

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: Sanctuary Lead – Gail Boulton Upper Lobby – Murray Lewis Elevator – Doug Hitchcock Tech – Ken Boulton Reader – Ken Boulton Coffee Hour – Property

Assisting Next Week: Sanctuary Lead – Laura Mara Upper Lobby – Tony Tadros Elevator – Peter Mara Tech – Kate Sparrow Reader – Bill Powell Coffee Hour – Outreach

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 in the lower lobby outside the Fellowship Lounge. **Naloxone Kit** in the red First Aid box at the back of the sanctuary.

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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Series: "Centered on Christ" - Lent 2025



*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

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Music Attributed to Martin Herbst

Ah, Holy Jesus

Johann CRUGER

Boomer Band Set

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements and Centering Ritual

Call to Worship

One: God calls us to offer to other people what God has given to us: time, talent, treasure, and love.

Many: God calls us to be sharing!

One: As a body of believers and those seeking to believe, let's orient ourselves toward God's vision for our lives and community life.

Many: Let's worship Christ, our spiritual centre.

- **Hymn VU 593**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
(v. 2 & 3)

Prayer of Confession

Many: God our Provider, You have filled the earth with good things for all Your creatures to enjoy, but we too often hoard and squander Your good gifts. And when we do try to share Your blessings with others, we get tired and frustrated so quickly. Forgive our short attention spans, our distracted spirits, our fear of poverty, and our miserly hearts. For the sake of Your Son Jesus and Your cosmic project of salvation, point us toward Your preferred future and Your reign of peace, justice, and abundance.

Time of Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

Praise & Worship Songs - Boomer Band

Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble
Days of Elijah

Time with God's Children

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Philippians 2:1-11

Ken Boulton

Sermon

Homily: To Be Sharing

Rev. Joe Hopkins

Choir Anthem

As You Serve, Remember Me
(Joel Raney)

Pathway Community Housing Presentation

Joanne Hopkinson

Stewardship Moment

Sung Dedication MV 166

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ

Offertory

Boomer Band - *Kindness*

Prayer of Dedication & for Others

The Lord's Prayer

- **Hymn VU 506**

Take My Life and Let it Be

(v.1, 4, 5)

Sending Words

(Based on Streetsville UC Mission Statement)

One: Keep Christ at the centre of your life, and Jesus will always lead you with truth and love.

Many: Keeping Christ at our centre, we go forth to serve God and our neighbours. Amen.

Benediction in Song: Jesus at the Centre (chorus only)

Jesus at the centre of it all,

Jesus at the centre of it all,

From beginning to the end,

It will always be; it's always been

You, Jesus, Jesus (2 times)

Boomer Band

Glorify Thy Name

Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name

Oliver Holden

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after Worship service.

Meetings

This Week

Sun. Mar. 30 - Pathway Sunday and the guest speakers will be Joanne Hopkinson

Mon. Mar. 31- Lenten Prayer Hour, in FL

Wed April 2 - Choir Practice, in Sanctuary

Upcoming

Sun. April 6 – 11:30am – 1:00pm – UCW Exec. Meeting, in FL

Mon. April 7 – 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Lenten Prayer Hour, in FL

Tues. April 8 – 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Church Council, in FL

Wed. April 9 – 7:00pm – 8:30pm - Choir Practice, in Sanctuary

Thurs. April 10 – 1:00pm – 3:30pm – Friendship Circle, in FL

Sat. April 12 – 2:00pm – 4:00pm Prayer Workshop, in HH

One of the primary ways that Christians center themselves is through prayer. There are so many ways to pray! Rev. Joe will lead this two-hour workshop and encourages participants to come prepared to share their experiences of prayer, too! Whether you are a seasoned prayer warrior or a novice, join with fellow believers and seekers to grow in prayer practices.

Tues. April 15 – 1:00pm – 3:30 pm – Sunshine Circle, in FL

Announcements

PAY IT FORWARD – Many thanks to those who have been able to choose Streetsville United as their favourite charity and pass on the recent Ontario government cheque to us. **So far, we have received 24 donations for a total of \$4700.** This campaign will continue until March 31 as not all government cheques have been received. If you are able to contribute any of the rebate cheque to SUC, 25% will go to support the Benevolent Fund and those in need, 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, your support is greatly appreciated!

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

Things they need: Juice, jam, coffee, sugar, canned pasta, any soup but vegetable or chicken noodle, dried lentils, salmon, canned meat, canned fruit and dish soap.

Sweets and Treats Fundraiser - Palm Sunday April 13th at Coffee Hour. Yummy baked goods provided by the Joy Givers UCW group. Cash only...thank you in advance!

Good Friday Breakfast – Sign up sheets will be available starting this Sunday. Arrival is 8:30am and breakfast will run until 9:45am. Please join us for the Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary at 10am after breakfast.

GARAGE SALE

Saturday April 26, 2025

DONATIONS:

Donations are now being accepted and can be placed on the stage in the auditorium. During the week prior to the garage sale, donations will be accepted Mon April 21 10:00am – 3:00pm and Tues April 22 to Thurs April 24, 9:30am– 4:00pm and 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Prior to this, you may also drop off on Sunday mornings or contact Lorraine Treanor (905-826-3761) or Deanna Hodges (deannahodges@rogers.com) to arrange a time for drop off during the week.

Reminder: we do not accept adult clothing or large furniture. Jewelry donations can be given directly to Lorraine or Deanna.

VOLUNTEERS:

We will be looking for lots of volunteers to help with the garage sale (set-up, cashiers, general help, clean up, etc.) during the week of Tuesday April 22 – Friday April 25 and on April 26, the date of the sale. Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex starting next week.

YARD SIGNS:

Signs will be available starting next Sunday so please take one and advertise our garage sale on your front lawn!

If you have any questions, please contact Lorraine or Deanna.

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ". It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 96. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system has the lyrics: "Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, Son of God* a - mong us,". The second system has the lyrics: "thank you for ev - ery sign show - ing that you love us." Above the first system, the chords E, E7, F#m/E, E, F#m/E, B7/E are indicated. Above the second system, the chords E, E7, F#m/E, E, F#m/E, F#m7/E, E are indicated. The piano part features a simple accompaniment with a steady bass line and chords.

* alternatives: "Child of Earth," "Word made Flesh"

COURTYARD IMPROVEMENT

As a congregation that is centered on Christ, we need to keep our property in excellent shape so that multiple generations can use it to grow in vibrancy. Last fall an adhoc committee was struck to look at necessary courtyard improvements. This involves work in 3 areas:

- Waterproofing is necessary on the exterior wall by the elevator entrance. This must be done to maintain the integrity of the building and needs to be completed before other courtyard improvements can proceed. Funding is in the Property budget to cover this expense with minimal supplement from the reserves account as needed. We will proceed with this as soon as possible (end of March/beginning of April).
- Walkway – the current uneven surface of the pavers on the walkway needs to be addressed before they become a serious tripping/safety hazard. In addition, doing this work will also improve drainage to the catch basin which will help reduce water/ice buildup on the walkway. UCW has set money aside over the last couple of years for work in the courtyard.
- Playground areas on both sides of the walkway – Willowtree Montessori School has been fundraising for some time to contribute to our church courtyard and improve this area for more enjoyable play for the children. Little grows in this area, and it is often a mudhole.

This project is still in the planning stages as we meet with contractors to determine the best options and costs. Because Property has money in the budget for the waterproofing and the UCW and Willowtree are contributing significant funding to cover the walkway and playground areas, additional financing is not anticipated and the deficit this year will not be affected by these improvements. Once completed this will benefit all who enter here and use this space. Stay tuned for further updates!

Courtyard Adhoc Committee: Rob Gravelsins, Ken Poulsen, Diane Wilton, Bev Mathew and Sandra Perri (Willowtree)

Time & Talent Opportunities 2025

Thanks so much to the many willing members of our Community of Faith who have agreed to champion some of the Time & Talent opportunities! Anyone who might be interested in offering their help on any of the areas listed below is welcome to reach out to Gail Boulton by email gailboulton@rogers.com or cell 905-996-0063.

Coffee Hour Help

Be assigned to a committee to help on the Coffee Hour rotation, likely once every 2 months. Job is linked to Pastoral Care and is for one year.

Defibrillator

- Quarterly inspect AED located in the lower hall entry
- Naloxone Kit located at back of sanctuary with First Aid Kit, expiration date to be inspected and replace as necessary
- Property Committee to establish protocols and commitment is for 1 year

Upper Lobby Tidy Up

As this area of our church becomes a casual dumping ground, a monthly tidy up of the following:

- Break down and place in the exterior recycle bin all cardboard boxes that do not have an immediate purpose
- Collect any Craft Sale, Garage Sale or other signage, and put in storage cupboard located at the back of the Heritage Hall under the office wing
- Set up a small Lost & Found
- Job is linked to Property Committee and is for 1 year

Welcome Team Helpers

Offer to help with welcoming people to Sunday Worship!

- Rotation is approximately every 6 weeks
- Job is linked to the Worship Committee and is for one year

Macgregor Meat Sales Co-ordination

- Timeline – 2 weeks in Spring and Fall
- Can mainly be done from home (Spring 2025 can shadow John Wilton)
- Connect with Macgregor to set delivery date, receive new information package and forward information to congregation through the Bulletin and Tidings
- Tally orders, match with payments, submit one compiled order to Macgregor Meats
- Cheque Request for full payment through the office
- Distribute orders on delivery day
- Job is linked to the Finance Committee and is for 1 year