



DECEMBER 3, 2023
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10:00 am: Pastor Tim Leferink

Welcome and Announcements
God With Us - Hope - mini movie
Call to Worship
Opening Song: LUYH #56 vs.1,2,3,4 **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**
God's Greeting

Candle Lighting


Song of Response: **Cornerstone**
Children's Message
Song: LUYH #95 **"What Child Is This"**

Listening to the Lord's Word
Scripture: Matthew 26:1-30
Message: "The Tastes of Christmas"
Song: LUYH #85 **Silent Night! Holy Night!**

Celebrating the Lord's Work
The Lord's Supper
Lord's Supper Litany
Song: LUYH #817 **Taste and See**
Offering – Salvation Army with Noisy Collection
Congregational Prayer

Leaving to Love and Serve the Lord
God's Parting Blessing
Song: LUYH #80 **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

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 A warm and special welcome to all those who are joining us in worship today.  
We are so glad you are here!  
May we have a blessed day as we praise our awesome God!

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OFFICIATING ELDER:
December 3: Dave Foster
December 17: Jim Kraayenbrink
December 10: Wayne Dykema
December 24: Wayne Vandendool

OFFERINGS:

December 3: Salvation Army with noisy collection
Deacons: Linda Watson and Olga DePooter
December 10: UCB Canada
Deacons: Nicolina Benn and Fred Kraayenbrink
December 17: Seafarers
Deacons: Ed Van Gelder and Linda Watson
December 24: Rock Missions - Wallaceburg Drop-in Centre
Deacons: Olga DePooter and Nicolina Benn

THIS WEEKS OFFERING: This morning, our offering will be for the "Salvation Army" – "Christ centred – Others Focused". We will be having our annual "Noisy Collection". There is a great need for food items and the food pantry here in Wallaceburg is very busy. Your donations are much needed.

Thank you for bringing non-perishable food items to church with you this morning. They will be collected during the offering time. Any monies donated are always welcome as well. Any donations, whether food items or monies will remain in our own Wallaceburg community.

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING: Next week, our offering will be in support of **UCB Radio Canada**. UCB Canada's vision is to communicate hope in Christ by being a leading media company in Canada known for meaningful, encouraging and inspiring content. UCB creates an engaging media connection to encourage your faith. You can **listen** by tuning in to **FM 89.3** or live stream at ucbcanada.com/listen

RECEIPTS:

Budget	\$4920.00
Earmarked specifically for community meals....	\$1268.96
Total to Budget	\$6188.96
Chatham Kent Women's Centre	\$1110.75
Foodgrains Bank (Gaza)	\$500.00

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: All Committees and Ministries are asked to make their requests known to the Finance Committee for the 2024 Budget by Sunday, December 3rd. The Finance Committee members are: Gary DePooter, Olga DePooter, Rob Kraayenbrink, and Denise Tessier.



FAMILY CIRCLE: Our Christian condolences are extended to **Aggie Murphy** with the passing of her son **John Murphy**. May God's loving and comforting arms uphold and comfort you during this difficult time. Continue to keep **Jeff Kraayenbrink** in your prayers as he continues his journey battling cancer. Pray for healing, strength, and comfort for Jeff. Continue to pray for all of our seniors, those who suffer illnesses, and those who are lonely or shut-in. May they feel God's presence in their lives and may He bring healing.

BIBLE STUDY: The Bible Study on the book of Ecclesiastes meets again this **Tuesday, December 5** at 7 pm. All are welcome to join!!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: The Ladies Bible Study on Colossians has finished for the Christmas break, and will start up again in the new year.

PRAYER SERVICE: Join us tonight at 6:30 pm for a time of prayer in the sanctuary.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
THE LORD TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.
NUMBERS 6:4-26

Nile DePooter ~ December 4
Denise Tessier ~ December 6
Janelle Lubbers ~ December 8
Jeanne Vandendool ~ December 8



MIT'S BITS: This Sunday is the start of Advent. It's that time on the Christian calendar in which we anticipate the coming of Jesus. Yes, we look back to the time of Jesus' birth, to the manger, to the shepherds and wise men, etc. But we also look forward to the return of Jesus. Jesus did not only come to the world to die for our sin, but He also has promised to return (Acts 1:11). See, Christmas is so much more than a fond story, it is a reminder that we are part of a much larger story!

We live much like those before Christ lived. We too wait with eager expectation for the Saviour. Not that our Saviour will come, but for His promised return. And just like those in ancient times, we may see our world closing in around us. We may sometimes wonder if Christ's return will ever come around. We may say, like David did, "How long, LORD?" (Psalm 13:1). As we begin our walk through this season, let us be reminded of the rock-solid fact that Jesus will come again. Then as we remember how He came to earth as a child so many years ago, we may be able to regain our hope that He will come again.



ANGEL TREE: Once again, our Church will be taking part in the Angel Tree Program. Cards containing the names of children whose parent will be in prison this Christmas will be placed on a tree in the hallway outside the sanctuary. The parent has requested that their child receive a Christmas gift from them. The card will contain information about the child as well as gift suggestions. You can take that card, sign your name on the list beside the tree, purchase a gift with a value

of up to \$35, wrap the gift and return it to the Church by Sunday, December 17. Thank you for continuing to show God's love to these innocent victims of crime.

SOUP AND BUN SUNDAY: Join us next Sunday, December 10th after the service for a soup and bun potluck. Each family is asked to bring a pot of soup to share if able. Buns, dessert, and refreshments will be provided.

A Service of Lessons & Carols: You are invited to St James Anglican Church (719 James Street, Wallaceburg) to celebrate a Service of Lessons & Carols on Saturday, December 9th at 7 pm. A freewill offering will be taken up. All proceeds raised will be donated to Active Christian with a Mission in support of the Cazale Medical Rescue Clinic in Haiti. For more information, see poster on bulletin board.



THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL SING: Join us on Thursday, December 14th at 7 pm for the Annual Community Christmas Carol Sing at First Baptist Church. Featuring readings from God's Word / Congregational Carols / Special Music Selections from area churches. Fellowship and refreshments will follow. Feel free to share your Christmas baking with us. All are welcome.

The Light of the World is Jesus - At the darkest time of the year, Christmas is the light of hope. What will you do this Advent season to prepare the way for Jesus to be born into this world for you? Share God's light of hope with those who live in poverty through World Renew's Gift Catalogue. Spread the good news of hope for the future at worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1-888-975-3769 to give.

Devotions for a Blue Christmas - In the midst of hard times, find strength and encouragement through God's word. A set of fourteen encouraging Today devotions reassure you that even during the darkest of Christmas seasons, you're not alone. Receive this free email series and ebook when you subscribe to Today at todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cadets 7-9 pm	Ecclesiastes Study 7 pm	Friendship 7 PM	GEMS 7 –9 pm	

SUNDAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

DATE	3—DEC	10– DEC	17 - DEC	24 - DEC
Sunday School Ages 3—5	Tara Feddes	Tara Feddes	Tara Feddes	Tara Feddes
Sunday School Grades 3—6	Lucas DePooter	Lucas DePooter	Lucas DePooter	Lucas DePooter
Nursery	Sarah Griffioen Jim K	Nicolina Benn Jordan Lubbers	Jillian Lubbers Tori DePooter	Alie Peters Cass Hensel
Mother of the Month	Beth Lubbers	Beth Lubbers	Beth Lubbers	Beth Lubbers
Roamer	Rob K	Bill DePooter	Wayne Dykema	Jim K
Greeters	Dick & Carolyn	John & Erica	Bill & Olga DePooter	Lucas & Nicole
Coffee Set- up/Clean-up	Matt & Tara	Soup & Bun Sunday	Gary & Shirley	Edmund & Alyssa
Scripture Readers	Valerie Matt 26:1-30	Beth / Emma Luke 1:39-45	Mikki Luke 2:1-7	Henry G Luke 2:1-20
VIDEO	Russell	Connor	Colin	Celia
CAMERA	Kyle K	Russell	Dan	Emma
SOUND	Casey D	Jim K	Edmund	Jeff

