



Sunday Worship

Westminster Church

The United Church of Canada

Celebrating 127 years of ministry in the community

Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018, 7 p.m.

Jazz Vespers Service

In celebration of Westminster's 127th Anniversary

With special guests: Jonathan Alexiuk (piano), Jayme Giesbrecht (voice),
Jim Johnston (drums), and Jared Beckstead-Craan on bass

Welcome to Jazz Vespers. For centuries, people have asked God for guidance and care as day turns to night. This night, we ask God to refresh, inspire, and encourage us in new ways. Enter into the songs, readings, and reflection as you feel so moved. Breathe deep, be still, and know that you are beloved. May God bless you in this time of prayer, worship and celebration of community.

- Prelude**
- Shadrack
 - There Is Power In The Blood
 - In The Garden

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn VU 217 All Creatures of Our God and King (plus congregation)

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**O rushing winds and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
sing praises, hallelujah!**

**O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find a voice:
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**Earth, ever fertile, day by day
brings forth rich blessings on our way:
sing praises, hallelujah!
The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,
let them God's glory also show:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**And everyone of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part:
sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and yield up all your care:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Reading Psalm 34: 1-8

Music Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Reflection Jazz – a metaphor for life

Hymn VU 376 Spirit of the Living God

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!**

Offering

After the offering is introduced, an offertory will be played and the collection taken. Thank you for your gift, whether given today or through other means of supporting ministry at Westminster Church.

Offertory Music Walkin' All Over God's Heaven

Evening Prayers

Announcements

Hymn *Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee*

*Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.*

*All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.*

*You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.*

*Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.*

Benediction

One: Go out into the world in peace. Have courage, hold on to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honour everyone. Love and serve God, and rejoice in the power of the Spirit. And may God's blessing be with you now, and always.

All: Amen.

Postlude Great is Thy Faithfulness

Lectionary readings

November 25 – Reign of Christ Sunday Proper 29

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2 Samuel 23:1–7

David's last words glorify God.

Psalm 132:1–12, (13–18) (VU pp. 854–855 Parts One and Two)

God will bless with abundance.

Revelation 1:4b–8

I am the Alpha and the Omega.

John 18:33–37

Pilate asks Jesus, "Are you King of the Jews?"

To Ponder

Has there been a moment where you felt that you abandoned Jesus?