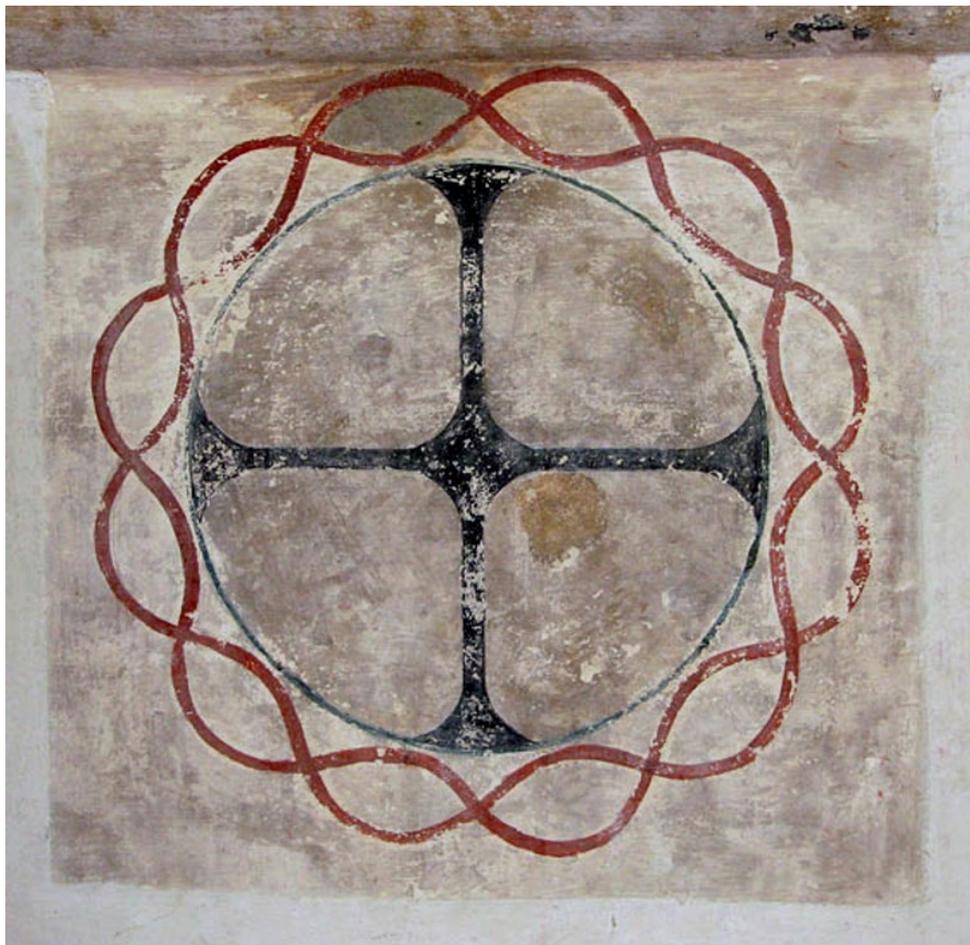




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*Consecration Cross
fresco in Church of All Saints, Norfolk, England, from 1307*

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Season after Epiphany
A Service of Word & Feast

1 February 2026 • 10:30 AM

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There is inexhaustible meaning in the statement that God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame them that are wise, and the weak things to confound those that are strong, but there is all the difference in the world between believing that and supposing that God takes delight in immaturity, incompetence, wishy-washiness and muddle.”

—J. H. Oldham (1874-1969), *Scottish Presbyterian missionary and ecumenist*

GATHERING 모임

The Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day, the day of Christ's resurrection

Prelude 전주

Tim Bailey

Gathering Chorus (Introit) 찬송 — “Far Above the Noise of Life” GENTLE VOICE

Far a - bove the noise of life, there's a voice that is
gent - ly call - ing. "Leave be - hind your
cares and strife. Come to me. I will give you rest.
Bring your fear and bring your pain. Bring your
an - ger and bring your wor - ry."
Do you hear the voice of Je - sus, gen - tly

In the ways we are able—in body or in spirit—we rise for those parts marked with an asterisk ^()*

call - ing, "Come un - to me"? Gen - tle voice, so
 full of love. Gen - tle words so rich in mer - cy.
 "You are my be - love - ed child.
 Come to me. I will give you rest."

Centring Quiet 집중을 위한 조용한 순간

We together hold an intentional period of quiet, during which worshippers are invited to centre themselves and prepare for the worship of God.

Greeting 인사

The Rev. Matthew Emery

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

Call to Worship 예배로 부름

Ross Shearer, diaconal ministries student

One: Hear what the Lord says:
 "Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
 and let the hills hear your voice."

Many: **With what shall we come before the Lord,
 and bow ourselves before God on high?**

One: Shall we come before the Lord with burnt-offerings...
 thousands of rams...
 tens of thousands of rivers of oil... ?

Many: **Shall we give life itself over for our transgressions—
 fruit of the body for the sin of the soul?**

One: The Holy One has told you, O mortal, what is good;
 and what does the Lord require of you

Many: **but to do justice, and to love kindness,
 and to walk humbly with your God?**

One: Let us begin that walk anew today. Let us worship God.

* Prayer of the Day 오늘의 기도

Ross Shearer

One: Let us pray.

Many: Foolish God,
shaming the strong
through the weakness of love,
turning upside down
the wisdom of the world:
may your blessing dwell
with the poor and hungry,
the grieving and abused;
may your peaceful revolution
be our joy and our reward
through Jesus Christ, the power of God. Amen.

* The Peace 평화의 인사

Rev. Matt

One: 그리스도의 평화가 당신과 함께 하시기를.
The peace of Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.
All are invited to share signs of Christ’s peace with those around them.

Words of Welcome & News from Our Life Together 교회소식

Rev. Matt

WORD 말씀

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

The Early Word 어린이 설교

Pastor Youngsun Cheon

ending with The Lord’s Prayer 회중기도와 주기도

<p>Many: 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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.</p>	<p>하늘에 계신 우리 아버지여, 이름이 거룩히 여김을 받으시옵고, 나라이 임하옵시며, 뜻이 하늘에서 이룬 것같이 땅에서도 이루어지이다. 오늘날 우리에게 일용할 양식을 주옵시고, 우리가 우리에게 죄 지은 자를 사하여 준 것같이 우리 죄를 사하여 주옵시고, 우리를 시험에 들게 하지 마옵시고, 다만 악에서 구하옵소서. 대개 나라와 권세와 영광이 아버지께 영원히 있사옵나이다. 아멘.</p>
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At the end of the refrain that follows, children in grade 5 and younger are welcome to go with the leader(s) to Children’s Church, in the Lounge on the lower level.

Refrain 찬송 — “God calls you good”

by Paul M. Vasile



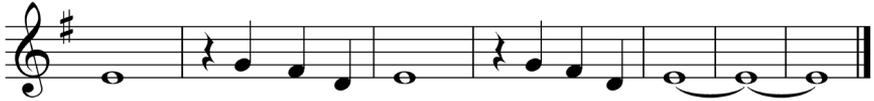
1 God calls you good, be-lov-ed child. You are a
2 God calls me good, be-love-ed child. I am a



trea - sure deep-ly prized. And you can say to ev -
trea - sure deep-ly prized. And I can say to ev -



ery doubt-ing voice, “God calls you good, be-lov-ed
ery doubt-ing voice, “God calls me good, be-lov-ed



child.” “God calls you good, be-lov-ed child.”
child.” “God calls me good, be-lov-ed child.”

Scripture Reading 성경봉독 — 1st Corinthians 1:18-31

pew bibles NT p. 116

According to the world’s standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

IN ENGLISH

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE

after the reading:

One: Amen.

Many: Amen.

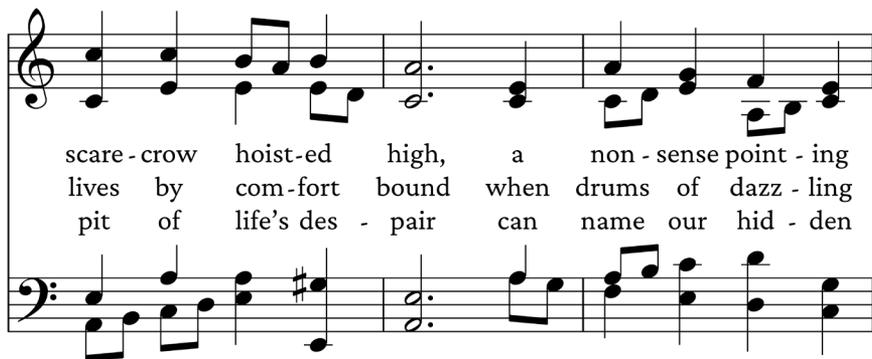
Sermon 설교 — “Cross Talk: Foolishness”

Rev. Matt

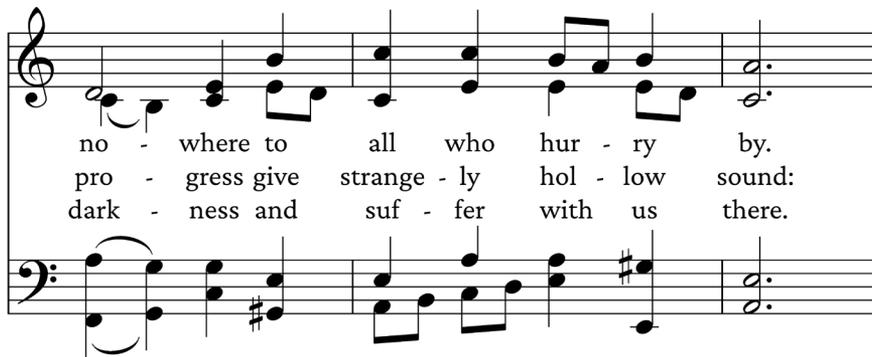
a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon



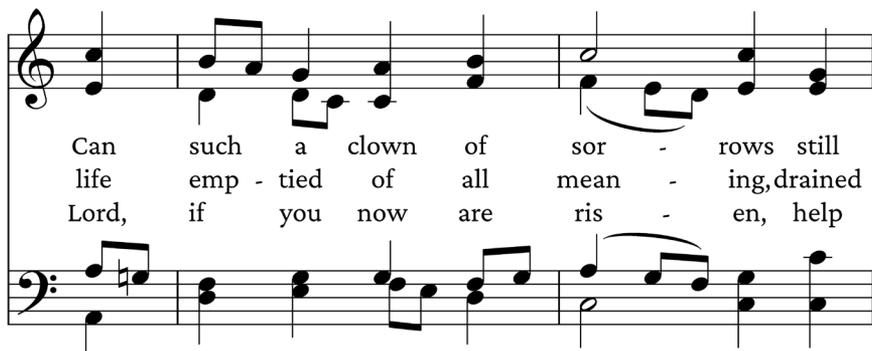
1 Here hangs a man dis - card - ed, a
2 Yet here is help and com - fort to
3 And love that free - ly en - tered the



scare - crow hoist - ed high, a non - sense point - ing
lives by com - fort bound when drums of daz - zling
pit of life's des - pair can name our hid - den



no - where to all who hur - ry by.
pro - gress give strange - ly hol - low sound:
dark - ness and suf - fer with us there.



Can such a clown of sor - rows still
life emp - tied of all mean - ing, drained
Lord, if you now are ris - en, help

bring a use - ful word where faith and love seem
 out in bleak dis - tress, can share in bro - ken
 all who long for light to hold the hand of

phan - toms and ev - 'ry hope ab - surd?
 si - lence our deep - est emp - ti - ness;
 prom - ise till faith re - ceives its sight.

The Prayers of the People 중보기도

Pastor Youngsun

THANKSGIVING 성찬

We dedicate the gifts of our lives, and God feeds us with the gift of the Presence of Christ in the feast of Holy Communion

Anthem — “You Make the Sun to Rise” by Craig Courtney

The Choir

You make the sun to rise with heav'nly glory; You fill the deep with life no eye has seen;
 You speak, and trees applaud, and stars assemble to hear Your myst'ry spoken once again.
 We do not hear the praise creation offers when we believe that we alone can sing.

How will we sing when words have lost all meaning? How can we serve those needs we will not see?
 How can our minds contain so great a yearning unless Your Spirit burns in us anew?
 With You, we'll soar on wings reserved for eagles. With You, we'll come to shores beyond our sight.

When we alone will name the wrong before us, But no one else will make our cause their own;
 When, in defeat, we flee into the desert, Lord, set a table for our weary souls.
 Come, take and eat, all you who faint with hunger, Then rise and seek your purpose once again.

As once Your Word flew out across the waters, So, still it broods above our groaning land,
 And sings a song of justice, peace and mercy, inviting all to join its healing song;
 For we can sing and worlds come into being; My our voice rise in harmony with You.

INTRODUCTION: A CALL TO GENEROSITY & RE-COMMITMENT

OFFERTORY HYMN 찬송

More Voices #1 – v. 1, 2

“Let us Build a House (All Are Welcome)”

LITANY OF DEDICATION 헌물과 서원을 바치는 기도문

One: Bless these gifts, gracious God,

Many: and bless all those who will be served because of them.

One: We bring our promise of giving in a new year

**Many: because we give thanks to you
and we hope for more of your work among us:**

One: a stronger church,

Many: a more compassionate world,

One: a homeless person sheltered,

Many: a hungry person fed,

One: a lonely soul loved,

Many: a child kept safe,

One: a people formed by your gospel,

Many: a world filled with your mercy,

One: a time brimming with real peace.

**All: Loving and mighty Creator,
speak your word into our weary world
and make all things new.**

**Guide us to live into the vision
of your infinite realm of peace and justice,
so that all your creatures may live in the glory you intend.
Empower us to partner with you
in the “foolishness” of Christ’s cross,
making new history in this place,
today and in every tomorrow. Amen.**

Hymn 찬송 — “Let us Build a House (All Are Welcome)”

More Voices #1 – v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving 성찬 감사기도

Rev. Matt & Pastor Youngsun

One: The Lord be with you.

prayer text inspired by the Epiphany chorale

Many: And also with you.

“Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern”

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.

In sending us your Son, Jesus, to be born of Mary, your Word became flesh, and we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory.

His name is above every name, the Prince of peace and Saviour of all.
In him we have been brought out of darkness into your marvellous light.
And so with all the choirs of angels,
with all the faithful of every time and every place,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!**

거룩 거룩 거룩하신 여호와 전능하신
하나님, 하늘과 땅이 주님의
영광으로 찬만하나이다. 호산나!
가장 높은 곳에서 주님을
찬양하나이다.

**Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

주님의 이름으로 오시는 이를
송축하나이다. 호산나! 가장 높은
곳에서 주님을 찬양하나이다.

One: Almighty Lord, we praise your shining light, your glowing grace.
From before the earth's foundation,
you loved us and promised us life forever.
Within the earth's deep sadness, we laud your great and glorious might.
Despite our tears and sinning, we sing of the gladness of your mercy.

We praise your Son, our Morning Star.
Christ is our diamond bright, our treasure dear.
He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love.
He keeps us yours and fails us never—today, tomorrow, and every day.

With joy we tell our story:

Many: Alleluia!

One: We call for your Spirit on us and this meal.
Refresh our souls with this heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son.
Nourish us as branches of your tree,
and enlighten us with your undying flame.

We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit.
Transport us in our yearning, and be for us the end and the beginning,
our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, our never-ending love.

And so we pray and praise:

Many: Amen, amen, amen, Amen!

An Open Table! When we celebrate Holy Communion we are *all* guests at the table, with Jesus himself as our host. We have not earned a place at the table, rather we are invited because of the amazing grace of God. For that reason, this celebration of the Holy Communion is open to all — including children—who wish to know the presence of Christ and the community of God’s people, and not merely members of this congregation or denomination. This is a *joyful* feast for *all* the people of God.

열린 식탁! 우리가 성찬식을 거행할 때, 우리는 예수님이 주인인 식탁의 모든 손님입니다. 우리는 하나님의 놀라운 은혜로 인해 초대받은 모든 사람입니다. 우리의 합당성 때문이 아니라, 하나님의 놀라운 은혜로 인해 초대받은 모든 사람입니다. 그렇기 때문에, 이 성찬식은 그리스도의 임재와 하나님의 백성의 공동체를 알고자 하는 모든 사람에게 열려 있으며, 이 교회나 교단의 구성원에게만 국한되지 않습니다. 그리고 여기에는 아이들도 포함됩니다. 이것은 하나님의 모든 백성에게 즐거운 잔치입니다.

Toutes les personnes sont les bienvenues et invitées à la fête de la communion !

ਸਾਰੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦਾ ਸਵਾਗਤ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਗਤੀ ਤਿਉਹਾਰ ਲਈ ਸੱਦਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ!

欢迎所有人参加圣餐节!

We receive communion at stations in the front of the church. You will come forward via the centre aisle to one of the stations to receive a piece of bread and a cup. Partake of these and return to your seat via the side aisles.

우리는 교회 앞 스테이션에서 성찬을 받습니다. 당신은 빵 한 조각과 컵을 받기 위해 스테이션 중 한 곳으로 나올 것입니다. 먹고 마시다. 영성체 장소를 떠날 때 초를 들고 다른 사람들과 함께 방 주변에 원을 그리십시오.

Anyone with mobility concerns may simply signal an usher or communion server to be brought the sacrament at your seat. All cups have non-alcoholic grape juice, and all bread is gluten-free.

거동이 불편한 분들이 계시다면 안내원이나 봉사자들에게 알려주십시오. 자리로 가져다 드리겠습니다. 모든 성찬 포도주는 클로버데일 교회의 관례대로 무알코올 포도주스, 빵은 전통 빵과 글루텐 프리 빵 중 선택하실 수 있도록 함께 제공됩니다.

Prayer after Communion 성찬 후의 기도

Pastor Youngsun

Many: O Morning Star, clear and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are the Brightness breaking our night
and filling our souls with light.
Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.

SENDING 파송

God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world

A Moment for Farewell: Emma Shi

* Hymn 찬송 — “Let us Build a House (All Are Welcome)” *More Voices #1* – v. 4, 5

* Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도

Rev. Matt

* RESPONSE 파송 찬양 — “God Be with You till We Meet...” V.U. #422 – v. 2

Music for harmony singing is available in the hymnal



2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro - tect - ing hide you,
2 우리 다 시 만 날 때 까 지 하 나 님 이 함 께 계 셔



dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
간 데 마 다 보 호 하 며 양 식 주 시 기 를 바 라 네



Till we meet, _____ till we meet, _____ till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
다 시 만 날 때 다 시 만 날 때 예 수 앞 에 만 날 때



till we meet, _____ till we meet, _____ God be with you till we meet a - gain.
다 시 만 날 때 다 시 만 날 때 그 때 까 지 계 심 바 라 네

* Dismissal 예배로 부름

Pastor Youngsun

One: Go in peace.

Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with the Holy One.

Many: Thanks be to God.

* Postlude 후주

Tim Bailey

Be Our Guest! Come on down to the Lower Hall for coffee or tea or another beverage, a bite to eat, and a chat! Access to the Lower Hall is down the stairs outside the door at the front right of the sanctuary or via the elevator at the front left of the sanctuary. Follow the crowds on down, or ask an usher to guide you... We look forward to seeing you!

Life at Cloverdale United Church

Worship

Many thanks to today's ...

readers: Margaret Rose

ushers/greeters: Ursula Maxwell-Lewis

digital ushers: Daniel Ariss, Ben Son

fellowship time hosts: UCW Luncheon and Annual Church Meeting

Many ways to give! We welcome your offering in the way that works for you: by cash or cheque in the offering plates, through automatic monthly gifts via Pre-Authorized Remittance (contact the office to enrol), by free eTransfer from your bank (to cloverdalepastoralcharge@gmail.com), or by credit card via CanadaHelps (service fees apply). Want to give now but don't have cash or cheque? Scan the QR → to be taken to CanadaHelps.



Children are welcome at all services! It is important for families to worship together. Don't feel your child must be absolutely quiet or still, for we are glad to have children—and all their wiggles, giggles, and squiggles—as part of our community and worship life! After all... as an old saying goes, “faith is caught, not taught!” Children are encouraged to stand and sing with the songs, partake in communion, read and pray along when they can, and join in for the “Early Word”—a time at the front with conversation just for them near the beginning of the service. Most Sundays September through June, we have “**Children's Church**” activities during the latter two-thirds of the service in the Lounge on the lower level, to which any pre-school through grade 5 aged child is welcome! For those accompanying infants or toddlers who need a spot to ‘escape’ to during the worship service, feel free to make use of the “**Quiet Room**” off the side of the sanctuary, near the piano, where there you will find comfortable seating, toys, and a changing table all while being able to hear and see the worship service.



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 **Washrooms** can be found just outside the sanctuary through the door at the front right of the space (the northeast corner of the room).

 Thank you for **silencing cell phones** and other devices, and for refraining from flash photography.

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Meet

**Annual Meeting of the Community of Faith—
TODAY, February 1, 2026:** *In accordance with the provisions in section B.5 of the Bylaws of The United Church of Canada, found in The Manual, 2025 edition...*

All members of the Cloverdale United Church are hereby called to the Annual Meeting of the Community of Faith, to be held on February 1, 2026, at approximately 11:45 am (following the Sunday morning worship service) in the CUC Lower Hall.



The agenda for the Annual Meeting includes reporting on the life of the Community of Faith over the past year, looking ahead at plans and visions for the coming year, approving the Church Council’s proposed budget, electing new Church Council members or other officers, and other matters pertaining to the business and governance of our Community of Faith.

At least 20 full members of the congregation must be in attendance in order to conduct business. Adherents (regular participants in our congregation’s life who have not [yet] become members) are also invited and encouraged to attend; we customarily vote to extend the privilege of participation and voting in the meeting to adherents when permitted.

For this year’s meeting, we’ll have the joy of gathering in fellowship over food, too, as the meeting will take place together with a **luncheon** prepared by congregants active with our community of faith’s United Church Women unit.

Attendance and participation in the Annual Meeting will also be available for remote participants via Zoom, at the same Zoom link as is used for CUC worship services.

Sunshine / Friendship: Funshine meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 4th in the Lounge at 1:30PM.** Looking forward to seeing everyone there.



Serve

You Serve with your Stewardship: *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” (Matthew 5:9)* Stewarding a heart of love helps us to live out Jesus’ teaching in the Beatitudes. As children of God we strive for peace, justice, and dignity for all God’s beloved creation. In Christ, we are called to love.

Pray

New this week...

- In thanksgiving for another year in the life, mission, ministry, and witness of our particular portion of Christ’s church gathered as the **Cloverdale United Church.**
- For the **Minneapolis** community and all across the United States still reeling from the killings by federal agents of Alex Pretti and Renee Goode, and for strength and courage to continue among all those working to resist the rise of authoritarianism.
- For **Jean** and **Ernest**, both recently hospitalized.
- For the **Pacific Mountain Regional Council** of The United Church of Canada, our regional council president the Rev. Dr. **Simon** LeSieur, our executive minister **Treena** Duncan, our regional council’s executive council, staff, youth council, and all those serving on the regional council’s various sub-councils, committees, and working groups. *(from The United Church’s regional council prayer cycles)*
- For the nations and peoples of **Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara,** and **Tunisia.** *We give you thanks, O God, for:* how the early Christian church developed here; the biodiversity of plants, animals and the natural terrain; how Berber, Arab, and European cultures have blended; how these countries have remained and stood against the invasion of cultural and military forces from elsewhere... *And we pray to you, O God, for:* all the people of these countries: Muslims, the tiny remnant of Christians, those of other faiths who continuing bearing witness to their faiths, and for all people of good will; an end to political violence; an end to how dominating powers have fought over these lands and their resources through the years; and for those suffering exploitation and mistreatment as they travel through these countries. *(from the World Council of Churches’ prayer cycle)*

Ongoing...

- For **David**, brother of Mary, recently in hospital in England with a brain bleed, having contracted a blood disorder after COVID.
- For all **political leaders, elected officials, and civil servants**, municipally, regionally, provincially, federally, and internationally.
- For **Bill**, husband of Glenys, continuing to face surgeries and recovery following a severe eye injury last year.
- For the **people of Iran**.
- For those being targeted in the flood of **extortion**-linked shootings and violence.
- For **Pam**, friend of Carole, fighting pancreatic cancer.
- For **our world community** in the midst of what feel like unprecedented global geo-political stressors.
- God of grace and courage, we lift up to you **all those facing the scourge of addiction**, in all its forms. Pour out your power and help them join with you in breaking the bonds that keep them captive.
- Bring help and hope, O God, to all **those facing food insecurity**.
- Hold in your heart, O God, all **those journeying with dementia, Alzheimer's, and other forms of cognitive decline**, and pour strength into those who find themselves as caregivers.
- Lift up, defend, protect, and comfort the people of **Gaza**, good Lord, as they continue facing the violence, starvation, and devastation that has been wrought upon them.
- For those of our congregation who are homebound, incarcerated, in long-term nursing care, or otherwise unable to be with us regularly, including: **Roger, Lorraine, Pauline, Eileen, Joyce, Gerrit, Brenda Steele, and Roy**.

Additions to the prayer list are always welcome! Submissions received in the office by 9:00 am Thursday morning will appear in the bulletin. Petitions regarding specific individuals or circumstances will only be retained on the prayer list for 3 weeks at a time (but can be renewed if changes in the situation warrant).

Other news and notes

New Member Chort & Inquirers' Sessions are coming up: Are you interested in learning about Cloverdale United Church, The United Church of Canada more broadly, our particular faith perspective, history, and more? Might you consider saying a fuller "Yes!" to God and to this particular community by becoming a full member of Cloverdale United Church? If either or both of these are the case, then listen up!



We are preparing for our **next cohort of new full members** to officially be received into the membership of our Community of Faith in worship on **Sunday, March 1st**.

In preparation for the new member joining on March 1st, we are looking forward to a couple of brief "**inquirers sessions**" for interested participants. Rev. Matt is planning to offer one such session in evening of Wednesday, February 11th, starting at 6:30 pm, and one following Sunday worship on Sunday, February 22nd. Please let Rev. Matt know if you'd be interested in participating and, if so, which of the dates work for you.

Now, to be absolutely clear, in The United Church of Canada and here at Cloverdale United Church, membership status is not a barrier to taking part in who we are and what we do. We welcome people into nearly all aspects of the life, mission, and ministry of our community of faith regardless of official membership status. Ours are open doors, an open table, and an open community. We give thanks for your presence, your prayers, your participation, and your passions. For many people, though, there is a special "something" to becoming an official full member of the congregation... a statement of covenant, a deepening of the commitment to live and work together in shared discipleship to Jesus Christ, and a public acknowledgment of your embrace of, and your being embraced by, the community of faith.

Whether you know you are interested in full membership (including membership via transfer from another congregation), or you are undecided and simply intrigued about an opportunity to learn a little more via one of the Inquirers' Sessions, please let Rev. Matt know so that he can make sure you're included: matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca or 604-574-5813.

Staff Doings - week of February 2: Please note that our lead minister, the Rev. Matthew Emery, will be away on vacation Monday, February 2, through Monday, February 9. Our associate minister, Youngsun Cheon, is on-call for pastoral emergencies or other concerns while Rev. Matt is away; he can be reached at the church at 604-574-5813, via email at youngsun@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca, or via phone or text message on his cell phone at 604-767-3517.

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DOINGS

Coldest Night of the year Walk: Glenys McFarlane has joined Northwood United in promoting the Coldest Night of the Year Walk, taking place on Saturday, February 28. This important event supports a great cause, and there are many ways to participate, whether by walking or by making a donation if you prefer not to walk. Information and donation details can be found at the link here <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1038186> Thank you for your generosity and for supporting this meaningful cause!



Tax Receipts are ready for pick-up

Tax receipts for donations in the year 2025 will be available for pickup in the narthex. Please find Judy Cook after the service.

God's Mission, Our Gifts

The Heart of Winter: In many places in February, winter persists with its short days and lingering cold. Everything seems to take a little more effort—getting out the door, checking in on one another, and finding energy when the season feels heavy.

This time of year can feel long. But it's also a reminder that care is deeply needed. Through Mission and Service, that care shows up in practical, meaningful ways.

Through your generosity, Mission and Service partners are a consistent presence in the middle of winter—whether there's snow or heat. Partners are supporting people facing food insecurity, displacement, isolation, and uncertainty. Your support becomes warmth, stability, and care where it's needed now.

Hope in winter doesn't have to be dramatic. Sometimes it looks like consistency. Sometimes it looks like staying engaged in the face of enduring hardships. Mission and Service partners respond to the needs of their communities with commitment and creativity—and your support is needed to give them the flexibility to do that work well.

Thank you for continuing to walk alongside Mission and Service partners. Your generosity <https://united-church.ca/donate> makes a difference—steadily and when it matters most.



Agenda: Annual Meeting of the Community of Faith

Welcome (incl. reminders on how voting will be conducted) & Call to Order	<i>Daniel Ariss, chair</i>
Opening Prayer	<i>Rev. Matthew Emery, lead minister</i>
Motion to Allow Adherents to Vote (members only)	<i>Daniel Ariss</i>
Suggested Motion: <i>Be it moved that voting privileges be extended to Adherents of Cloverdale United Church during the February 1, 2026, CUC Annual Congregational meeting.</i>	
Announcements Regarding the Annual Report	<i>Daniel Ariss</i>
Approval of Minutes from the Meetings of the Congregation in 2025	<i>Daniel Ariss</i>
Minister's Address to the Annual Meeting	<i>Rev. Matthew Emery</i>
Council Chair's Address to the Annual Meeting	<i>Daniel Ariss</i>
Questions for Committees and Ministry Teams	<i>Daniel Ariss</i>
<i>Any questions or comments from the floor?</i>	
Trustee's Report	<i>Dianne Nichols, chair of Trustees</i>
Treasurer's Report	<i>Lori Presunka, treasurer</i>
Approval of the 2025 Financial Statements	<i>Daniel Ariss</i>
Presentation on the Proposed 2026 Budget	<i>Rev. Matthew Emery & Lori Presunka</i>
Adoption of the 2026 Budget	<i>Daniel Ariss</i>
Nominations from the Floor	<i>Daniel Ariss</i>
Elections	<i>Daniel Ariss</i>
New Business	
<i>Are there any other items of new business to be brought forward that are believed to be in order for this meeting?</i>	
Memorials	<i>Sharlene Jonasson</i>
Gratitudes	<i>Daniel Ariss</i>
Call For Adjournment	<i>Daniel Ariss</i>

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The nominating committee nominates the following individuals for election for a one-year term, ending with the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Community of Faith:

Church Council positions

Church Council Chair & Chair of the Annual Meeting:	Daniel Ariss
Church Council Secretary & Secretary of the Annual Meeting:	Glenys McFarlane
Treasurer:	Lori Presunka
Representative to the Pacific Mountain Regional Council:	Sharlene Jonasson
Ministry & Personnel Chair:	Laurel Zulke
Property & Maintenance Chair:	Lewis Corkum
UCW Representative:	Marguerite Cryer
Worship Committee Chair:	Sharlene Jonasson
Church Council Member-at-Large:	Ursula Maxwell-Lewis
Church Council Member-at-Large:	Christine Connal

WELCOME TO CLOVERDALE UNITED CHURCH!

As we say at nearly every worship service, “No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey God welcomes you... and so do we.”

We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God knows we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We come from different religious backgrounds, we bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we gather and worship God together as one.

In this lovely old church, we do Sunday morning in some fairly traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We gather around the waters of grace and the feast table of Christ, just as Christians have done for nearly two thousand years. Some of the songs we sing (certainly not *all* of them, though) are ones our grandparents might also have sung in their day. And yet, amidst rituals and rites rooting us in a deep heritage, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world and we listen for God’s Spirit still speaking into our lives today. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stick around. Have a cup of coffee or a bite to eat with us. Introduce yourself to other worshippers or our pastor. There are plenty of opportunities here to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

We are a welcoming, historic, and progressive Christian community, reaching out from the historic heart of Surrey at Cloverdale since 1875. We seek to thrive in faith through relationship with God, one another, and the community.... to serve others as Jesus would.

Cloverdale United Church recognizes that we worship, live, work, and play in traditional and unceded territories of Coast Salish peoples: primarily the Katzie, the Kwantlen, the Semiahmoo, the Snokomish, the Stolo, the Tsawwassen, and the Wsanec. We give our thanks to them and for them; we offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We seek to live with respect in this piece of Creation; we seek peace and justice among all who have called this land home.

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