

WINDSOR UNITED CHURCH



Worship/Annual Meeting

*Blessed by God and Guided by the Spirit of Jesus,
Windsor United Church
is a centre of growing Christian faith and friendship
where through word and deed,
we seek to serve, nurture, and support all God's people.*

*We live, work and worship on the unceded territories
of the Wabanaki peoples, predominantly the lands
of the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy.
May we live with respect on this land
and live in peace, friendship and reconciliation with its people.*

Welcome to Windsor United Church: Windsor, NS

** Please stand where indicated, as you are able & comfortable
Congregational responses are in bold*

A Celebration of Worship
Annual General Meeting of the Congregation
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22nd, 2026

♪ **Prelude**

Welcome / Life and Work of the Church

Lighting the Christ Candle

As we light the Christ Candle, we name
our thanks for this beloved community of God's saints;
our longing for healing and renewal,
our hope for restoration,
and our trust that Christ still calls us toward ministry in his name.
(Light the Christ Candle)

**May this flame remind us that Christ stands with us in joy
and in sorrow, walks with us in uncertainty, and leads us
toward resurrection.**

Silence, As we Prepare For Worship

Gathered For The Lenten Journey

♪ **Entering Sacred Presence: TLUS 1**

1. Simply to be, to be in stillness,
Simply to trust that God is here,
Simply to know the Holy Presence,
Is to be blessed: so are we blessed.

2. Simply to hold the given moment,
Simply to lay concern aside;
Simply to let the heart be speaking,
Is to be blessed: so are we blessed.
3. So are we blessed within God's keeping,
So are we freed from pointless stress,
Steadied to feel the soul replenished,
Given this grace, folded in peace.

Invitation to Worship: *(Presider)*

May this time of worship together
renew our hope
refresh our courage
lift our spirits
and give us courage to live God's love.

* **🎵Hymn:** MV 154 'Deep In Our Hearts'

Prayer of Gathering and Prayer of Jesus:

God of hope and courage, give us a daring faith that is not easily discouraged by the obstacles in life that we face. But secure in the knowledge of Your presence with us, and bolstered by the companionship of fellow pilgrims along the way, open us in this time of worship to the strength and new life You offer. In Jesus' name we pray, joining our voices in the prayer he taught: 'Our Father' Amen

Time With The Young And the Young At Heart

The Word of God for the Journey

Scripture: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 *(a dramatic reading)*

May these be words of hope to carry us into the days ahead

* **🎵 Gift Of Music: Senior Choir**
'When Jesus Wept' – Philip Roberts

Celebrating The Life and Work of the Congregation

Remembering With Love Those Who Died In 2025

*(*indicates members of Windsor United Church)*

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| * Bonnie Currie Snair | * David William Oliver |
| * Ervin McClair Cochrane | Douglas Willard Lutz |
| Janet Louise Kirk | Lola Grace O'Leary |
| Darlene Faye Power | * Kenneth William Crichton |
| * Irma Patricia 'Pat' Burgess | * Kenneth Mounce |
| Ruth Taylor | |

MISSION STATEMENT: *in unison*

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY

CONSTITUTION OF MEETING/CALL TO ORDER

VOTING OF ADHERENTS

ATTENDANCE AND REGRETS

(Sheet found on the Communication Table in the Annex)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

CORRESPONDENCE

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Hymn: MV 1 'Let Us Build A House'

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell,
and all can safely live;
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith, and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

REPORTS

NOMINATIONS REPORT

Hymn: MV 1 'Let Us Build A House'

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone;
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

MISSION & SERVICE GOAL FOR 2026

PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF THE 2026 BUDGET

NEW BUSINESS

Hymn: MV 1 'Let Us Build A House'

5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and love and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

ADJOURNMENT

Our Response of Gratitude

♪ **Offertory**

* ♪ **Presentation of Our Gifts:** VU 541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures, high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

* **Prayer of Dedication:** *(in unison)*

God of life, lay sinews and flesh on the dry bones of these gifts.
Breathe life into them that they may bring hope in our
congregation and community, as well as around the world.
In the name of the One in whom we have light and life. Amen

Prayers of the Community

* ♪ **Hymn:** VU 586

We Shall Go Out With Hope Of Resurrection

* **Extinguishing A Lenten Candle:**

The Lenten journey begins. The shadows deepen.
(5th candle is extinguished)
Yet still the Light beckons us on.

* **Blessing On Our Lenten Journey**

♦ ♪ **As We Go Forth:** VU 422

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you;
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings protecting hide you;
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.

♪ **Postlude**

**Today's Bulletin is dedicated
in Loving Memory of mother, Dean Mosher
by Bob & Sandra Langdon**

and also

**in Loving Memory of Tony Duke
and in Celebration of the 1st Sunday of Spring
by Susan & Family**



Ministry Team

Minister: Rev. Chris Matheson

Guest Minister: Rev. Val Taylor

Scripture Readers: Senior Choir

Ministry of Music: Steve Roe & Senior Choir

Duty Elder & Greeters

Duty Elder: Ray Snair

Main Floor Greeter: Ann Knowles

Basement Greeter: Isabell Pu

Counters

Month of March: Ed/Cathy Kerr & Ray Snair

SOUP LUNCHEON will be held in the Annex after worship today. Free will offering in support of our Sherbrooke Lake Camp Weekend. We hope you can join us for this time of food and fellowship.



MISSION & OUTREACH: Frozen takeout containers of beans are available for a small donation to Mission & Service. These may be picked up during the soup luncheon today after worship.

KNITTING GROUP will meet this Tuesday, March 24th, from 2 to 4 pm at the home of Sandra Langdon.

WEDNESDAY CONNECT is back! Please join us on March 25th at 7:00 for the return of Wednesday Connect. We are excited to have Rachel Lutz present an informative session on the *Newcomer Choir*. Hope to see you there.

PING PONG GROUP will meet Friday, March 27th in the Assembly Room from 10 to 11 am along with a crokinole option. For more information, please contact Andre Arsenault at 902-472-2796 or donna_andre@live.ca. **NO PING PONG Good Friday.**



BENEFIT CONCERT: On Saturday March 28th at 2:00 pm, the Ben Robertson Trio will be presenting a concert in the sanctuary called "Songs of the Silver Screen" featuring tunes from the movies and classic TV shows. The swinging trio consists of Ben Robertson on vocals and guitar, Donald MacLennan on violin and vocals, and Andy Connolly on bass, and they have been playing to sellout crowds at Bent Ridge and Grand Pré Wineries and elsewhere. Tickets will be \$15 at the door, and proceeds will go for the benefit of Windsor United Church. You can check out the band's website at www.benrobertsonmusic.com.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT – BIG GAMES: Please join us for our next Family Fun Night on Friday April 10th at 6 pm in the Assembly Room. Free admission – snacks available for purchase. Open to all ages - all welcome!

SHERBROOKE LAKE planning meeting will be held after worship next Sunday, April 19th in the Annex. All are invited to attend – bring your own lunch.

SHERBROOKE LAKE 2026 FUNDRAISING SILENT AUCTION is looking for your new and lightly used treasures or skills and services! The sky is the limit! Items will be accepted from March 14th to March 28th in the annex. Thank you for your support of our church family annual camp getaway.

You will have the opportunity to bid on the treasures from March 29th to April 12th with final bids accepted until 12:30pm. Happy bidding!

SQUARE ROOTS: The next order deadline is noon on Friday April 10th. You may order by calling the office (902-798-2667) or there are order forms in a basket in the Annex. You may also order by email at squarerootswindsor@yahoo.com - using this email, e-transfers are an option (password: veggies). The pickup is Saturday, April 18th between 10 & 11 am in the back parking lot. Please bring cash & a reusable bag. Also, we can always use reusable bags if anyone has spares they would like to donate.

25 WINDSOR & DISTRICT FOOD BANK: The need at our local Food Bank grows as families struggle to meet the challenges they face in these difficult times. Donations of non-perishable goods may be placed in the baskets in the entryways any time. We dedicate the food bank offerings on the last Sunday of the month, Red Wagon Sunday. If you wish to make a monetary donation to the Food Bank, please see Rhea in the church office – if we give them the necessary information, they will issue a tax receipt for you at yearend. The Food Bank (90 Sanford Drive – Industrial Park) is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays if you prefer to drop things off there. Thank you for your on-going support.

The United Church of Canada has launched a short survey inviting anyone connected to the life of the church to share their awareness and experiences with [Toward 2035](#), the framework introduced in 2025 to guide our shared direction for the next decade. You can read more about the Call and Vision behind this work on [The Call and Vision webpage](#) of the United Church of Canada.

Whether you participate in worship, serve in a ministry role, volunteer, or simply feel connected to this community, your perspective is valued. The survey asks about your familiarity with **Toward 2035** and what support you or our Community of Faith may need as this work unfolds.

There are no right or wrong answers. Your input will help shape future communication and resource development across the church.

[Take the survey](#)

Estimated time: 5–10 minutes

Survey Deadline: March 31, 2026

Thank you for taking a few minutes to add your voice.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Tue. Mar. 24th - *Walk & Talk* – 11 am
- *Knitting Group* – 2 pm @ home of Sandra Langdon
- Wed. Mar. 25th - *Men’s Fellowship & Coffee* – 10 am @ Annex – All Welcome!
- *Wednesday Connect* – 7 pm @ Annex – presentation by Rachel Lutz about *Newcomer Choir*
- Fri. Mar. 27th - *Ping Pong* – 10 am @ Assembly Room
- Sat. Mar. 28th - *Songs of the Silver Screen Benefit Concert* by Ben Robertson Trio – 2 pm – tickets \$15 at the door – proceeds for Windsor United Church
- Sun. Mar. 29th - *Palm Sunday Worship* – 11 am

We extend our best wishes
to our loyal custodian Kris Lake
on his birthday, Thursday March 26th.
Happy Birthday Kris!!
We appreciate you very much!
From your Windsor United Church family!!

