

Assisting This Week: *Welcome Team:* Lead – Bill Powell
Lower Hall – Laura Mara, Nadean Harley *Welcome Table* – Katie Powell
Balcony – Jennifer Honsa *Elevator* – Harry Tattersall
Coffee – M & P *Nursery* – Alethea Bridel *Reader* – Bill Powell
Communion – Neil & Carol Beattie, Chris & Karen Monk, Kate Sparrow, Roger Esdon

Assisting Next Week: *Welcome Team:* Lead – Charlie Walsh
Lower Hall – Ruth Kochanuk, Jennifer Honsa
Welcome Table – Bev Mathew *Balcony* – Ernie Perrin
Elevator – Terry Stopa *Nursery* – Shamara Gautamadasa
Coffee – Men's Group

Nursery Room for your small children is available with an audio/video feed of the service. Attendants are glad to show you where the nursery is located.

Parents: For safety reasons, please ensure your children are supervised while in the balcony.

Hospital Visits: Please let Rev. John know when any of our members or friends are in hospital – 647-522-9483 (cell); 905-826-1542 (office); john.tapscott@streetsvilleunited.ca

Our Prayer Chain is available. When you have a prayer concern, call Kate Sparrow @ 905-302-4549 or the church office.

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December 3, 2017
Advent 1
Holy Communion



Anchored in God's Word...
Moving into God's Future

Inviting and welcoming all people into a growing relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Serving God and our neighbours in the local community and the wider world.

Order of Service

Prelude *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* arr. R. Thygeron

- Standing for all who are able

- **Call to Worship** (responsively) from Isaiah 40

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

All: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Leader: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

All: Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

- Prayer of Approach (followed by the Lord's Prayer)

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

- Assurance of Pardon
- Passing of the Peace

- Hymn **20** *On Jordan's Bank*

Announcements

Lighting of the First Advent Candle of Hope –
Robert, Thomas and Lara Santos

All Sunday School students and High School students leave for classes

Offering (Loose offering today is directed to our Benevolent Fund)

Offertory *People, Look East* arr. D. Wood

- Presentation of Offerings

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11

Mark 1:1-8

- Hymn **7**

Hope Is a Star

Sermon:

Words of Comfort

Isaiah 40:1-11

"Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God." Isaiah 40:1

Anthem

Come To Us Now, Emmanuel

D. Besig

- The New Creed (in unison) **p. 918**

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion (in unison): **Strengthen us, O God, in the power of the Holy Spirit to speak your words of comfort, and to spread the sure and living hope you have given us in Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal Kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

- Hymn **2**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Benediction

Moment for Reflection

Postlude

Carillon on "Sleepers, Wake!"

D. Paxton

Upcoming Services

Sun. Dec. 10 – Sunday School White Gift – Advent 2

Sun. Dec. 17 – Choir Christmas Service – Advent 3

Christmas Eve Services

10:00 am – Christmas Celebration - Advent 4

7:00 pm – Contemporary Service – music by our bands!

10:30 pm – Christmas Eve Communion Service



Meetings

Today

After worship – Junior Choir practice in the Fellowship Lounge.

Coffee Hour - Christmas Wreaths – 1st Streetsville Venturers are selling 20” Christmas wreaths - last chance!

Christmas Tidings – untaken Tidings were sent in the mail.

This Week



Tue. 7:15 pm – UCW Annual Christmas meeting and service in the sanctuary. Please join us - all are welcome!

Wed. 9:30 - 11 am - “The Café” in the Fellowship Lounge.

Wed. 7:00 pm – Senior Choir practice.

Thu. 7 – 8:30 pm – Bible Study – 40 Days of Love in the FL.

Fri. 7:00 am – Men’s Breakfast in the HH.

Sat. 10 – 11:30 am – Bible Study – 40 Days of Love in the FL.

Upcoming Events

Sun. Dec. 10 – White Gift Sunday – The congregation is invited to support the Salvation Army Toy Drive with the donation of unwrapped toys or gift cards.

Tue. Dec. 12 7 pm – Official Board meeting in the Fellowship Lounge.

Thu. Dec. 14 12 pm – Friendship Circle Potluck in the FL.

Wed. Dec. 20 11:45 am - “The Café” Luncheon – final meeting for Dec.

Announcements

Deck the Stalls: On Sunday Dec. 10 at 2 pm you can visit the stables where Joan rides. Their annual open house. Free admission. Full details are posted in the narthex.

Church Food Pantry – In November, we helped 16 people. This week we need ONLY the following: canned ham, turkey, chicken, salmon, spaghetti, ravioli, cereal, evaporated milk, mayonnaise, cookies, pudding cups, green or yellow beans, fruit, pkg spaghetti, shaving cream, ladies deodorant, facecloths, kleenex, pancake mix & syrup, dish detergent, comet or ajax, j-cloths & scouring pads. We are extremely low or empty on many of these items. Please HELP us re-stock over this Christmas season. Also, gravy, cranberry sauce and stuffing mixes would be appreciated. Thank you!