

*Christmas Eve  
Candlelight  
Service*



# KINGSWAY-LAMBTON UNITED CHURCH

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 | 10 pm  
Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Communion Service



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

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



Nursery Care is not available at this service.



# Kingsway-Lambton United Church



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

**Prelude:** *“Christmas Chorale”*

K. Deigendesch

**Welcome!**

**Solo:** *“O Holy Night”*

Adolphe Adam

Soloist: Camille Labonte

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Rev. Don Gibson

**All:** The Babe of Bethlehem is the light of the world.  
May his light brightly shine in us.

**The Christ Candle is Lit**

☼ **Carol:** VU 60 *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*

Adeste Fideles

**Call to Worship:**

One: Arise! Shine!

All: God’s light has come to reveal the Way.

One: Arise! Shine!

All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

One: Arise! Shine!

All: God’s light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

One: Arise! Shine!

All: Nations shall come to God’s light, Arise! Shine!  
For the glory of God has arisen.

**Introit:** *“In the Bleak Midwinter”*

Harold Darke

**Reading:** Luke 2: 1 - 20

Janna Adair

## Prayer (in unison)

Immanuel God, we are here tonight looking for You. We come to cradle the holy in our arms, to hear the newborn cry of the Divine Creator, to see you decked out in flesh. We're here to consider the mysterious, to sense angels, and to catch a glimpse of the Star of all stars. We have need of such things, God. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

Janna Adair

🌸 Carol: VU 48 "*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*"

Mendelssohn

## Good News

## Call to Offer our Gifts

Anthem: "*Nativity Carol*"

John Rutter

🌸 Presentation Carol: VU 55 "*In the Bleak Midwinter*" (v.4)

Cranham

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

## Prayer

Reflection: "*Looking For Light*"

Rev. Don Gibson

## Communion

### Invitation to Communion

One: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I invite to this table, on this holy night, all who are aware of their need for forgiveness and renewal, who are willing to extend good will to their neighbours and who wish to walk in Christ's way.

### Prayer of Confession:

All: O God, we confess that we have fallen short in what we have said and done, and in what we have failed to say and do. We confess this to you and before one another. We ask your forgiveness and the power to be new people. Amen.

One: Jesus said often, "*Your sins are forgiven; your faith has made you whole.*" Through His life, death and resurrection we are assured that God loves us, understands our weaknesses, forgives and strengthens us.

### Blessing The Bread and Cup

### Distribution

*(Receiving Communion: come down the centre aisle to a serving station, take the bread, dip it in the cup & consume. Return by the side aisle. If you would like to be served in your seat, please indicate this to an usher.)*

🌸 **Carol:** VU 59 "*Joy to the World*" Antioch

*During the third verse, the Light of Christ is shared with the congregation.*

🌸 **Benediction**

🌸 **Carol:** VU 67 "*Silent Night*" Stille Nacht

**Postlude:** "*Symphonie sur le b fa*" N. Lebeque





# MEMORIAL FLOWERS



The flowers in front of the pulpit are in fond memory of the beautiful Diana who is always in our hearts and will never be forgotten, placed there by her loving family, Alastair, Andrew, Erica, Jackson and Tyler, Sarah, Victoria, JD, Hunter Aiden and Maeve.

The flowers in front of the lectern are placed in loving memory of Wendy Wynn from Brian, Kathie, Eric and Kirsten.



## 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.

Further details are available on our website and in our e-blast.

### 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.



**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)



# UPCOMING SERVICES



*Dec 28*

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

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

No Nursery Care or Sunday School

*"Continued..."*

Luke 2: 22-40

*Jan 4*

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

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

Nursery Care and Sunday School Resume

Epiphany Sunday | Lessons and Hymns

Isaiah 60: 1-6; John 1: 10-18; Luke 2: 21-38; Matthew 2: 1-12



## **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.

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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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