

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Tony Tadros *Upper Lobby* – Nadean Harley *Elevator* – Doug Hitchcock *Tech* – John Sparrow *Reader* – Cathy Hitchcock *Coffee Hour* – Finance

Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Ev Courtney *Upper Lobby* – Wendy Johnson *Elevator* – Peter Mara *Tech* – John Sparrow *Reader* – Kate Sparrow *Coffee Hour* – Worship

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: 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 *Lord, Hear Our Cry* Robert J. Hughes
If With All Your Hearts
Felix Mendelssohn, Arr. Rogers C. Wilson

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements and Centering Ritual

Call to Worship*

One: God calls us to gather as followers of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Many: God calls us to be a congregation.

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 108

Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights (v.1-3)

Opening Prayer**

Many: It is a wonder beyond wonders, Holy God, that You yearn and wait for us, that You search for us when we are lost, that You rush out to greet us with open arms a heart full of mercy when we turn toward home. You know us, O God. You know that we are a strange mixture of faithfulness and failure, of certainty and doubt, of trust and fear. You know the distant places to which our failures and doubts and fears take us—places of the heart that are far from You. God of heaven and earth, Your Son Jesus invites us to live in the truth that we belong to You, the future belongs to You, and all the earth belongs to You. As in our baptism You cleansed us and made us new, so, today, we ask You to cleanse us: heal our faithlessness and help us start anew so that we may enter into the joy You have prepared for all Your children, through Your Son Jesus, whose claim upon us brings us home into Your presence.

Time of Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

The Lord's Prayer

Choir Anthem

If My People Will Pray (with Hear Our Prayer, O Lord)
Keith Christopher

Time with God's Children Lenton Skit

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture *Joel 2:1-2, 12-27* Cathy Hitchcock

• **Hymn VU 653** *Come, Let Us to the God of Love* (v.1-3)

Sermon *To Be a Congregation* Rev. Joe Hopkins

Covenant with Congregational Leadership

Stewardship Moment

Sung Dedication MV 166 *Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ*

Offertory *O Church Arise* Arr. Phillip Keveren

Prayer of Dedication & for Others

• Hymn Jesus at the Centre

*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
Nothing else matters Nothing in this world will do
Jesus you're the centre everything revolves around You Jesus, You
From my heart to the heavens Jesus be the center
It's all about You Yes, it's all about You
Jesus be the center of your church Jesus be the center of your church
And every knee will bow And every tongue will confess You, Jesus, Jesus*

Sending Words****

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*

Postlude *In the Cross of Christ I glory* Ithamar Conkey

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after Worship service.

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Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ 166

♩ = 96

E E7 F#m/E E F#m/E B7/E

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, Son of God* a - mong us,

(hum)

E E7 F#m/E E F#m/E F#m7/E E

thank you for ev - ery sign show - ing that you love us.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 96. The first system of music has the lyrics 'Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, Son of God* a - mong us,' and includes a '(hum)' instruction. The second system has the lyrics 'thank you for ev - ery sign show - ing that you love us.' Above the treble staff, chords are indicated: E, E7, F#m/E, E, F#m/E, B7/E for the first system, and E, E7, F#m/E, E, F#m/E, F#m7/E, E for the second system.

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

Meetings

This Week

- Mon. 6:30pm-8:00pm – Lenten Prayer Hour
- Tues. 7:00pm-9:00pm – Church Council
- Wed 7:00pm - Choir Practice
- Thurs. 9:00am-11:00am – Pastoral Care Meeting
- Thurs. 1:00pm-3:30pm – Friendship Circle
- Sat. 1pm-4pm - Centering Prayer Workshop – Postponed, date TBD

Upcoming

- Mon. Mar. 17, 6:30pm-8:30pm – Lenton Prayer Hour, in FL
- Tues. Mar. 18, 1:30pm-3:30pm – Friendship Circle, in FL
- Thurs. Mar. 20, 7:30pm-8:30pm – Boomer Band Practice, in Sanctuary

Announcements

PAY IT FORWARD – This campaign is continuing to March 31. If you can 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 can contribute.

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.

STEM CELL DONOR REGISTRATION DRIVE - On Saturday, March 29 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Outreach, in conjunction with Canadian Blood Services, will have a stem cell registration drive in Heritage Hall. This is in support of Caitlin Bridel of our congregation. Youth between the ages of 17-35 are eligible to register. The registration involves a swab and only takes a few minutes. Youth in high school can receive 1 hour towards their community service hours with their registration. Light refreshments will be available for participants. We also have several take-home kits available that can be used by registrants. They take their own swab and mail it in for testing in a prepaid envelope. We encourage you to take one or more kits if you have grandchildren, young relatives and friends who are eligible for the drive. It will be an unusual but very helpful gift for them and others!

Are you 17-35 and willing to save a life?

More than 735 of patients in Canada with life-threatening diseases and children must rely on a volunteer donor found on a stem cell register.

Register to become a potential stem cell donor

Streetsville United Church
274 Green St. W. Mississauga
Saturday, March 29, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Photo of Caitlin Bridel, a young woman with glasses, smiling.