

*The Barrie Hill Congregation est. 1832*  
*The Speedside Congregation es. 1845*

*Welcome to Advent Three worship with the  
congregations of the historic, rural Eramosa  
Pastoral Charge*



both Eramosa Pastoral Charge congregations worship on  
Wellington Rd 29 RR 5 Rockwood N0B 2K0 every Sunday  
morning, and online at  
<https://www.facebook.com/barriehillunited/> anytime.

Sunday, December 12, 2021

## 9:30a.m. worship at Speedside

<b>Lay Reader</b>	Brian Arsenault
<b>Advent Candle Lighting</b>	The Choir
<b>Organist</b>	Millie Smith
<b>Speedside Music</b>	Alyson Arsenault
	Lester Hiraki
	Third Line Trio



## 11:00a.m. worship at Barrie Hill

<b>Lay Reader</b>	Tim Card
<b>Advent Candle Lighting</b>	The Choir
<b>Barrie Hill Music</b>	Mary Meads
<b>Guest Musicians Barrie Hill</b>	The cast and crew of <i>'Listen Said the Donkey'</i>  (narrative and images used with permission of Jean Little estate)
<b>EPC Children's ministry</b>	Bethany Parkinson
<b>EPC A/V Technicians</b>	Paul Knierim
	Wesley Knierim
	Jim Parker
	Larry Webb
<b>Worship PowerPoint</b>	Dave Wright

\* Indicates an invitation to stand

**Bold** indicates an invitation join in worship with your voice

God Gathers Us

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TERRITORY

ANNOUNCEMENTS - LIFE AND WORK OF THE  
CHURCH

ADVENT INTROIT VU 15

**Came he not in fire, on-ward came the Lord  
Not in Wind and Rain, on-ward came the Lord  
Hail nor sleet or snow, on-ward came the Lord.  
In a still small voice came he, on-ward came the  
Lord.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Sung with music  
and lyrics "Gathering" pg 59

**Light a candle for joy in the darkness.  
Minds at rest, we know you are near;  
Ad-vent watch-ing and wait-ing for Jesus,  
God with us, Godwiping our tears,  
Em-man-u-el, joy is here -  
Joy is here-**

*"Gathering" A/C/E 2021/22 Music for Worshippg PG 59 verse 3*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy One, give us courage acknowledge our tears as we  
prepare the way for the Lord;

As we prepare for Christ's arrival -

**So that we hear the call to be present for the Lord,**

Help us to hear the words of folk like Joseph, Elizabeth  
and Mary, shepherds, and the pronouncements of angels so  
we can all receive unexpected messengers bearing Good  
News this season.

**Let us enter into Advent 2021 with hope, peace, joy  
and love; prepared for the Angels' messages from on  
high - Praise God!**

Inspire us to find joy in the special role we play in Christ's  
story.

**Help us to hear God's call in any wildernesses of our  
living, as we prepare. Sealed in truth, Love and song.**

*—a call to worship prayer inspired by Advent Unwrapped*

At the 11AM Barrie Hill United Church worship service we  
share in the music ministry video production Advent  
offering of "*Listen said the donkey*" adapted from the book  
by Jean Little, used with permission.

GATHERING HYMN Speedside VU 20 On Jordans Bank

OPENING PRAYER AND PRAYER OF  
CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Saying: "**May the peace of Christ be with you.**"

Or responding: "**And also with you.**"

## Listening For God's Word

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART -  
Bethany Parkinson

### SCRIPTURE

Gospel Reading New International Version

Luke 3 : 7-18 Joy and Repentance

**7** John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? **8** Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. **9** The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

**10** “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

**11** John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

**12** Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

**13** “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

**14** Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

**15** The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. **16** John answered them all, “I baptize you with[a] water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with[b] the Holy Spirit and fire. **17** His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” **18** And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

MESSAGE     Barrie Hill

Rev. Lynn Hamilton

A time for reflection - a short musical interlude

*We Respond to God*

OFFERTORY

Speedside     ~     Special Music by the Speedside Choir

“DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

One: We raise all our hopes and concerns to you in prayer, O God, in truth, love, and in our singing.

All: We trust in your answer,

**...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 as we forgive those**

**who 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.**

We Go in the Power of the Holy Spirit

DEPARTING HYMN VU 7 Hope is a Star

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, present in all times.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Threefold Amen

POSTLUDE

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***According to our Regional Council Prayer Cycle:  
Dungannon Union***

~ THE END OF WORSHIP ~ THE BEGINNING OF SERVICE ~

**ERAMOSIA PASTORAL CHARGE**  
**SPEEDSIDE and BARRIE HILL UNITED CHURCHES**

Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Worship at Speedside is at 9:30    Worship at Barrie Hill is at 11:00

*Welcome to worship at Speedside and Barrie Hill churches led by Rev. Lynn Hamilton. A special welcome to newcomers and guests with us today.*

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Please submit bulletin

announcements to the EPC Office by  
Wednesday evening.

*If you wish to receive your Sunday Bulletin and Announcements by email, or if you know of anyone who would benefit from the DVD ministry please contact the church office.*

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

Arising from a deeply rooted faith in God, known to us through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, we, the people of Eramosa Pastoral Charge, celebrate that we are a Christian community striving to share our faith, friendship, fun, music and other talents. We do this through our unique rural approach to worship, Christian education, stewardship and pastoral care.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Anishinaabe People in Anishinabek territory. We are grateful for their stewardship of the land and we accept our responsibility to be good stewards in this time. *For more information about land acknowledgements and Indigenous Territories please visit [www.native-land.ca](http://www.native-land.ca)*



## ERAMOSA PASTORAL CHARGE

**Help support the DeGroot family after their recent loss by dropping by with a meal**

**Visit <https://mealtrain.com/701e11> to sign up.**



Christmas Eve Family Service will be available on Facebook and the Eramosa Pastoral Charge Service at 7 pm on December 24, 2021. Please share in our service of carols and readings virtually this year. We will have this virtual service to ensure the safety of all over the holiday season.



Sunday, January 2, 2022 will be a virtual service only – coming from Barrie Hill. Welcome in the New Year with this service available through Facebook or the Eramosa Pastoral Charge Website.



People on line or in the pews can help donate toward the placement of poinsettias and Christmas Greenery in the sanctuary and share names to be read aloud for our online Christmas Eve Service. To donate, indicate on your offering that this amount is for the poinsettia fund. Please share the names to be remembered with Eramosa Pastoral Charge office prior to December 19<sup>th</sup> so a list can be compiled. You do not need to be a member of the church to share a name.

*Please submit your reports for the 2021 Annual Report no later than January 10<sup>th</sup> 2022.*

*Email them to the office or drop them off at Barrie Hill.  
Thank you!*

### **BARRIE HILL UNITED CHURCH**

*Please sign up to be a greeter! Sign-up sheet posted at both doors.*

Lay Reader: Tim Card

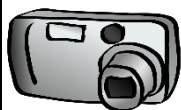
#### **OFFERINGS**

November 14-\$735.00 (*includes PAR*)

November 21-\$715.00 (*includes PAR*)

November 28-\$1529.30(*includes PAR*)

December 5-\$1425.00(*includes PAR*)



*If you have any pictures of events at Barrie Hill that you would like to see in the new website please email them to the church office this month!*

#### **Christmas Play on December 19<sup>th</sup> during service**

Barrie Hill Sunday school has been invited to take part!

The practice for the play will take place on December 12 during Sunday school. Please feel free to join practice that day and the performance on December 19.

There will also be Sunday school available on December 12 for those who are not available to participate on December 19.

## SPEEDSIDE UNITED CHURCH

*Please sign up to be a morning greeter on the sign-up sheet at the back.*

Lay Reader: Brian Arsenault

### Offerings

October: \$4,465.00

November: \$4,405.00

In leu of the White Gift project, this year the Session of Speedside United Church has decided to support the Christmas Hamper Program at the Centre Wellington Food Bank. We reached out to the Food Bank and they informed us that the biggest need at this time of year is monetary donations. With these donations the staff will purchase "gift cards" and distribute them to needy families as a way of helping them enjoy a Merry Christmas.

If anyone wishes to help, please put your gift in a separate envelope and indicate it is for the food bank. You may then leave these envelopes in the collection plate or under the Christmas tree by Dec.12th. The Food Bank will issue receipts if you leave your information.



Celebrate Christmas Eve by candlelight "in person" at Speedside United Church beginning at 10 pm. Enjoy readings and music of the season. This service will be recorded and can be viewed in place of the regular Sunday Service for Dec. 26th.

On Sunday Dec. 26th, Speedside will be hosting a joint service beginning at 10 am. Note the change of time. This will be a very informal service. We hope to have participation from those attending and hear about favorite memories of Christmas, past and present.

## Minute for Missions

# A Better World: One Water Project at a Time

Through Mission & Service you help provide solutions to water issues worldwide.

Published On: December 1, 2021

(<https://united-church.ca/stories/better-world-one-water-project-time>)

According to UNICEF, more than half of the global population does not have access to safe sanitation and 2.2 billion people still lack access to safe drinking water.

Today—Baptism of Jesus Sunday—is a good day to consider our relationship with water.

How many Bible stories do you know have to do with water? Many of us have heard the story of Moses making water flow from rock and parting the Red Sea. We may remember stories about Jesus turning water into wine, walking on water, and calming it, too. So often, water is the focal point of God’s miracles and grace. It figures prominently because it’s necessary.

Clean water is essential to life, and yet around the world people suffer for lack of it.

The issues are complex. Climate change is altering weather and water patterns, causing shortages and droughts in some areas and floods in others. In some parts of the world, a growing population means rising demand and there isn’t enough water to go around. Water infrastructure problems sometimes mean people can’t access water even when it is available. There are racial and gender implications to accessing water, too. Did you know that, on average, women and children in the Global South walk nearly 6 kilometres to access water and carry nearly 19 liters of water every day?

Through Mission & Service you help provide solutions to water issues worldwide. Your generosity supports irrigation projects and provides accessibility to water. Your gifts help construct bore holes, wells, and rain catchment tanks, which in turn address food security and sanitation issues in communities. During crises, your gifts help deliver drinking water where it’s needed most. In the midst of the global pandemic, your support is helping to construct sanitation stations and share life-saving hygiene communications through flyers and radio programs. Thank you for your generosity! Together, we *can* build a better world. One water project at a time.