



GLADWIN HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH
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November 5 2023



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Remember the time change on Saturday night!

We look forward to seeing you all this Sunday!
Worship is at 9:30am and Coffee time is immediately after.

We are encouraging you to wear a mask as cold season is upon us!

Facebook Service: We broadcast the Service via Facebook Live, for those of you who are unable make it in person. Go to the Gladwin Heights Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/Gladwin-Heights-United-Church-699893126828536>) and look for the Service by date. Please note if you are unable make it at worship time you can view it anytime on Facebook.

Scriptures for November 5, 2023

Micah 3:1-12
Psalm 43 [VU 769 R1]
Matthew 23:1-12

Hymns for November 5, 2023

MV 28 - "God of the Bible"
MV 157 - "I Am a Child of God"
VU 524 - "O Canada"
VU 700 - "God of Freedom, God of Justice"
MV 115 - "Behold, I Make All Things New"
MV 182 - "Grateful" [Chorus, v2, Chorus]

Happy Birthday

Betty Goudal	November 2
Connie Thompson	November 3
Yvette Wagner	November 6
Zoë Bowman	November 7
Elaine Assels	November 21
Jacob Greenan	November 27

2024 United Church Calendars for Sale: We have a limited supply of 2024 calendars for sale. \$8.50 each. Please let the office know if you would like one.

Ministers Message

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."
- Isaiah 7:10-16

Siblings in Christ,

I asked Zoë, "What should I talk about in my Minister's Message?"

"What sort of things are you supposed to put in it?" she responded.

"Well, something to give people hope for the month."

"Talk about my birthday!" she enthused.

Maybe I should, for there is something special about Fall and Winter birthdays. Spring and Summer birthdays seem more appropriate – a celebration of life while all of the natural world is bursting into life. November is the end of the Christian year; the end of the Season After Pentecost in which the Church comes into adulthood and lives out the promise of its birth in Christ. It seems perhaps a less auspicious, less appropriate time for a birthday. The natural world is shutting down.

Ahaz, king of Judah, is worried about the enemy forces arrayed against him. Like a proper Jew, he refuses to put God to the test by asking for a sign that all will be well, but God through the prophet Isaiah gives him one anyway. In the time it takes for a child to be born, be weaned, and develop a basic moral sense, the two kings who are causing him so much worry will be dead. In a time of fear and despair, when the land lies desolate

at the hands of the invaders, the birth of a child will be a sign of hope.

The birth of the child Jesus follows the same pattern: he is God's saving act and the sign of that act, in an era of fear, violence and oppression for the Jewish people under the Romans. Jesus will grow to adulthood and give his people hope, only to be crucified by the Romans – but God will vindicate his message of God's care and possibility, justice and mercy by raising him from death and glorifying him.

This is the reason for our peculiar Christian calendar. It ends not with Jesus' death or resurrection, but at the end of a long period in which the Church appropriates and lives out Jesus' promise for ourselves. That it culminates, in Reign of Christ Sunday, in the darkness of November only serves to emphasize the paradoxical nature of his victory over death, bringing light and hope in the darkness. This light and hope is born again, every year, when the nights are longest and the days shortest – but at his birth, the light begins to return.

At this dark time of the year, may you know the fullness of the possibility revealed in Christ; and may you look ahead to the Advent of our Lord.

Yours in Christ,
Tim

Regional Prayer Cycle for October 2023

<https://www.prayercycles.ca/> Each Prayer Cycle invites Prayer each week for a Community of Faith in the Region. You are encouraged to name the community in your worship, to email a message indicating your prayer support, to pray for church personnel, and to include an ecumenical / interfaith focus.

Oct 1 [Armstrong: Zion](#)

Oct 8 [Brechtin](#)

Oct 15 [Lynn Valley](#)

Oct 22 [Omineca](#)

Oct 29 [Crossroads](#)

gifts with vision: looking for a gift idea? Gifts with Vision are an additional way to support the work of The United Church of Canada's Mission and Service partners. Catalogs are in the Narthex or contact the office.

Upcoming happenings

November 4 2023 Cluster year-end Social: 10am to 1pm. The event includes a guest speaker, Congregational updates, a brief worship service and a chance to connect with our fellow cluster congregations. Bring a bagged lunch for yourself. Coffee, tea and desserts provided.

November 4, 2023 time Change: Just a reminder we gain an hour of time November 4. Remember to change your clocks!

November 8, 2023: UCW meeting at 2 pm.

November 23, 2023: Board meeting at 2 pm.

November 25 2023 Holiday Market & Tea: 1 to 4 pm. Bake sale, craft market, jams and jellies, children's crafts and a visit from Santa!

November 26 2023 Potluck Christmas Brunch: Please join us for our potluck Christmas lunch immediately following worship. Turkey and ham provided. Please bring a warm dish or dessert to share.



Lectionary for November 2023

Remembrance Sunday November 5

Joshua 3:7–17
Psalm 107:1–7, 33–37
Micah 3:5–12
Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9–13 Matthew 23:1–12

Twenty-Fourth after Pentecost November 12

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25
Psalm 78:1–7
Wisdom of Solomon 6:12–16 or Amos 5:18–24
Wisdom of Solomon 6:17–20 or Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
Matthew 25:1–13

Twenty-Fifth after Pentecost November 19

Judges 4:1–7
Psalm 123
Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18
Psalm 90:1–8, (9–11), 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 Matthew 25:14–30

Reign of Christ November 26

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24
Psalm 100
Psalm 95:1–7a
Ephesians 1:15–23
Matthew 25:31–46





Holiday Market and Tea
Saturday November 25 2023
1 - 4 pm

Gladwin Heights United Church
3474 Gladwin Road

Free admission

Including

Bake Sale

Craft Market

Jams & Jellies

Children's crafts

A Visit from Santa

Tea, hot chocolate, cider/holiday treat for \$6

GLADWIN HEIGHTS IS A SCENT FREE ZONE

Please do not wear scented product in our building.

Church office Hours:

St. Andrews' office is open 9:00am – 3:00 pm, Wednesday

Gladwin Heights' office is open 9:00am – 3:00 pm, Thursday

Remote office hours for both Gladwin Heights and St Andrew's are Monday and Tuesday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Reverend Tim's office hours:

Until January, Tim is working remotely on Mondays and on Thursday afternoons. He is in the Gladwin Heights office from 10 AM to 4 PM Tuesdays, and the Saint Andrew's office from 10 to 4 on Wednesdays. Some flexibility is possible; please call if you would like to schedule an appointment.

To contact Tim, call 778-791-3545 or email bowmantimothy@gmail.com.

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