

*Love*



# KINGSWAY-LAMBTON UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, December 21, 2025 | 10 am  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent



— ♥ —  
Whoever you are,  
wherever you're at,  
you are welcome.  
Join us on the  
journey!  
— ♥ —



**Coordinating Minister**  
Rev. Don Gibson

**Music Director**  
Nathan Gritter

**Organist**  
Paul Wisniewski

**Guest Musician**  
Carlene Brown – Trumpet


**Choir Section Leaders**  
Camille Labonte | Kate Tapp Mock  
Karen Hu | Rianna Robinson  
William Salinas-Crosby | Matthew Tissi  
Evan Hammell | Simon Vandenberg



Childcare for infants up to three years old is available in our nursery.  
Sunday School for JK to Grade 5 is available after our Children's Moment.



# Kingsway-Lambton United Church

The congregation is asked to stand at the “” symbol.




**Prelude:** *“Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland”*

J.S. Bach

**Words of Welcome**

**Call to Worship:** Micah 5: 2-5a

 **Opening Hymn:** VU 60 *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

Adeste Fideles

**Introit:** *“Let the Heavens be Glad”*


John Foley

**Prayer:** *“An Advent Prayer”* (VU 26)

**All:** Who are we, O God, that you should come to us?  
Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son.  
As we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy  
at the sound of your word, and move us by your spirit to bless your  
wonderful works. We ask this through him whose coming is certain,  
whose day draws near, even your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Advent Candle Lighting - LOVE**

The Bishop Family

 **All Sing:** A candle is burning, a candle of love,  
a candle to point us to heaven above.  
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,  
for Jesus is bringing God’s love to our earth. (VU 6 – vs. 4)

**Words of Assurance**

**One:** May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

**Sharing the Peace of Jesus Christ**

**Children’s Moment**

Victoria Efting

**Good News & Work of the Church**

**Offering**

**Anthem:** *“Love Came Down at Christmas”*

John Rutter

**Presentation of the Offering, Doxology, & Prayer of Dedication**

❁ **Doxology:** As they offered gifts most rare  
at that manger crude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to you, our heavenly King. (VU 81 – vs. 3)

**Scripture:** Matthew 1: 18-25  
Matthew 2: 13-23

Mary-Margaret MacInnes

**Sermon:** “*Father Joseph*”

Rev. Don Gibson

❁ **Hymn:** VU 36 “*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*”

Regent Square

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

❁ **Hymn:** VU 73 “*The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy*”

The Virgin Mary

❁ **Commissioning and Blessing**

❁ **Choral Benediction:** “*Hallelujah Chorus*”

from G.F. Handel’s *Messiah*



Please join us after worship for Coffee and Connection.



## Sunday School Curriculum!

The lesson this week is:  
“*Angels Visit*”

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1: 18-25

“During Advent we hear **good news**.  
**Jesus is coming!**  
**Angels** brought this good news  
to **Mary and Joseph.**”





# THANK YOU!



## *Lessons and Carols Appreciation*

Heartfelt thanks to all who planned and participated in our Lessons and Carols service. Through your gifts of music, scripture and service, you helped us reflect on the true story of Christmas.



## *St. Nicholas Soiree*

Many thanks to the Men's Group for creating such a joyful St. Nicholas Soiree. Your teamwork and festive spirit made the evening a true celebration of the season. The warmth of the evening was felt by all who attended.

## FOOD DRIVE

A huge Thank You to our church family for your generous donations to the food drive.



We are also deeply grateful for the donation received from Connie and Dan Dupak from the sale of their Artisanal Ornaments & Décor.

Your kindness and compassion reflect the joy and love of Christ and will make a meaningful difference for individuals and families in our community who are in need this Christmas.

Thank you for answering the call to serve and bless others.

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# UPCOMING SERVICES



## Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24 | 5:00 pm | In Person Only

The Excitement of Christmas ~ the baby arrives



Wednesday, December 24 | 10:00 pm | In Person & Online

Candlelight Communion Service



Christmas  
Eve

Dec 28

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas

Sunday, December 28 | 10:00 am | In Person Only

No Nursery Care or Sunday School

Jan 4

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in 2026

Sunday, January 4 | 10:00 am | In Person & Online



## Holiday Closure

The church office will be closed  
from 2:00 pm on Christmas Eve until  
9:00 am on Friday, January 2, 2026.

The building will also be closed except for our  
Christmas Eve Services and the service on December 28<sup>th</sup>.

For pastoral care, please leave a voicemail  
and someone will be in touch.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out the e-blast or KL website for further details.



## Warmth Initiative

**January 11 to 29**

Monday – Friday | 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Sunday | 8:30 am – 12:00 pm



**Can you help by donating used warm clothing to help folks experiencing homelessness?**

We will be collecting warm clothing for both **men & women**. Items should be in good shape.

**What can you do to help?**

Clear out your closets

Add socks/undies to your shopping list

Spread the word to your network of family, friends & neighbours!

**Items Needed:**

Coats, Hats, Mittens, Gloves, Boots, Sweaters, Hoodies, Fleece Tops, Pants, Sweats, Jeans

**Urgent Need:**

New Warm Socks and New Underwear (Regular and Long/Thermal)

## Year End Financial Information

Just a reminder that for **donations** to be included in your **2025 Income Tax Receipt**, they must be received by Kingsway-Lambton by 12 noon on Wednesday, December 31, 2025.



If you intend to make a Gift in Kind donation using publicly traded shares or stocks, please start the process with your financial agent as soon as possible so the transaction is completed prior to Dec 31, 2025.

**Offering Envelopes for 2026** are available for pickup.

They are in the hallway adjacent to the Chapel.

If you have any questions or would like offering envelopes, please contact Ed Mock at 416-234-8224 x 112 or by email [ed@kingswaylambton.ca](mailto:ed@kingswaylambton.ca)

Merry  
Christmas  
and  
happy new year

May the peace, joy and love of Christmas  
rest upon your hearts and may the promise  
of the New Year bring renewed hope.



UNTO US  
a child is born  
ISAIAH 9:6

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