Applewood United Church
An Affirming Community
Sunday, November 8, 2026
Remembrance Sunday Service
*(*please stand in body or in spirit)*
***Bold** words are for all to share*

Music for Gathering

Territorial Acknowledgment and Announcements *(silent)*
We understand that the land on which we live, work and worship is situated upon traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron - Wyandot, the Haudenosaunee and later the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The territory is mutually covered by the "Dish with One Spoon" Wampum Belt agreement. In the spirit of reconciliation, we commit to building relationships with all created beings, those who were here before, those who have settled, and those who continue to settle on this land. We commit to partnering with our Indigenous neighbours in being stewards and caretakers of God's Creation. Today, this remains the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we seek to live as reconciled people through our respect for, and our learning and understanding of, our Indigenous siblings.

Welcome

Centering Music: "Come and Fill Our Hearts" MV 16

***Call to Worship**

***Opening Hymn:** "When Will People Cease Their Fighting?" VU 687

Lighting of the Candles *(Mike Miller, Karen Caskey, Lynda Kudrewatych, Rev. Heather Gilmour)*

Opening Prayer *(Rev. Heather Gilmour)*
Please join me as we pray responsively:
One: On this day of memory, we gather to worship and to pray, as we remember the past and look to the future.
All: On this day when the guns once fell silent, we come before you God, seeking Your peace.

One: On this day of hope in the face of terror, in all its many forms, we come before you God, praying with all our hearts:

All: O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.

One: Open our eyes and the eyes of the nations to find a different path through the disagreements of life in this world.

All: Grant us the ability: to find joy and strength, not in the strident call to arms, but to reach out with understanding and love to our fellow creatures in striving for justice and truth and peace. Amen.

One: I invite you to sing together our choral response as shown on screen.

***Sung response:** "Just as I Am" VU 508, Verse 4
Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The Memorial Service

The Recitation - In Flanders Fields *(Ian Prentice)*

Music Moment of Remembrance: "Because He Lives" *(Bill & Gloria Gaither)*

Act of Remembrance *(Ian Prentice)*

One: We hold, before God this day, the people whose memory we cherish. In this time of reflection may we lift our eyes above the brokenness of this world and pray for those who might do us harm. As we honour the past, let us think of the future; and all the ways the eternal will work in us and through us for peace, recognition, and affirmation.

All: "They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

Reading of the Names on the Honour Role *(Ian Prentice)*

Placing of poppies on the wreath

Last Post

***Moment of Silence**

Reville

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Time with the Young (at heart)
"God and the Spider"

Readings from the Historic Record: *(The Inclusive Bible)*
Isaiah 2:3-4
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

***Hymn**: "God of the Living" VU 492

One: For the word of God in scripture, among us, and within us.
All: Thanks be to God.

Thoughts for Living: "Stand Firm, Hold Fast, and Remember!"

Ministry of Music: "In Flanders Fields" *(McCrae/Hurley)*

Time of Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music: "Peace" *(Horace Silver)*

Sung Offertory:
Tune – Old Hundredth
Praise God who takes away our fear,
who breaks the might of sword and spear,
that hope and justice might increase,
And life grow new in lasting peace!
Words by Mary Luti

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer
….. Creator of all, who gave us the Prince of Peace for the world, we now offer your prayer back to you as we sing together VU 960:
All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Reply to "In Flanders Fields" *by John Mitchell (Peter Kite)*

***Closing Hymn:** "When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides" MV 169

***Commissioning/Benediction**

***Sung Blessing:** "May the God of Peace" MV 224

Postlude

Guest Trumpeter – Jason Stephens

***Grateful appreciation to Christina Mulligan and Wayne Detcher & the Chancel Choir for their team work in the ministry of Music at Applewood.**

Next Week:
November 15/26
Baptism Sunday for baby Mason Jack Wood
Rev's Heather Gilmour & Charlie Hogg presiding
Luke 3:15–17, 21–22
Thoughts for Living: "Filled with Expectation, or Canon Ball Crusade?"