

**Woodslee United Church**

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**

**Minister: The Rev. Carl Emke**

**Pianist for Today: Anita Leschied**

**Today's Worship Leaders: Gayle Mitchell & Roni Pinkney**

**Greeter for Today: Art Mitchell**



As you enter the sanctuary this morning, remember that we are entering a space in which we worship Almighty God. By your hushed reverence, please allow those who are already seated to focus their hearts on ways in which God might be speaking to them. At the same time, ask God to speak to your own heart. May the music that you hear be a blessing to your soul.

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP – PRELUDE**

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

**THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

**REFLECTIONS and PRAISE**

**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.”**

We are thankful for this year and this day when God has given us opportunities to worship Him with others of like precious faith. The Christ candle reminds us that we need Jesus Christ to guide us in each step that we take as we walk with God. We want to ‘step’ in the light of Jesus.

This morning, the Christ Candle will be lit by Mary Ruston

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP:** At Gods table of justice everyone has a place and none are turned away. Here strangers are welcomed and friends are honored. Come let us build a community pf peace. We gather in the name of the one who calls us all.

**PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

**O God, as we come together to worship You we pray that we may be aware of Your presence with us through the Holy Spirit. Open our ears to hear You speak to us through the songs we sing and the words we hear. Open our hearts, that being warmed by Your Spirit, we may be ready to continue with our daily tasks ready to witness to Your love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**HYMN: # 337 Blessed Assurance**

**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.

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:** Anita Leschied is the pianist for today.

As we listen to the music she presents, allow your heart to absorb the blessing of God. God is in the business of speaking to us as long as we are in the business of listening to Him.

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

**HYMN:** This is My Father’s World

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Ephesians 4:25, 29-32; 5:1-2

**MESSAGE:** “Did you hear the latest?”

**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:** # 664 “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

**COMMISSIONING**

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** “Go Now In Peace

**POSTLUDE**

Woodslee Pastoral Charge CCLI # 465534

**Right after the service**, please stay for a time of friendship and fellowship in the Hall. We hope that everyone can stay and enjoy this time together. The friendships are a blessing, and the time together is a treat. **TREAT YOURSELF!!!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please pray for** all those listed on our prayer list as well as those members 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. Please pray for those who are victims of injustice; for the families of those who are needlessly killed; for people who are brutalized and charged with crimes they have never committed. We know that this happens world-wide, in many races and cultures. Help us to treat all people with the respect and kindness they deserve.

**Mother's Day Vendor's Market: Saturday, May 2, 9 am – 2 pm.**  
gift items, bake table, lunch and tea room.

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE:

- Monday – from 12:30 - 4 p.m. -The Community Card Group plays euchre at the Church.
- Monday – evening – Karate at the Church.
- Tuesday – **9:30 -10:00 am** – The 'Knotty Blanketeers' will be meeting at the Church to bake for the Spring market.
- Wednesday – from 12:30 - 4 p.m. – The Community Card Group plays pepper at the Church.
- Thursday, 10 a.m. – Coffee time at the Church
- Sunday – 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School and Worship

**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!!!

The **Board** meeting for the first quarter of 2026 will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 7:00 pm. We will be establishing the guidelines for future meetings. Members of all committees are asked to attend.

Pool season is coming and the ladies group is hoping to offer a pool safety course along with a CPR certification course. Limited space available If anyone is interested please contact : Deb Deschaine @ 519-999-3329

**SPRING BOOK STUDY:** "Experiencing Jesus. Really." By John Eldridge on Tuesday evenings beginning April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:15-8:30 pm at Woodslee United. Study will run for four consecutive weeks. The books have been donated, so no cost to participants. Please let Libby know if you will be attending so you can get your book ahead of time. ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Annual Meeting of GessTwood Camp and the Windsor/Essex Development Fund will be held on Thursday, Apr.16 at 6 p.m. This is to take place at the GessTwood Grounds on Mole Sideroad. Please register on-line or call Ron Brown 519-982-0113; or Fred Barkerhouse 519-945-5120. REGISTER SOON if you plan to attend.

**IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE** – about what is going on in the wider United Church as a denomination, please google or call the United Church of Canada. You will be able to find out what mission causes are supported and what our official response is to various issues that arise in different parts of the globe.

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Typical working hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Hours may change for meetings or  
appointments.