

**LONDON ROAD WEST
UNITED CHURCH**

December 3rd, 2023

ADVENT II

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, December 10th, *White Gift Service*

*Please bring a gift for any age child. If it is wrapped,
please indicate "boy" or "girl" and the age*

All gifts will go to the House By The Side of the Road

Sunday, December 17th, 4th Sunday of Advent - Love

Sunday, December 24th – 10:00 AM

Christmas Eve Morning Celebration

Warm Cider and Christmas Treats following the service

No Christmas Eve Evening Service

PASTORAL PRAYER (*responsive*)

Loving God, When it is hard to see the way ahead,
you are the Spirit that brings light, Loving God.

When life lacks zest or purpose, and we long for the person who
is lost,

**you are the Spirit that brings courage,
Loving God.**

When we know of loved ones or family members who are
hurting,

**you are the Spirit that enables us to listen and
console, Loving God.**

When we look back to good times that are over and gone,

**you are the Spirit that revives significant
memories and enables us to share them,
Loving God.**

As we remember those in our faith community who have suffered
loss,

**you are the Spirit that calls us to ask the simple question,
"How can we help them?"**

As we think of those refugees without hope worldwide/people at
risk in their Ukrainian homes, in Israel and Gaza and all others
crying need,

**you, Loving God, are the Spirit of compassion
that compels us to speak and act to bring
change.**

And Loving God, when your Spirit seems gone from us,

**you give us the blessing of Jesus crucified and
risen, the pledge of your presence in time
and beyond time.**

We pray this in Jesus' name saying...

Lord's Prayer Amen

* **HYMN VU #337** "*Blessed Assurance*"

(Please Remain Standing)

***COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION**

*** SUNG BLESSING** MV#220

“Hope Shines as the Solitary Star”

Hope shines as the solitary star,

Faith is the inner light.

*You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
and illumine the pathway home.*

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Please remain standing until the Bible is closed.

POSTLUDE * * * * *

Wednesday, December 6th,

Annual Christmas Pot Luck

Appetizers & Refreshments 5:30

Dinner at 6:15 PM

Bring your favourite dish to share

Social Time to Follow

Our “*Loose Collection*” last week brought in \$343. A Donation has been made to WaterAid in the amount of \$350 in support of Clean Water for 3rd World. As always, ***Thank You*** for your support.

Pastoral Care Team will meet on Tuesday,
December 5th at 1:30 PM