

Hello from Dewi Sant Welsh United Church



(Photo: Edith Mackenzie)

Go Define Love - A Prayer For Thanksgiving (<https://united-church.ca/prayers/go-define-love>)

When I wake up each day
let gratitude
stir and strengthen me, O God.
Let it draw me to goodness
and hold me there...

There, where your Spirit sings,
"Go define love today,"
and my heart chooses
to rise to the occasion. Amen.



This Sunday . . .

Sunday, October 3

Pentecost 20

Thanksgiving Sunday

11:00 am In Person Worship

AND Zoom

*******Please Note: There will be no PowerPoint this Sunday, so please print out your bulletin if you are worshipping virtually*******

Dewi Sant Welsh United Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Dewi Sant Welsh United Church's Sunday Worship

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88670996467?pwd=WIZJVC9UOCs0c3QxdUwxK2piNnBEUT09>

Meeting ID: 886 7099 6467

Passcode: 259821

Dial by your location

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Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kcju7WzJpZ>





Reading for October 10, 2021

Matthew 6: 25-33

Next Sunday ...

Sunday, October 17

Pentecost 21

International Day to Eliminate Poverty



11:00 am In Person Worship

AND Zoom

Upcoming ...

Tuesday, October 19

7 pm Session meets

Sunday October 24 - Mark the Date!

*****10:30 a.m.** Worship in-person or virtually

DSWUC Worships With and At St. Mathew's United Church

729 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto

Rev. Liz will be preaching and co-baptizing her youngest grandchild!

Virtual worship details to come next week



Fiona had surgery on Tuesday, September 14. After a period of recovery, she anticipates being back at her computer on Tuesday, October 12. We hold Fiona in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

DEWI SANT IN-PERSON WORSHIP 2021



Sunday @ 11:00 a.m.!

We are **thrilled** to now be able to have in-person worship! The DS Emergency Response Team has worked hard so that we can return to in-person worship services while following Toronto and Ontario Public Health guidelines. Below are the guidelines and physical distancing measures for our in-person worship services. PLEASE READ THESE OVER BEFORE ATTENDING AN IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE.

- **Regular worship time – 11:00 a.m. (please arrive by 10:45 a.m.):** Korean Beacon Church will be disinfecting between our services so we are able to keep our regular worship time. A huge thanks to KBC for their offer to do this!
- **Entry** to the church will again be **via the back door** – please assess yourself against posted screening questions before entering; please observe physical distancing (6 feet/2metres) with those entering the building who are not your family/social unit members
- **Masks must be worn** at all times when in the church building. Please bring your own mask – masks will be available for those who have forgotten to bring one.
- **Everyone attending in-person worship must be fully vaccinated** against COVID-19. You will be asked to affirm that you have been fully vaccinated before you enter the sanctuary. This information will NOT be recorded or kept in any way.
- **Before entrance to the sanctuary** – please use the hand sanitizer provided at the top of the stairs and proceed when motioned into the sanctuary - your attendance will be taken as you enter for contact tracing purposes only
- **Signs are posted** on the pews where seating is allowed. Couples and family groups have assigned seating. An usher will help guide the entry and exit flow to ensure safe physical distancing and to guide you to your seating



- **Seating access is only via the side aisles; the middle aisle and the area in front of the chancel should not be used.**
- **Coats** should be kept on you or beside you in the pew.
- **For those being driven/taking a taxi** - please instruct your driver to drop you off at the back of the church.
- **Latecomers** must enter via the front doors and sit in one of the designated seats in the back pews.
- **Anyone requiring accessible entry/exit** via the front door and/or **the chair lift**, please contact Rev. Liz (647-617-9016) by 4 p.m. on the Saturday prior to the service. An accommodation plan will be discussed with you.
- **Washroom access:** washrooms are segregated by congregation – the ladies washroom will be used as a unisex washroom for Dewi Sant. Only **one person at a time** is permitted in the washroom. To access the washroom, please use the **west side** (chair lift side) of the front stairs.
- **Fellowship Hall is closed** to Dewi Sant members/adherents/friends for the time being.
- **Unfortunately**, there will be **no Sunday School**. We hope to have a plan to resume Sunday School when it is safe to do so.

As was the case in the Fall of 2020, our worship services will be modified to ensure the safety of those who attend. We are still worshipping God as we're called to do. However, congregational singing must be with masks on and at a low volume; there will be no bulletins, hymnals, or bibles; no shaking of hands or hugging; and no tea following the service. That said, it will be **GREAT TO SEE EVERYONE!**

For those not able to attend in-person worship, we will continue to live stream our worship services at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom and a copy of the order of service, sermon, and the Zoom recording link will be sent to all via the e-blast email list by the Tuesday following the service.

Questions/Concerns? Please contact Rev. Liz at:
liz.minister@dewisant.com

You can access the Toronto Public Health Guidance for Faith-Based Organizations here: <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-reopening-recovery-rebuild/covid-19-reopening-guidelines-for-businesses-organizations/covid-19-guidance-faith-based-organizations/>



From the Emergency Response Team:

COVID-19 Now that the Province of Ontario is in Step Three of its reopening plan, Dewi Sant in-person worship will resume on September 12, 2021. All public health guidelines will be followed for in-person worship. In particular, all people attending in-person worship need to wear a mask and observe physical distancing of 2 metres (6 feet) with people not in your family/social unit. As well, the ERT has made a decision that those attending in-person worship **must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19**. After reading the Ontario Ministry of Health guidelines and regulations along with the City of Toronto and The United Church of Canada's guidelines, the ERT determined that Dewi Sant has a duty of care for those in the over-70 year old age group who attend Dewi Sant. With the Delta variant gaining ground, this means ensuring that all who attend are vaccinated in order to lessen the risk of serious illness. For those who are not vaccinated for any reason, we ask that you stay home and continue to worship with Dewi Sant via our Zoom live stream. The Dewi Sant church building will now be open to the general public with proper COVID protocols in place - indoor masking and physical distancing.

You can access the COVID information and guidelines that the ERT has consulted here:

The United Church of Canada guidelines on vaccination policies:

[https://mcusercontent.com/7d85e7f4b07a283cd04585aed/files/3b8e45cb-79f4-a23b-29b0-e038e0a18164/Vaccination Policies in Congregations GCO 2021 06 24.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/7d85e7f4b07a283cd04585aed/files/3b8e45cb-79f4-a23b-29b0-e038e0a18164/Vaccination_Policies_in_Congregations_GCO_2021_06_24.pdf)

Government of Ontario COVID advice for religious services:

https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/advice_religious_services.pdf

City of Toronto Re-opening Guide for Step Three:

<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-reopening-recovery-rebuild/covid-19-guide-for-toronto-residents/>

If you have questions / concerns
please contact Rev. Liz at liz.minister@dewisant.com
or 416-485-7583 x 200.





E-ssentials

Achieving Work Life Balance

This past year has brought a lot of changes to our daily lives. We've had to adapt to new situations, from working remotely to home-schooling—keeping balance and harmony was a challenge.



Back to work and school considerations are moving to the forefront for many of us as September approaches. With kids returning to in-class learning and work places slowly reopening, this is the perfect opportunity to re-invigorate familiar patterns or establish new routines, prioritize self-care to stay grounded, and keep [work-life balance](#) in mind. This [video series](#) from LifeSpeak will help you meet the demands of home and work in order to feel healthier and strengthen your personal and working relationships. The video series is also offered in [French](#). [Log in](#) using the Group Account option. The password is "wellness".

[UCRDstore.ca](#) has [spiritual and mental wellness resources](#) to help you achieve a work-life balance. [Sanctuary: Creating a Space for Grace in Your Life](#) and [Sacred Rest](#) both describe the benefit of breaking away from the culture of 24/7 productivity to restore our spiritual and mental health.



**The Offering and Collection for Sleeping Children Around the World
during COVID-19 Virus Pandemic**

If you are not subscribed to the UCC PAR/ Pre-Authorized Remittance program, cheques can still be mailed to the DSWUC office. Someone will be checking mail regularly.

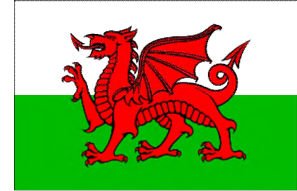
We are registered with Canada Helps, which is an on-line donation service for charities:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/explore/charities/?q=dewi+sant>

PLEASE NOTE: A special presentation and dedication of the cumulative year's donations for Sleeping Children Around the World will be held during worship on Children's Sunday, November 21, 2021.



Dysgu Cymraeg / Learn Welsh



For the twenty-eighth consecutive year, Welsh language classes will be offered through the auspices of Dewi Sant Welsh United Church. The congregation of Dewi Sant places great importance on the Church's Welsh roots, culture and traditions (including Cymraeg - the Welsh language). In the classes, we will be working on speaking and understanding modern Welsh. This is the Welsh that you will hear on the streets, in the shops and in the pubs in Welsh speaking areas of Wales. Teaching materials will be provided for you at no cost.

As in past years, we offer two Welsh language classes at Dewi Sant Welsh United Church (both online):

- **Beginners' Classes** - Every Friday evening between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm beginning Friday, **September 17th**, 2021
- **Intermediate Classes** - Every Saturday morning between 9:00 am and 12 noon beginning Saturday, **September 18th**, 2021

The classes will run every weekend (with a few exceptions such as long weekends, Christmas Break, etc.) until mid-May, 2022. In total, there will be about 26 classes. For complete dates and times, please visit the Learn Welsh section of the Dewi Sant Welsh United Church at www.dewisant.com. Though there is no charge for the classes, you may wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to Dewi Sant Welsh United Church so that the Church may continue its support of our Welsh traditions. In past years, many students have seen fit to donate \$50 - \$100 to the Church. A donation form will be available if you care to make such a kind donation.

If you are interested in further details on the Welsh classes, have questions or you would like to join us, please feel free to contact John Otley, the tutor, at TiwtorCymraeg@sympatico.ca or the Church office at info@dewisant.com.



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DEWI SANT IS LIVE!

HOW TO USE ZOOM - FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNSURE



On the Shining Waters Regional Council website, there are resources for Zoom video conferencing here:

<https://shiningwatersregionalcouncil.ca/zoom-video-conferencing/> (you may have to press shift + click or command + click in order to use this link).

Once you are on the webpage for Zoom video conferencing, scroll down to where it says "Resources for Participants" (second section on the webpage). Then click play on the video titled "Joining a Zoom Call for the First Time by Marcia Chadly". This is a very basic and detailed instruction video on how to join Zoom which will give you everything you need for joining Sunday morning live-streamed worship. One note: she is in the American context and shows telephone numbers from the US. When the DS Zoom worship link is sent out, the telephone option will show Toronto and area phone numbers.

If you are still not sure about joining Zoom or you would feel more comfortable talking to a "live" person rather than watch a video, a few DS folk have volunteered to be "peer mentors" in order to coach people through the process of joining Zoom. Please email Rev. Liz - liz.minister@dewisant.com - and I will team you up with a peer mentor who will help you through the process of joining Zoom.

It is wonderful to be worshipping again with all of you on Sunday mornings!

Rev Liz



Dewi Sant Welsh United Church Transition Team

Contact us.....

Via Phone

Call the church
and leave a message:
(416) 485-7583, Ext. 202
Your message will be reviewed
at the next team meeting

Via email

transitionteam@dewisant.com
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Suggestions

Suggestion Box in the Narthex

We want to hear from YOU!

Questions

Concerns

Ideas

Feedback



