

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Laura Mara *Narthex* – Wendy Johnson
Elevator – Peter Mara *Tech* – John Sparrow *Reader* – Bill Powell
Coffee Hour – Pastoral Care *Communion* – Bill & Katie Powell, Wendy Johnson
Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Gail Boulton *Narthex* – Anna Loughlin
Elevator – Doug Hitchcock *Tech* – Ken Boulton *Reader* – Ken Boulton
Coffee Hour – Property

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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January 5, 2025
Epiphany Sunday
Series: Good News for Diverse
Communities



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

*Centred on Christ, serving God and our neighbours.
To be a vibrant multigenerational congregation within
our diverse community sharing God's truth and
unconditional love.*

Order of Worship

God Invites Us to Gather

- *indicates standing for all who are able*

Prelude *The First Noel* arr. Hal Leonard Co.
We Three Kings of Orient Are John H. Hopkins Jr.

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements and Centering Ritual

Call to Worship*

One: Together, we follow our hearts and our dreams to this moment.

Many: We listen and learn, love and pray.

One: Together, we follow our hearts and our dreams to this moment,

Many: with the long days of travel, the gifts of strangers, the horror or power, the celebration of life.

One: Together, we follow our hearts and our dreams to this moment.

Many: We listen and learn, love and pray.

One: Joining with the magi, together, we worship the babe, our hope.

- **Hymn VU 92** *In the Darkness Shines the Splendour*

Opening Prayer**

Many: God of gold, we seek Your glory: the richness that transforms drabness into colour and brightens our dullness with vibrant light; Your wonder and joy at the heart of all life. God of incense, we offer You our prayer: our spoken and unspeakable longings, our questioning of truth, our searching for Your mystery deep within. God of myrrh, we cry out to You in our suffering: the pain of all our rejections and bereavements, our baffled despair at undeserved suffering, our rage at continuing injustice. In our wealth, in our yearning, in our anger and loss, we embrace You, God-with-us. Amen.

Choir Anthem *One Small Child* arr. Mark Hayes

Time with God's Children

Prayer of Illumination Bill Powell

Scripture *Matthew 2:1-12* Bill Powell

- **Hymn** *We Three Kings* see insert
(United Methodist Hymnal #254)

Sermon

Jesus for Diverse People

Rev. Joe Hopkins

Holy Communion***

One: God is with us!

Many: We are not alone!

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love...We rejoice with all Your people of every time and place, and with angels and archangels, to proclaim the glory of Your name:

Many: Holy, holy, holy are You. Holy, holy, blessed are You.

One: It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ...We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again. In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Many: Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come to us again.

One: Holy Mystery, God the Spirit...Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Sharing the Bread and Juice

One: The body of Christ, the bread of life.

Many: The body of Christ, the bread of life.

One: The lifeblood of Christ, the cup of blessing.

Many: The lifeblood of Christ, the cup of blessing.

Stewardship Moment

Sung Dedication VU 541

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory *Songs O Thankfulness and Praise*

arr. Hal Leonard Co.

Prayer of Dedication & for Others

- **Hymn MV 145** *Draw the Circle Wide* see insert

Sending Words

One: God calls us to be a vibrant, multi-general congregation within our diverse community

We Three Kings

1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; King and

gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and sac - ri - fice: Al - le - lu - ia,

moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

Many: sharing God's truth and unconditional love. Glory to God!
 Amen.

• **Benediction in Song MV 145**

Draw the Circle Wide (chorus only) see insert

Postlude

Let All Things Now Living arr. Cindy Berry

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Please join us for coffee and fellowship after Worship service.

Announcements

January-February Worship Series & Class - during the months of January and February our worship services will focus on "Good News for Diverse Communities," which comes from a phrase in our congregational vision statement. To supplement the worship content, Rev. Joe will also lead a discussion group about the podcast series, "Open Out," which is about intercultural ministry in 21st century Canada. Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby/narthex or get into contact with Rev. Joe for more information.

New members' class - Rev. Joe plans to lead a class for anyone interested in becoming a full member of Streetsville United Church. The class will be a 2-hour session that will be scheduled at a date and time that suits all interested people. Please get into contact with Rev. Joe for more details.

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, cereal, pasta sauce, ramen noodles, any kind of soup, canned pasta, jam, salmon, canned meat, canned fruit, dish soap and cooking oil.

Draw the Circle Wide

(Traçons un grand cercle)

Unison
♩ = 132

Draw the cir-cle wide. Draw it wid-er still.

Let this be our song, no one stands a-lone, stand-ing side by side,

To verses | *Last time*

draw the cir-cle wide.

1 God the still-point of the cir-cle, 'round whom all cre-
2 Let our hearts touch far hor-i-zons, so en-com-pass
3 Let the dreams we dream be larg-er, than we've ev-er

a-tion turns; noth-ing lost, but held for-e-ver,
great and small; let our lov-ing know no bor-ders,
dreamed be-fore; let the dream of Christ be in us,

in God's grac-ious arms.
faith-ful to God's call.
o-pen ev-ery door.

Meetings

Today

UCW Exec. Mtg – after worship in the Fellowship Lounge.

This Week

Wed. 7:00 pm – Choir practice.

Thu. 7:00 pm – Joy Givers in the FL.

Upcoming

Sun. Jan. 12 after worship – UCW Annual meeting in the FL.

Tue. Jan. 14 7:00 pm – Church Council in the FL.