

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Murray Lewis *Narthex* – Peter Mackintosh *Elevator* – Kevin Dowling *Tech* – Wendy Dowling
Reader – Bill Powell *Coffee Hour* – Property

Communion – Bill & Katie Powell, Peter Mackintosh

Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Gail Boulton *Narthex* – Nadean Harley
Elevator – Kent Sweetman *Tech* – Ken Boulton
Reader – Leslie Guimond *Coffee Hour* – UCW Joy Givers

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

Emergency Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Onsite

Located in the sanctuary on the landing going up to the balcony on the center of the wall. **Naloxone Kit** in the red First Aid box.

Sharing Our Offerings:

Streetsville United Church needs you now more than ever. Please consider any of the several ways to support our congregation and our work in the surrounding communities. Small changes, like a slight weekly or monthly increase, or more regular givings, can go a long way. All giving methods are on the website or contact the office for help.

- You can e-transfer directly to the church (use info@streetsvilleunited.ca) or the UCW (use stvlucw@bell.net)
 - Mailing in a cheque or post-dated cheques to the church (or drop off at secure mailboxes front and back of the church)
 - Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) – automatic monthly deposits to the church. For more details, contact Bev Mathew at bev.mathew@rogers.com or 905-826-5005.
 - Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps)
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HOPE



December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

ROMANS 15:13 (ESV)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
 2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
 yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
 now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
 spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744
 MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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3. Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a king;
 born to reign in us forever; now thy gracious kingdom bring.

• Dedication in Song see insert
(v. 1 & 3)
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Prayer of Dedication & for Others

Lord's Prayer

• Hymn see insert
Cloth for the Cradle

Advent Blessing*****

One: God of the watching ones, the waiting ones, the slow and suffering ones, the angels in heaven, the child in the womb,
Many: Give us Your benediction, Your good word for our souls, that we might rest and rise in the kindness of Your company. Amen.

• Benediction in Song: *Cloth for the Cradle* (Chorus only)

Postlude arr. Cindy Berry
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Adapted from Advent Response 1: "Behind the Corridors of Space," *Cloth for the Cradle: Worship Resources and Readings for Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany*, Wild Goose Worship Group, 1997, p. 19.

Opening prayer written by Jim McKean, while at Severn Shores U.C., Severn, Ont. **Gathering, Advent/Christmas, Epiphany 2024/2025, page 30. Used with permission.

***Holy Communion prayers written by Alydia Smith, "A Communion Liturgy for the Whole People of God," United Church of Canada. Used with permission.

****Advent Blessing, *Cloth for the Cradle: Worship Resources and Readings for Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany*, Wild Goose Worship Group, 1997, p. 53.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after Worship service.

Chorus:

CLOTH FOR THE CRADLE, CRADLE FOR THE CHILD,
THE CHILD FOR OUR EVERY JOY AND SORROW:
FIND HIM A SHAWL THAT'S WOVEN BY US ALL
TO WELCOME THE LORD OF EACH TOMORROW.

1. Darkness and light and all that's known by sight,
silence and echo fading,
weave into one a welcome for the Son.
set earth its own maker serenading.
2. Hungry and poor, the sick and the unsure,
wealthy whose needs are stranger,
weave into one a welcome for the Son,
leave excess and want beneath the manger.
3. Claimant and queen, wage earners in between,
trader and traveling preacher,
weave into one a welcome for the Son,
whose word brings new life to every creature.
4. Wrinkled or fair, carefree or full of care,
searchers of all the ages,
weave into one a welcome for the Son,
the Savior of shepherds and of sages.

CLOTH FOR THE CRA - DLE, CRA - DLE FOR THE CHILD, THE
FIND HIM A SHAWL THAT'S WO - VEN BY US ALL TO

dum dum etc.

CHILD FOR OUR EV - ERY JOY AND SOR - ROW.
WEL - COME THE LORD OF EACH TO - MOR - ROW. *fine*

fine

v.1 Dark - ness and light and all that's known by sight,

ah

si - lence and e - cho fa - ding,

ah

weave in - to one a wel - come for the Son, set

ah

earth its own ma - ker se - re - na - ding. *d.c*

dum dum etc.

Christmas and Advent Services

During this Advent and Christmas seasons we will use some prayers and activities from the book, Cloth for the Cradle, which comes from the ecumenical Iona Community of Scotland. Not all the prayers feature cloth, but the primary, interactive activity does, and we will engage this “Cloth for the Cradle” activity on the fourth Sunday of Advent. I love this idea of sanctifying ordinary things like cloth during a sacred season. So, I also challenge you to wear some extra cloth during the Sundays of Advent.

I challenge you to bring an extra toque, pair of mittens, scarf, or sweater for each of the corresponding Sundays, which we will then give to the Open Door ministry of Square One.

Dec. 1 is “Toque Sunday”

Dec. 8 is “Mitten Sunday”

Dec. 15 is “Scarf Sunday”

Dec. 22 is “Sweater Sunday” (ugly Christmas sweaters encouraged!)

How to get ready for Christ(mas)

- a) List your hopes and goals
- b) Talk with someone about their hopes and dreams
- c) Find ways to bring hope to others
- d) Pray with those who are looking for signs of hope in their lives



Christmas Services

Sun. Dec. 1 — Communion, Advent 1

Sun. Dec. 8 — White Gift, Advent 2

Sun. Dec. 15 — Senior Choir Christmas Service, Advent 3

Sun. Dec. 22 – Family Christmas, Advent 4

Christmas Eve Service

7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Communion Service



Invite Your Friends & Family to Our
UCW Christmas Service

Featuring

McDougall Fiddlers

Back by Popular Demand

Date: Tuesday, December 3rd

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Location: Streetsville United Church

Refreshments following in Heritage Hall

A free-will offering to the UCW appreciated



Meetings

Today

Christmas Tidings remaining copies are available in the narthex. Due to current stoppage of mail delivery, please help hand-deliver.

This Week

Tue. 7:15 pm - UCW Christmas see insert for information.

Wed. 7:00 pm – Choir practice.

Sat. 9:30 am - Fresh Start final meeting. Topic: Power, Authority and Influence. Sign up sheet in the narthex, please plan to join us.

Upcoming

Tue. Dec. 10 7:00 pm – Church Council in the Fellowship Lounge.

Announcements

*** **PARKING** – Mississauga Christian Assembly, worshiping in Heritage Hall each Sunday, has been allotted the third bay of the parking lot bordering Victoria St. **Please park in the two bays closest to the church** on Sundays.

Extra Goodies for White Gift Sunday - To help celebrate White Gift Sunday next week, we are asking for additional goodies for Coffee Hour. If you are willing and able to assist please sign up in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Sun. Dec. 22 7:00 pm Save the Date! Christmas SUC Carolling in Streetsville Square. Celebrating Christmas in public by singing all time favourite Christmas Carols mixed with Christian based and secular songs. This is another way to celebrate and connect with Streetsville Community. We invite everyone who wants to celebrate Christmas with Joy and share the Good News by singing to our Neighbours. We need some volunteers to help with the setting up. Contact Rev. Joe or Music Director Michelle if you can come early to help with setting up.

Book cart: The book cart is available in the narthex featuring books related to the season. Borrowing is on an honour system, and we welcome all to seek out items of interest.

*** **Updated *** Eden Food for Change Donations** - Please bring your non-perishable donations to the church and place in the bin in the Narthex. **Things they need:** Juice, cookies, pasta sauce, ramen noodles, any kind of soup, canned pasta, jam, salmon, canned meat, canned fruit, dish soap and cooking oil.

Administrative Assistant Position at Streetsville United

Kelly Crewson, as our administrative assistant since 2014 has been a friendly welcoming face in the SUC office. She has provided support to three of our ministers, the congregation and community at large. The time has come for Kelly to embrace new change in her life, and we wish her well!

A job description for the Administrative Assistant position has been posted to the SUC website. The position is part-time, 16 hours per week, 4 hours per day – currently Tuesday to Friday. We are hoping to have the new candidate start March 1 with training and transition time with Kelly.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in applying for the position, you are invited to send your resume to:

search@streetsvilleunitedchurch.ca

Inquiries and questions concerning the opportunity are welcomed and can be directed to:

Gail Boulton, Teresa Judd or Martha Heeney