



WELCOME TO EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH

Second Sunday After the Epiphany
January 19, 2025

The Gathering

Acknowledging the Territory

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked this land, weaving their identity and their spirituality intimately with the land. We acknowledge that we are on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people. May we grow into living with respect on this land, moving into reconciliation through peace and friendship with all who live, work and worship on it.

Opening Hymn: *Come, All You People* *MV 2*

The Life & Work of our Community of Faith

Lighting of the Christ and Affirming Candle

We light the Christ candle to symbolize the presence of Christ's Spirit, alive within us, this day and every day.

We light the Affirm candle to proclaim to the members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities and their allies that they are truly welcomed and accepted in this place.

Responsive Welcome

Welcome

Welcome to this sacred place of belonging where we embrace the sacredness of life and recognize the dignity of each person, spirit-filled with the image of God, the Mystery in whom we live and move and have our being.

Welcome to all who have no church home, need strength, want to follow Christ, have doubts. Welcome to visitors and to new and old friends.

Welcome to grandparents, to mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, siblings, youth, couples and single people.

Welcome to people of all colours, cultures, abilities, gender identities, and sexual orientations, to old and young, to believers and questioners – and welcome to questioning believers.

This day, we are all invited to live into God's love, peace and justice. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn: *Come, O Fount, of Every Blessing*

VU 559

Call to Worship:

Come to this place of welcome and worship.

We come, seeking community –
you are welcome here.

We come, bringing joys and sorrows –
you are welcome here.

We come, seeking insight –
you are welcome here.

We come, bringing our life stories –
you are welcome here.

We come, seeking God –
let us worship together!

Opening Prayer:

Holy One, you look at our hearts with love. In this moment, we open them to you. You look at each life with gratitude. In this moment, we share them with you. You look at your creation with hope. In this moment, we learn to do the same. We take this hour to give you thanks, hear your word and pour out our need. Bless our worship together. Amen.

(Children come forward while the song is played)

Hymn: *Circle Song*

Come and join the circle, come and take my hand.

Come and join the circle, come and be my friend.

Gather round and see, what the world can be.

Come and join the circle, come and share God's word with me.

Children's Message:

Myrna

Sneezy the Snowman

By Maureen Wright

Illustrated by Stephen Gilpin

Hymn:

Like a Rock

MV 92

(Children leave for Sunday school)

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture:

John 2:1-11

The wedding planners at Cana have run out of wine. There is no more to serve during the reception celebration. Jesus' mother encourages him to intervene, and Jesus does so, revealing an early sign of his divinity to the witnesses of his actions.

Musical Offering:

Rejoice in the Spirit!

By Cathy Moglebust

Emmanubells

Directed by Ann Frederking

Meditation: The Mystery of God's Rich Restoration

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

Hymn:

All Who Are Thirsty

MV 4

Offering Invitation:

God is a generous giver of gifts that flow like a river from the fountain of life. Bring offerings and tributes with thanks and praise; for the gifts we give are the gifts of God.

Offertory Prayer:

Merciful One, with grateful hearts we offer these gifts, asking that they might be transformed into compassion for our world, hope for all who struggle and vision for our ministry. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**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,**

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Our Lay Reader today is Phil English. Thank you for your part in our worship service this morning.

Thanks to the Emmanubells, directed by Ann Frederking, for their musical offering this morning.

Thank you to the production team, ushers, lay reader and coffee hosts for bringing us today's worship service and coffee and conversation time.

Welcome to Emmanuel! If you are a newcomer or visitor this morning, we invite you to sign our **Guest Book** in the narthex with your name and contact information and join us in a time of fellowship in the CE Hall following worship.

Join our **Let's Talk Tuesdays** Zoom Coffee and Conversation. Do you have a scripture passage(s) that has been enduring/meaningful in your life, and how has it provided strength or guidance? Please be ready to share and read it aloud with the group, if you feel comfortable. Email publicity@emmanuelunited.ca for the Zoom link.

Call for Annual Report Submissions! Items are due on January 20th. You are encouraged to keep your text brief. Please share it with the office as soon as possible.

You are invited to attend a talk by Christina Clark-Kazak, Ottawa U Professor of Public and International Affairs, on **Forced Migration and Social Justice**, at Emmanuel on Friday evening.

The **Thursday Morning Discussion Group** is enjoying the reading and analysis of the Hebrew Bible. This week we will be looking at the story of **King Solomon**. All are welcome to join us for our interesting and lively conversations. Please contact Evelyn Perkins (perkeve@hotmail.com) or any member of Heretics for further information or a Zoom invitation.



We extend our condolences to the friends and family of Audrey Mather, one of Emmanuel's founding members, on her recent passing on January 7.

The next Food Drive Collection is on Monday, January 27th from 2-3pm.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 19		
Worship	10:00 am	Sanctuary
Coffee and Conversation	11:00 am	C.E. Hall/Kitchen
Grocery Card Sales	11:00 am	C.E. Hall
SAC Meeting	11:30 am	Room 24
Monday, January 20		
Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
Worship Meeting	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Library
Christian Meditation	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Zoom
Tuesday, January 21		
Tai Chi	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Let's Talk Tuesdays	10:00 am – 11:00 am	Zoom
Quilting	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Rooms 7, 9/10
Coffee at 3 Sisters	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	3 Sisters
Christie Lake Kids	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Wednesday, January 22		
Active Artists	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Voices Rock Medicine	8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Sanctuary
Thursday, January 23		
Tai Chi	9:30 pm – 1:30 pm	C.E. Hall
Discussion Group	10:00 pm – 11:30 pm	Zoom
Emmanubells	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Room 9/10
Al-Anon	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	C.E. Hall
Choir	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Sanctuary
Friday, January 24		
Take Time to be Wholey	10:30 am – 11:30 am	C.E. Hall
Forced Migration Talk	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	C.E. Hall
Saturday, January 25		
Inner Faith Journey Dinner	12:00 pm – 11:00 pm	C.E. Hall/Kitchen