **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) will be held both in person at Scott Street Church (www.scottstchurch.ca) and online at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7404216638 on **Saturday, January 10, 2026** at 2 pm. Agenda will be similar to past AGMs, discussing past financial results, current year 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

Thought for the Day

So the Word became human and made his home among us.
He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness.
And we have seen his glory,
the glory of the Father's one and only Son.
John 1:14

Prayer List . . .

Neighbouring Congregation — Today, in our cycle of prayer, we are remembering **St. Mary's Anglican Church** on Pelee Island.

Each week MCEC, **Mennonite Church Eastern Canada,** prays for one of our congregations. This week, MCEC churches are praying for **Bloomingdale Mennonite Church** in Bloomingdale, Ontario.

To view more information from MCEC go to News & Events - Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (mcec.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.

Care . . .

If you are aware of any crisis 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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