

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Laura Mara **Upper Lobby** – Tony Tadros **Elevator** – Doug Hitchcock **Tech** – Wendy Dowling **Reader** – Cathy Hitchcock **Coffee Hour** – Friendship

Assisting Next Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Jennifer Honsa **Upper Lobby** – Laura Mara **Elevator** – Peter Mara **Tech** – Kate Sparrow **Reader** – Kate Sparrow **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 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 (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)

Streetsville United Church Leadership Team

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Sunday November 23, 2025

Sermon – The Misunderstood Saviour



*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*

Boomer Band – *There is a Place*
 Hallelujah
 Open the Eyes of My Heart
 Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone

Prelude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.* Arr. Lowell Mason

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Our in-person worship occurs on the traditional land of Indigenous peoples including the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, and Mississaugas of the Credit.

Announcements & Centering Ritual

Call to Worship – a reading from Philippians 2

- **Hymn VU 211** *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”*

Opening Prayer *

One: Jesus, Face of God Incarnate,

Many: first word over all creation, we are born of You and for You.

One: Alpha, Peace from Truth,

Many: first hope among the dead, we are reborn of You and for You.

One: Omega, Redemption, and Reconciliation,

Many: first servant in our action of giving, we are in relationship of You and for You.

One: Christ, Ruler of our todays and our tomorrows,

Many: first love in our hearts, minds, and souls, we are in community of You and for You. Amen.

Boomer Band - *There is a Place*
 Hallelujah

Time with God’s Children *“Crowns and Crosses”*

Prayer of Illumination Cathy Hitchcock

Scripture Luke 23:33-43 Cathy Hitchcock

Choir Anthem *“At the Cross”* Arr. Patti Drennan

Sermon **“The Misunderstood Saviour”** Rev Joe

Stewardship Moment

Offertory *The Old Rugged Cross: Inspired by Brahms’s Intermezzo in A major* Arr. Faye Lopez

Offering

- **Sung Dedication VU 541** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication & for Others

Each phrase will end with the words, “Jesus Christ, crucified King,” and worshipers should respond, “Hear our prayer.”

- **Hymn VU 151** “Lift High the Cross” (v. 2-5)

Sending Words**

One: As we return to the world,

Many: let’s carry with us Christ’s truth, cherish him as the highest power in our lives, and share his generous love with neighbours, near and far.

Benediction in Song

by Don Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Postlude *Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness* by CRÜGER

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the Worship service

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This Week's Meetings:

Mon. Nov. 24 -7:00pm – 9:00pm – Joy Givers, in FL

Wed. Nov 26 – 7:00pm – 8:30pm – Choir Practice, in Sanctuary

Upcoming Meetings:

Tues. Dec. 2 – 7:00pm - UCW Christmas, in HH

Wed. Dec. 3 – 7:00pm – 8:30pm – Choir Practice, in Sanctuary

Thursday Dec. 4 – 9:30am – 11:00am – Pastoral Care, in FL

Fri. Dec. 5 – 7:30pm – 9:30pm – Carol Event - St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Announcements:

Save the Dates for Christmas Music -

On Friday, December 5th at 7:30pm, Our neighbour St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is having their Christmas music events at their church. They have invited our choir and other churches choirs to join the events. There will be a lot of Christian Christmas carol singing, choir performances including our choir and a joint choir. This event is open to the public and there will be a food bank donation box. Everyone is invited to attend who wants to sing carols and support our choir. This will be great opportunity to connect with other churches and the community at this Joyful time of the year.

We hope to see many of you at these Music events.

Eden Food for Change Donations – Please bring your non-perishable donations to the church and place them in the bin in the Lobby/Narthex. Oatmeal, canned vegetables, canned fruit, side dishes, any soup but vegetable or tomato, cookies, juice, coffee, flour, salt, canned pasta, salmon, canned meat, and dish soap.

Advent Small Group Online

This year we are partnering with Christ First United Church to hold an adult small group class **each Tuesday of December evening beginning at 7 PM**. The class is called "Living Nativity: An Advent Small Group Series" by the organization Prayer Bench. In the busyness of the season, let us pause to draw near to Bethlehem and the figures who meet us there. From the ordinary comes the extraordinary, with God's love-filled story at the center. Sessions include:

December 2: Approaching the Creche

December 9: Feet on the Ground

December 16: At the Edge of the Creche

December 23: Are We There Yet?

Please register at the Christ First UC website: <https://www.christfirst.ca/adult-study>

Will you volunteer a few hours for your Church Council? We need you more than ever!

Be part of a committee or working group and help our church sustain and grow. This is an opportunity to connect with others and make a difference. You can rejoin Council or get involved for the first time.

Questions can be directed to Kate Sparrow, Chair of Church Council or the Ministry and Personnel Committee members Teresa Judd and John Sparrow.

Please read: Summary of Church Council meetings September-November 2025

The purpose of the Church Council is to be the decision-making body of our congregation, responsible for leading us in fulfilling our mission and vision. Members of Council are elected at the Annual Congregational meeting each February and council meetings are held monthly. SUC Church Council members are enthusiastic and committed, and we welcome anyone interested to attend any meeting.

Church Council wants to let you know 'what we're doing'. As a form of transparency and communication and for general interest, the following is a summary of key points discussed at our September, October and November 2025 Church Council meetings.

September: We received two presentations from non-council guests; one regarding the reorganization and refresh of the 19 Bulletin Boards within our church building, incorporating our Mission and Vision. The other presentation was about a local food distribution charity considering SUC as a site for their food pantry program, who subsequently pulled back from this request of SUC due to internal matters. Council decided that if people of the community want to rent SUC parking spaces, discussion and a proposal need to occur via Church Council. Reverend Joe asked Council to begin discerning the 'Summer Council Reflection Challenge' prompts sent to Council members.

October: Council continued discussing the top 3 prompts from the Summer Council Reflection Challenge within the context of our church's current financial status, asking members to consider 'How are the Holy Spirit and God directing us individually and collectively; what are we being called to do?' Also, a 'New Ideas' template is being created, to gather details and formulate an implementation plan; the template is to be completed when someone has an idea or project, they would like council to consider. Council discussed recent challenges with some members not receiving church emails, with possible solutions. The Finance committee presented its monthly financial report with budget plans for 2026. Our northerly neighbour, 'New Eyes Childcare' has requested church parking space rental and gate access, discussed by Council. A subcommittee has been established to help plan the 200th anniversary of the United Church of Canada.

November: A small group of youth gathered with Reverend Joe and a Church Council member, and a volunteer leader, or a rotating roster of adults, are needed to continue nurturing the youth of our church outside of Sunday morning worship; this is a volunteer opportunity to be prayed for. We discussed the Reflection 'How might God want us to make changes to our physical church property to help live out our Mission and Vision'; the refreshed bulletin boards are an example of how renters might sense Faith in Action at SUC via these boards. Two Council members volunteers to improve the Queen Street garden/grass area, allowing a regular, welcoming outdoor 'Coffee Hour' in warmer weather. We noted that the front door of church may need signage to welcome visitors and guests to the rear entrance of our church. Our December meeting will continue discussion.