

**Assisting This Week:** *Welcome Team:* Lead – John Wilton  
Lower Hall – Anna Loughlin, Martha Heeney  
*Welcome Table* – Heather Drew *Balcony* – Dyana Janes  
*Elevator* – Dave Faulkner *Reader* – Dianne Nowoselski  
*Coffee* – Men’s Group *Communion* – Ken & Maisie McMullen,  
Jim & Ev Courtney, Nanci Anderson, Dianne Nowoselski

**Assisting Next Week:** *Welcome Team:* Lead – Katie Sparrow  
Lower Hall – Bev Mathew, Ruth Kochanuk *Welcome Table* – Nanci  
Anderson *Balcony* – Peter Mackintosh *Elevator* – Clarke Mills  
*Reader* – Carolyn Stewart *Coffee* – Outreach

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**Pre-school Room** for your children up to JK age is available with an audio/video feed of the service. Attendants are glad to show you where the pre-school room is located.

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

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**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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**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](mailto:john.tapscott@streetsvilleunited.ca)

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**Emergency Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Onsite**

Located in the sanctuary on the landing going up to the balcony on the center of the wall.

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**Streetsville United Church Leadership Team**

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January 6, 2019  
Epiphany  
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 *Prayer* M. Davis

- Standing for all who are able
- **Call to Worship** (responsively)

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

Leader: The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,

**All: for the Lord will be our light and God will be our glory.**

Leader: Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

- 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 **91** *The First Nowell*

Announcements

Junior Choir *Raise Him, Praise Him* Dan Carson

All Sunday School students and teachers leave for classes

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

Offertory *We Three Kings of Orient Are* arr. R. Haan

- 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 60:1-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

- Hymn **79** *Arise, Your Light Is Come*

Sermon: *Our Light Has Come*  
Isaiah 60:1

*“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.”* Isaiah 60:1

Anthem *Lord, Lead Us Still* arr. J. Brahms

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

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer after Communion (in unison): **O God of light and love, through the power of the cross you have shattered our darkness, scattering the fears that bind us, and setting us free to live as your children. Give us courage and conviction that we may joyfully follow you in the paths of faithful service, let by the light that shines, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

- Hymn **81** *As With Gladness Men Of Old*

Benediction

Moment for Reflection

Postlude *The Opening Year* L. Smith

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## Meetings

### Today

**After Worship – UCW Executive** Meeting in the Fellowship Lounge.

**2019 Giving Envelopes** – please pick up if you have not done so.

### This Week

**Tue. 7:00 pm – Sunshine Circle** in the FL.

**Wed. 9:30 – 11 am – The Café** - Join us in the Fellowship Lounge.

**Wed. 7:00** – Senior Choir practice.

**Fri. 7:00 am – Men's Breakfast** Heritage Hall

## ***Upcoming Events***

**Sun. Jan. 13 11:30 am – UCW Annual Meeting** in the FL.

**Tue. Jan. 15 7:00 pm – Church Council Meeting** in the FL.

**Thu. Jan. 17 8:30 pm – Boomer Band practice.**

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## ***Announcements***

**Church Food Pantry** – In December, we helped 17 people. This week we need ONLY the following: canned fruit, turkey or chicken, cereal, toilet tissue, mayonnaise, peanut butter, cookies, pancake mix (add water only) & syrup, jam, dish soap. Thank you for helping the less fortunate.

**Book Sale** – We have exceeded our \$1,000 goal for 2018 and are now at **\$1,099.50**. Thanks for your HELP!

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## **Refugee Sponsorship Fundraising Appeal**

**Target: \$10,000**

As a member of the Northwest Mississauga Constituent Group, Streetsville United Church has made a commitment to fully support our sponsored refugees for one year following their arrival in Canada. In early 2016, the members of the constituent group; Streetsville, Erin Mills, and Erindale United Churches, with support from Eden United Church raised \$63,078.82. The projections at that time were based on 2015 prices, which have increased in the interim.

Since the arrival of Tarek and Nadeem and his family, we have had expenditures of over \$45,000. In order to meet our commitment, we will need approximately \$40,000 more to see the year through. The current appeal was launched in mid-October and the target for our church is \$10,000.

Because the refugees we are sponsoring have been granted refugee status by the United Nations Refugee Agency, all donations are eligible for charitable tax receipts. Envelopes are available at the church office and in the Narthex, and cheques should be payable to Streetsville United Church with the memo Refugee Sponsorship.

It is because of your generous support, both financial and in kind, throughout the sponsorship that we will be able to fulfill our commitment. All donations are gratefully received. For further information, please contact Ali McMurter – [alihonsa@gmail.com](mailto:alihonsa@gmail.com)

## **Refugee Sponsorship Update**

At the end of May, the Northwest Mississauga Constituent Group welcomed Tarek to Canada and Nadeem and his family arrived at the end of June. They have all settled into their new homes in Mississauga. As the weather gets colder, they are adjusting to the onset of winter and have shared in Christmas activities with members of our congregations.

Both Tarek and Nadeem have had their credentials assessed by W.E. S. (World Educational Services) and been granted Canadian equivalency. Tarek has completed the theoretical part of a Social Integration program at the University of Toronto and is now completing some case studies in order to earn the certificate. He is volunteering at the United Church of Canada and the Syrian Community Centre in order to gain Canadian experience and has also joined the Interview Squad at Culture link.

Nadeem is studying for exams to upgrade his qualifications and plans to participate in a co-op program to help with his interview skills and add some Canadian experience to his resumé. Both he and Tarek are anxious to start work and make use of their skills. Nadeem is anxious to support his family without depending on others.

Oula is making a lot of progress in her English classes and has become much more confident. Her plan is to gain enough proficiency to enroll in college courses.

Five year old Lelas started senior kindergarten in September. She loves school and is learning English very quickly. Nadeem and Oula are both impressed by the Canadian education system.

Ahmed is a typical active two year old. He is in childcare while mom goes to her English classes.

Tare, Nadeem and Oula are all extremely grateful for the opportunity they have been given to start a new life in Canada. They know that without our ongoing support, none of this would be possible.