

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Peter Mackintosh *Upper Lobby* – Leslie Guimond *Elevator* – Kevin Dowling *Tech* – Wendy Dowling *Reader* – Kate Sparrow *Coffee Hour* – Pastoral Care, Worship

Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Bev Mathew *Upper Lobby* – Gail Boulton *Elevator* – Peter Mara *Tech* – John Sparrow *Reader* – Bill Powell *Coffee Hour* – UCW – Friendship Circle *Communion* – Bill and Katie Powell, Ruth Kochanuk

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 lower lobby outside the Fellowship Lounge. **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) 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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February 23, 2025
Black History Month
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 *Prayer for Peace* Charles Demorest
Holy Spirit Truth Divine Robert J. Hughes

Welcome and Black History Moment

Announcements and Centering Ritual

Call to Worship*

One: It is good to gather with people

Many: who know and accept us as people of faith.

One: It is good to gather with people

Many: who seek the meaning of purpose of life.

One: It is good to gather with people

Many: who wish to make a difference in our world.

One: People of faith, let us worship!

- **Hymn 98** *O Come to the Father through Jesus the Son* see insert

Opening Prayer**

Many: In the flurry and fluster of these winter days, Holy One, we pause to gather ourselves around your word of life. Pay attention to us, O God.

Do you notice our hearts longing for good news? Do you notice the emptiness and our desire to be filled and fed? Do you notice our exhaustion and the worry that we don't have enough and can't provide for the future without your help? Do you notice the way our faith reminds us to never stop expecting you to provide exactly what we

need so that we may continue the feasting and dancing of your spirit in us? In these days of Epiphany surprises, enlighten us with your stories.

Open our lives to the miracles around us. Turn our hearts to you until we rejoice in the good news of your life in us. Amen.

Choir Anthem *Love Divine, All Love Excelling* David Wilcox
Solo: Sharon Smale and Karen Gravelins

Time with God's Children: A Change of Clothes

Prayer of Illumination Kate Sparrow

Scripture *Colossians 3:5-17* Kate Sparrow

- **Hymn VU 575** *I am Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Covenant with Celebration of New Members

One: Dear siblings in Christ, let us pledge to these persons our support and care.

Many: As your siblings in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our love and support. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.

One: Let's now affirm our common faith by speaking together the words of "A New Creed" of the United Church of Canada.

Many: We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Sermon *The Believers New Clothes* Rev. Joe Hopkins

Stewardship Moment

Sung Dedication VU 541

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory *There is a Balm in Gilead* Robert J. Hughes

Prayer of Dedication & for Others

Lord's Prayer

- **Hymn VU 602** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Sending Words

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

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 *The Church's One Foundation* Cindy Berry

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Announcements

Acknowledging the Land on which We Worship - Streetsville United Church gathers on land that various Indigenous peoples have cared for. These peoples include the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe. We are especially partners with the Mississaugas of the Credit as part of Treaty 19.

PAY IT FORWARD – This campaign is continuing to March 31. If you are able to contribute any of the Ontario government rebate cheque to SUC, 25% will go to support the Benevolent Fund and those in need of support. The other 75% will help to reduce the anticipated deficit this year. Donations may be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer and indicate PAY IT FORWARD. All donations are tax receiptable. Thank you for any donation you are able to contribute.

Coldest Night of the Year 2024 - Streetsville United Church is once again entering a team in the Coldest Night of the Year event which takes place Feb. 22nd. Please visit <https://cnoy.org/home> to join the team, donate or learn more. Please contact Murray Lewis (416-278-4493) murrayelewis@gmail.com with any questions.

Eden Food for Change Donations - Please bring your non-perishable donations to the church and place in the bin in the Lobby/Narthex.

Things they need: Juice, any soup but vegetables, canned pasta, tomato sauce, jam, salmon, flour, sugar, dried kidney beans, canned lentils and dish soap.

Save the Date: Saturday March

29th - Ask yourself: How can I, and we at SUC, serve God's Mission?

We are invited to a vibrant 'Mission Conference' with many great speakers on March 29th, hosted

locally by the Korean church in Mississauga. Learn more here and speak to Michelle Chung or Kate Sparrow for more info:



Meetings

Today

2024 tax receipts are available in the Narthex today.

Annual Meeting- after worship in the sanctuary, there will be a short break for coffee, refreshments and bio breaks.

3:00pm-5:00pm - Pathway Retreat – Fellowship Lounge

5:00pm-6:30pm - Pathway Retreat – Heritage House

This Week

Wed 7:00pm - Choir Practice

Thurs. 7:00pm - Worship Class

Upcoming

Wed. Mar 4, 5:30pm – Pancake Supper, come to our pancake supper and enjoy a delicious meal courtesy of the men's group and youth volunteers. Your goodwill donation is appreciated by the local Pathways Breakfast Programme for children. Please sign up on sheets in the narthex.

Sat. Mar 8, 1pm-4pm - Centering Prayer Workshop - We will hold a time to learn about the spiritual practice of centering prayer. The workshop will be led by Kevin Steeper, pastoral support minister for the Horseshoe Falls Region of the United Church of Canada. Please sign up in the lobby/narthex or talk with Rev. Joe.

To God Be the Glory

1. To God be the glo-ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur chase of blood, to ev - ery be -
 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the promise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er, and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we sec -

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the

Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thru

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done!

Draw the Circle Wide

(Traçons un grand cercle)

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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,

draw the cir - cle wide.

To verses *Last time*