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## What Are You Waiting For?

*Rev. Shawn Gauthier*

*In-person and live streamed from the Sanctuary – December 1, 2024*



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING TODAY?

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**9 am:** Chi Gong / Meditation (Meditation Room)

**10:45/11 am – 12:15 pm:** Children's Group/Crossing Paths (Lindsey-Priestley/Hitschmanova)

**11 am:** Sunday Service (Sanctuary)

**12 pm:** Burma Fundraising Lunch / Coffee Hour (Hall)

**12:30 pm:** The Work that Reconnects (Biddle)

**12:30 pm:** Matters of Life and Death (Fireside)

**12:30 pm:** Refugee Team meeting (Family Room)

**1 pm:** VanU Youth (Hitschmanova)

**2:30 pm:** Chalice Choir Advent Concert (Sanctuary)

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## WANT TO LIGHT A CANDLE?

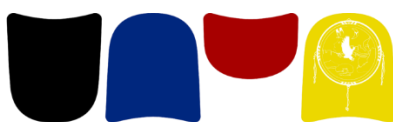
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Silent candles can be lit anytime at the front of the Sanctuary. Community Candles are read from the book of Joys & Concerns in the Foyer and from the Live Chat on YouTube during the service. Requests for candles can also be submitted in advance at <https://vanu.ca/candles> (before 9 am Sunday). A candle with an orange ribbon is always lit during our worship services in remembrance of the countless indigenous children who died at residential schools, the survivors and their families.

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## TODAY'S OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FUND RECIPIENT

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### URBAN NATIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Our current Outreach Opportunities Fund (OOF) recipient is the **Urban Native Youth Association** (UNYA).

UNYA strives to support Indigenous youth by providing a diverse continuum of advocacy, preventative and support services that respond to their immediate and long-term needs. Today, UNYA delivers 20+ programs with 175+ volunteers, 100 staff, and more than 300 community partners. For more information about UNYA, please see [unya.bc.ca](http://unya.bc.ca). For more information about the Outreach Opportunities Fund, visit: [vanu.ca/oof](http://vanu.ca/oof)

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# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP: 11:00AM, DECEMBER 1, 2024

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<b>Prelude</b>		All of today's music has been composed and performed by the Awakeners*
<b>Words of Welcome &amp; Land Acknowledgement</b>		Elly Fong-Jones
<b>Greeting Our Neighbours</b>		
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>STLT #396: I Know This Rose Will Open</i>	
<b>Opening Words</b>	Words of William Schulz	Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Kindling the Chalice Flame</b>		Catherine Stewart
<b>Lighting the Advent Wreath</b>		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Time For All Ages</b>	<i>Little Tree</i>	By Loren Long Read by Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Song for Leaving</b>		Words by Suzelle Lynch Music by Ruben Piirainen
	<i>As you go, may joy surround you, as you go, go in peace Know our love is with you always, as you go, as you go</i>	
<b>Life of the Congregation</b>		Kathy Sayers
<b>Offering</b>		Elly Fong-Jones
<b>Offertory Music</b>		The Awakeners
<p>We continue to support the work of this congregation and our outreach opportunities recipient through an online offering. You may use <b>text-to-give</b> now (Simply text an amount to 778-771-1707 to get started today, or visit <a href="http://ucv.im/give">http://ucv.im/give</a> for more information!) or <b>donate online</b> through our secure Breeze interface.</p>		
<b>Community Candles</b>		Karen Theroux
<b>Meditation – Spoken, then Silent</b>		Elly Fong-Jones
<b>Musical Response</b>		The Awakeners
<b>Reading</b>	<i>Shells of Our Affection</i>	By Judith Warner
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>STLT #95: There is More Love Somewhere</i>	

<b>Sermon</b>	<i>What Are You Waiting For?</i>	Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<b>STLT #131: <i>Love Will Guide Us</i></b>	
<b>Benediction &amp; Extinguishing the Chalice Flame</b>		Rev. Shawn Gauthier
<b>Valediction</b>	<i>Carry the flame of peace and love, until we meet again (x2)</i>	
<b>Postlude</b>		The Awakeners

*\* The Awakeners have often played for us and I welcome them once again. They are a family devoted to writing and performing their original music with a message of hope, and are an inspiration every time I hear them. – Elliott*

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The flowers this week have been provided by **Chris Pearce**.

The artwork on display in the Sanctuary has been provided by **Hilda Gerson**.

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