

Woodslee United Church
Sunday, November 16, 2025
Luke 21:5-19
Minister: The Rev. Carl Emke
Pianist for Today: Diana Dennis



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP – PRELUDE

PRE-WORSHIP SINGING – (Starting at 9:50 a.m.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

We light the Christ candle to remind us that we want the light of Christ to shine on our time of worship; and that the words that the Pastor shares would point us to that light. This is the understanding of the symbolism of the lighted candle in front of the pulpit.

Jesus said in John 8:12, **“I am the Light of the World: the one who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”**

Each day is filled with promise, plans and possibilities. We look forward to God’s guidance in the living of our lives. The light from the Lord, symbolized by the Christ candle, is the light that we are following. The Christ candle reminds us that God’s light is before us.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
(only v.4 of VU #220)

PRAYER OF APPROACH: Heavenly Father, we are aware of our need to humble ourselves in Your presence. You are the God who loves us and cares for us. You are the Lord God Almighty; the One who always has an ear tuned in our direction, ready to hear our honest prayers. We need to know Your will for us today; we need to be in tune to the things that honour You. We know that there are times when we have wax in our ears, so we ask that You clean our ears so that we can hear what pleases You. We approach You in our worship this day. We come to You and place ourselves at Your service, and it is in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 21:5-19 (p. 856 in the Bible in the pew.)

HYMN: # 232 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

THE LORD’S PRAYER: 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 them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – A NEW CREED: We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the

Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER: Please remain seated as the pianist plays # 400
"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (sung twice)

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Diana Dennis is at the piano today. You may choose a hymn of your choice for us to sing together.

HYMN: # 842 "Unto the Hills"

SERMON: "Waiting Patiently ...?"

OUR GIFTS IN SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH:

The Bible tells us: "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits."

We read in Deuteronomy, "No one shall come into the presence of the Lord empty-handed. Each of you shall bring such a gift as he can in proportion to the blessing which the Lord your God has given you." The ushers will now receive the offering.

HYMN OF DEDICATION: MV #191 "What Can I Do?" (2 X)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN: “Be Still, My Soul” (Hymns for the Family of God # 77)

COMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “Go Now In Peace

POSTLUDE

Woodslee Pastoral Charge CCLI # 465534

Right after the service, please stay for a time of coffee, tea and refreshments in the Hall. You can enjoy friendship and fellowship as you share this casual time with each other. The friendships are a blessing, and the time together is a treat. TREAT YOURSELF!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep in your prayers all those listed on our prayer list and those living in care homes. Please also pray for family members of individuals who are facing the challenges of depression and the struggles that come with that. Pray for all of the people who are trying to understand their own feelings of loneliness and discouragement – that they may allow God to surround them with His love.

The ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED REGION has a prayer cycle that includes the churches in the Antler River Watershed area. On November 16, we are remembering the **College Avenue United Church**, located in Woodstock. The minister is Karen Willis. Pray that she and the church will be excited about the work they do for God.

Please pray for ... all of the cities, towns, and communities along the Eastern Seaboard of the United States as they are still coming to terms with the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Pray for the helpers as well as those being helped, that they may sense the love of God in their time of need.

Please be in prayer for the country of Haiti, as well as other countries in that area (like Jamaica and the Dominican Republic) that have been affected by Hurricane Melissa. May God give them strength for each moment.

Normal part-time weekday working hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. When involved in visiting, counseling, funeral, course, or taping, you may leave a message at the church (519-975-2252) or home (226-275-2118). Hours may change for meetings or appointments to a later time or another day. ~ Rev. Carl.

Socks For The Soul

Starting in November until December 15th, the Sunday School will be collecting warm socks for the men and women at Street Help. All donations can be put into the wrapped box in the hall. Be sure and fill out a draw ticket with your name and phone number each time you donate. A draw for a \$25 Tim Horton's gift card or a \$25 Iron Kettle gift card will take place on the 15th of December. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Sunday School Children

CAN YOU SMELL THE COFFEE?? Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the coffee is brewing and **YOU** are invited to join in as we munch, mingle and mindfully mull over whatever topics the conversation will unearth as we share in friendship. **During the coffee time, the only agenda is to appreciate one another's company.** We'd love to have you join us!!!

Upcoming Events Pre Christmas

November 30, 2025 **"Pack the pews with family and friends"**

Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to Lakeshore Food Bank. Guest musicians during the worship service
Pot Luck lunch after church service – Lasagna will be provided for the main course – if you want to provide side dishes/deserts they would be appreciated

December 4, 2025 - **Christmas Carolling through town**

Refreshments at the church following the carolling.

More information to follow.

Thought for the Day:

Kites rise highest against the wind, not with it. – Winston Churchill

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