

November 23, 2025



**Reign of Christ
The 4th Anniversary of
our Amalgamated
Congregation**

Theme: “Roots and Wings”

Gathering Music

“Let Us Build a House”

Welcome

(Designed by Wendy W)

Announcements & Introduction of Theme, “Roots and Wings”

by Wanda



Please join us at

Erin United Church
115 Main Street, Erin
as we celebrate the
4th Anniversary of our
Amalgamated Congregation

SUN
NOV
23
2025

10:30 am
“Roots and Wings”
Guest Speaker: Ruth Kause

We know you will enjoy the
special music and the opportunity
to renew acquaintances.

Refreshments will be served
following the service.





**Window
Wonderland
With
our Erin's
wonderful Ladies**

November 21



Erin United Church

is preparing a box of



Christmas Goodies

for you and your family

*Each box contains approximately 2 dozen "goodies"
including tarts, squares, cookies, and other special treats*

Cost is \$35 per box

There are only 30 boxes

Boxes MUST be PRE-ORDERED

Call Colleen Hawes at (519) 994-1923

*Payment can be made by e-transfer
or by cash at PICK-UP*

PICK-UP will be at

**ERIN UNITED CHURCH, 115 Main St., Erin
4 to 6 pm on Saturday, December 13, 2025**

Pull up to the back door and someone will meet you



Merry Christmas





ERIN REFUGEE ACTION CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

A Christmas Carol

by
Charles
Dickens



Featuring Ontario
actor and town crier
Andrew Welch
delivering his
celebrated dramatic
reading of this
Holiday Classic

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29th 2025
Erin United Church | 115 Main St. Erin
7:00 to 9pm
Doors Open 6:30

ADULTS \$30
TEENS \$15
12 & under FREE

ENJOY LIVE MUSIC
AND LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS

Your ticket purchase goes directly to
support our next Syrian refugee family
waiting to come to Canada.

For tickets scan the QR code

Or email Cathy Hansen at:
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Thank you to our performers Andrew Welch, Elswyth Fryer and
friends and our host Erin United Church for their generosity and as
always All Saints Anglican Church, our official ERA partner
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Light the Christ Candle



All: Welcome in the name of the One who calls us to gather. Welcome as a member of this community on this day. May the One who calls us be praised and may our community be strengthened in the words, prayers, and songs we sing and share and pray today. Amen.



Prelude

“On Eagles Wings”

Call to Worship

We gather to worship this day, rooted in God's love,
**Spreading our wings, reaching out to one another,
deepening our connections in the rich soil of Grace.**

Growing in faith together and bearing the fruits of the Spirit as
we are nourished by God's well-spring of wisdom.

Opening Prayer

**Spirit of Life, we give thanks for all that grounds us
in our faith. May the scriptures we read, the songs
we sing, the prayers we offer in community, all
serve to strengthen our interwoven roots. Firmly
planted, may we soak up your living waters that we
might bear the fruits of your Spirit in our hungering
world. Amen.**

- 1 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.



2

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.



3

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.



4

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.



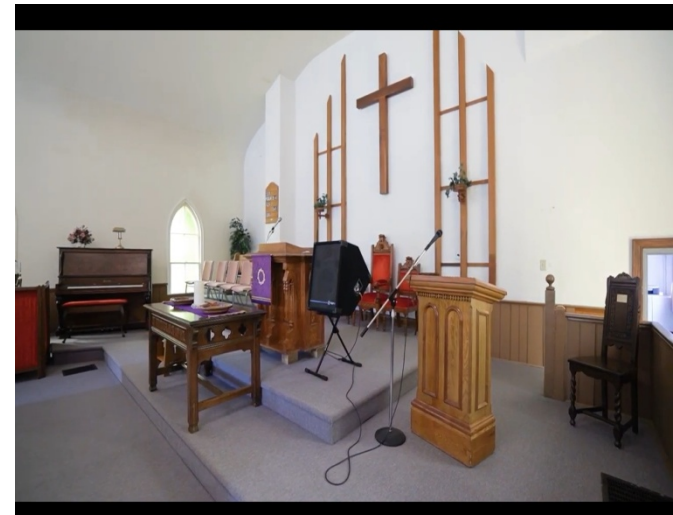
Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you call us to follow where you lead,
and call us to gather together your children to create
communities of love, for you and for our neighbours,
and to attend to those in need.**

**We acknowledge that we have not always followed
your lead. Sometimes we have even scattered
ourselves. As you delivered your people from their
sins in the past, deliver us again, O God.**

**Make us a new people,
dedicated to you.**

Amen.



Words of Assurance

God has shown the mercy, God promised to our ancestors. God has remembered God's holy covenant, the covenant God made with our ancestor Abraham, to give knowledge of salvation to God's people by forgiveness of their sins.

**To rescue us from everything that separates us from God, that we might serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness before God all our days.
Amen.**



Time with the Young People

by Rick H.

Pictorial Presentation

“Coins for Kids” *led by Donna*
(To help “Sleeping children around the world” organization)

Children Song

“Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam”
(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have sharing time.)

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VOLUNTEERS
FOR FULL TIME CHRISTIAN SERVICE



R. J. McCARTEN

ORDAINED — 1915 —



VIDA MAY OVERLAND
MRS. E. R. M. BRECKEN

DESIGNATED DEACNESS — 1904
APPOINTED MISSIONARY TO
CHINA 1906



GEO. E. TRIMBLE

ORDAINED B.A.B.D. 1923 —



**A Child photo
of
Rev. George Trimble**

***From a Hamilton
Newspaper***

The Scriptures

read by James W

First Reading

Joshua 4:19-24

On the tenth day of the first month the people went up from the Jordan and camped at Gilgal on the eastern border of Jericho. And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. He said to the Israelites, "In the future when your descendants ask their parents, 'What do these stones mean ?' tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over.

He did this so that all the peoples of the Earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God.”

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:8–11, 14–16

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

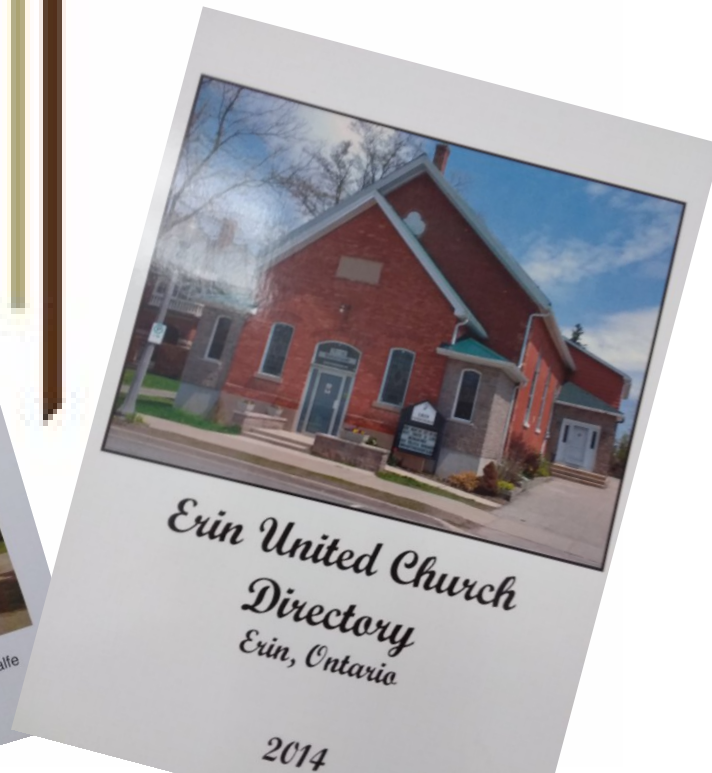
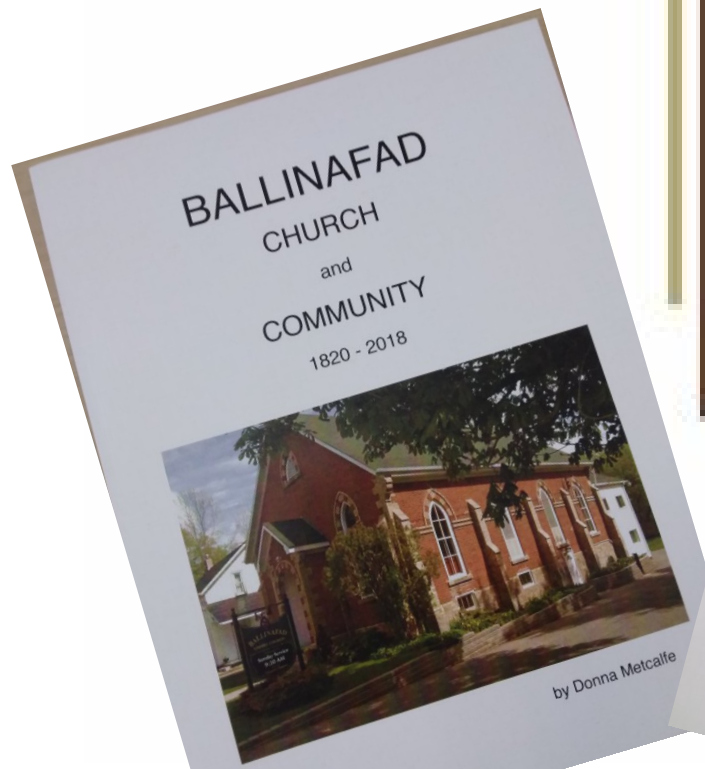
Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into Heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of Grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find Grace to help us in our time of need.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
We give thanks for inspiration.

Choir Anthem

“Great are You Lord”





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Message

by Ruth Kause

1

How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word !
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled ?

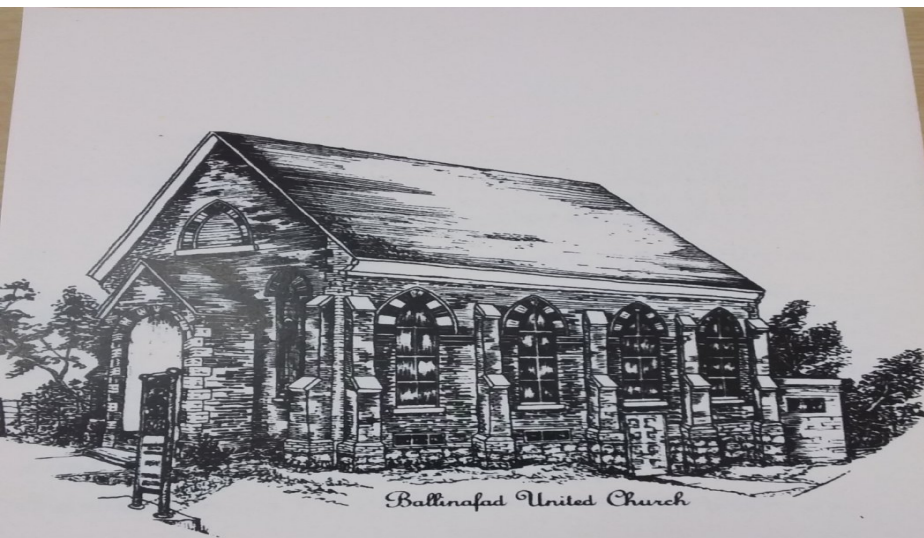
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'Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed !
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

3 'When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

4 'When through fiery trials your pathway shall
lie,
my Grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

5 'The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not - I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all Hell should endeavour to
shake,
I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake !'



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Prayers of the People

We are like trees, O God, whose roots anchor us deeply into your heart. Through those roots, we draw nourishment and strength, infusing our inner selves with your lifeblood of self-giving love.

We thank you because your love courses around, through, and within our souls - filling us, sustaining us, enlivening us, transforming us - yet the flow is never in one direction, for it circulates everywhere.

We feel the liveliness of our roots as they continue to grow. They have grown more deeply entwined in this connected circle we form, each of our individual roots never alone or isolated, all of us supporting and strengthening one another in community. We offer you our thanksgiving in silent prayer:

(a time of silent prayer)

We have grown together for mutual support rooted in you, Living Christ, creating a legacy of belonging and becoming your beloved. Yet, we notice your whispers in the centre of our hearts: You tell us to “Grow further, grow beyond what you think are your limitations. Entwine your roots still more with others. Feed them with my self-giving love. Receive their love as a never-ending circle of faithful caring. Notice how, in sacrifice one for each other, you become not weaker but stronger, not less but more, not drained but filled.”

In response, we breathe deeply of your Grace, opening to you our cares and our concerns for ourselves and for others: we pray for especially for those affected by wars, famine and disease.

We worry about the growth of authoritarian governments worldwide, as well as the injustices perpetrated in places public and private, here and abroad. We yearn for your healing presence in our lives. We ask for your shepherding embrace for those journeying toward death. We pray for all our relations near and far in silence now. *(a time of silent prayer)*

We can feel our roots as part of your network of loving, O Spirit, as the source of our legacy and yours within this community of faith. When someone has need, may we respond without hesitation. When we feel in need ourselves, may we receive it gratefully from within this network with joyful gratitude. Still, the connections increase, yet we are not overwhelmed. Your love spirits us into sharing. The risen Christ points to the constant new life arising, flourishing and nourishing under your wings. It is enough by your Grace. It is enough, indeed.

We commit to participation in the life of the community as learners as well as leaders:

Covenanting Litany

As God's people, we are part of Christ's Church:

**we learn about Jesus, and study the Bible;
we learn about our Church and our faith;
we learn about good and evil;
and we learn to work for justice and peace.
We are shaped by the love of God and of one
another, in every stage of our life and faith.**

A covenant is a promise we make with God and with one another, a promise to live God's Way. Let us now make renew our covenant with God and each other.

In the presence of God and one another, we covenant, and give thanks for the example and lasting love of Jesus Christ, that we may live God's Way. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer VU # 960

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We Offer Our Gifts

Musical Offering HYMN VU#540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

Offering Prayer

**We offer into your mission, living Christ, these gifts
rooted in our loving. Sometimes we become weary in
the giving, so bless us with your joy. Sometimes we are
challenged by the enormity of the need, so bless us
with your generosity. Sometimes we wonder if they
make a difference, so bless us with your vision. In
faith, we are inspired by your call, so bless our gifts as
you bless us in our giving in Jesus' name. Amen.**



Hymn VU # 684

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

1 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

**Refrain O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

2 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

**Refrain O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
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3 Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.



Blessing *by Ruth*

Even as we leave this place
and go our separate ways, we
continue to grow together in
community, rooted in the
love of God, nourished by the
Grace of Christ and bearing
the fruits of the Holy Spirit in
our world.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Grace *Yun-Hee*

Commissioning **“Go Now in Peace”**



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 within, around, above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Amen, amen, amen.



Sing Together

*“Happy Birthday to Erin !”
(Children will join us.)*



***Thank God for being with us !
Thank you for Worshipping
together today !***

***Special Thank you
to Ruth & James
and
everyone who contributed
to the Service and Lunch
today !***



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