

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Ev Courtney **Upper Lobby** – Bev Mathew **Elevator** – Doug Hitchcock **Tech** – Dave Moase **Reader** – Dianne Nowoselski **Coffee Hour** – Outreach

Assisting Christmas Eve:

Sanctuary Lead – Gail Boulton **Upper Lobby** – Wendy Johnson **Elevator** – Doug Hitchcock **Tech** – Ken Boulton **Reader** – Cathy Hitchcock **Communion** – Katie and Bill Powell +1

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 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 December 21, 2025 Christmas Choir Program



*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 "Fanfare for the Season" by Jason W. Krug
Performed by Christ First UC Bell Choir

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

"Advent's Holy Light" with Advent Responsive Reading & Prayer* & Lighting Four Candles

(The first, second, third, and fourth candles are lit. See insert for Congregational Part)

Candle of Love Wendy Johnson and Erika Dimene

Reader 1: Today the fourth candle, the candle of Love, joins the candles of Hope, Peace, and Joy. Like the combined glow of many candles, let this season remind us of the strength found in unity as we come together to love and uplift one another. Let the warmth of loves illuminate the connections that bind us together and foster in us a deep sense of belonging.

Reader 2: Love creates the bonds that provide us with deep, meaningful relationships.

Many: The greatest gift of all is love.

Reader 2: Love inspires random acts of kindness and generosity.

Many: The greatest gift of all is love.

Reader 2: Love causes us to only look for the best in others.

Many: The greatest gift of all is love.

Reader 2: Love allows us to be accepted for who we are, flaws and all.

Many: The greatest gift of all is love.

Reader 2: Let us pray together:

Many: Gracious Creator, we gather in Your presence today, hearts brimming with gratitude for the gift of love You have bestowed upon us. May the celebration of love extend beyond our immediate circles, creating ripples of compassion and unity in the world. In recognizing the beauty of love, may we become vessels of Your light, shining brightly for all to see. Amen.

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 10:12-15 (the essence of the Law)
Cathy Hitchcock

Congregational Song VU333 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Song "Come, Let Us All with Heart and Voice"
Adapted by Alan Bullard

Song "The Angel Gabriel" traditional Basque carol
arr. by Thomas Hoekstra

Song "O Holy Night" arr. by Linda Lamb
Bell Tree Solo. Performer Joan Cobbold and Sandy Garraway
(Guest Bell Canto)

Time with God's Children "Christmas Bells"

Congregational Song VU 42 "Down to Earth, as a Dove"

Scripture Reading John 3:16-17 (For God so loved the world)
Heather Drew

Song "His Praises We'll Sing" arr. by Alan Bullard

Song "Rejoice in the Lord Always" by Henry Purcell
arr. by Thomas Hoekstra

Performers: Rob, Karen and Laura Gravelins Family Trio

Scripture Reading 1 John 4:16b-19 (God is love...) Sharon Smale

Song "Star Carol" by John Rutter
Solo - Kim Perrin

Song "Christmastime"
by Michael W. Smith & Joanna Carlson arr. by Joseph M. Martin

Stewardship Moment (Presentation of SUC choir to Christ First Bell Choir)

Music During Offering "In the Bleak Midwinter" by Jason W. Krug
Performed by Christ First UC Bell Choir

Song of Dedication MV 166 "Jesus Christ, Jesus" (sung twice)

Prayer of Dedication and for Others

Congregational Song VU 55 "In the Bleak Midwinter" (congregation sings v. 3-4 only; Michelle will give sign)

Advent Blessing**

One: Go now in love into this Advent season.

Many: We carry the light of love with us.

One: And may the presence of God uplift you,
the gentleness of Christ live in your hearts,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit guide you.

Many: Today and always.

ADVENT AMEN

Words and Music by Lisa Waites

Committed (♩ = c. 84)

Go now with hope, for Je-sus will be com-ing soon. Go now with peace, that God a-lone can

give; Go now with joy, to share with all the pro-phet's news. Go now with

love, God's faith-ful love to live; A - men, A - men, Hal - le -

lu - iah, A - men. A - men, A - men, Hal - le - lu - iah, A - men, A

Chords: C7, F, Bb/F, F/A, C7, F, Bb/F, Gm, C7, F, Bb/F, F/A, C7, F, Bb/F, Gm, C7, Bb, C, Dm7, F/C, Bb, C, Dm7, Bb, Dm7.

Postlude

"Christmas Joy"

arr. Jason W. Krug

Performers - Christ First United Church Bell Choir

Benediction Advent Amen

(see insert)

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the Worship service

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This Week's Meetings:

Tues. Dec 23 – 7:00pm Advent Small Group - Online

Wed. Dec 24 – 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Christmas Eve Service, in Sanctuary

Announcements:

United Church of Canada Mission & Service a number of our members ask that a portion of their donations to SUC goes to The United Church of Canada to support the Mission & Service fund. If you would like to know more about Mission & Service and what programs are supported through the fund, please go to; united-church.ca and scroll about halfway down the page and click on the Mission & Service button. It is our hope, in the coming months, to share with you more about how Mission & Service "transforms and save lives, inspires meaning and builds a better world".

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, any soup but vegetable or tomato, dried red lentils, dried chickpeas, cookies, juice, coffee, tea, 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 23: Are We There Yet?

Please register at the Christ First UC website:

<https://www.christfirst.ca/adult-study>

A Quiet Christmas: a Service of Comfort and Hope

The congregations of Clarkson will hold a gentle service of hope and healing for everyone who wants to reflect, remember, rest, and return to the simplicity and love of the season. At Clarkson Community Church, 1880 Lakeshore Road West, Mississauga on Dec. 22 at 7 PM.

Update on Gift Cards and Cash

An additional \$140.00 was received this week. We now have \$2805.00 in total that has been distributed. Thank you all again for your generosity this year with everything that you donated.

How to get ready for Christ(mas)

December 21st- Advent 4

- a) Tell someone what you Love about them
- b) Pray with those who are lonely and in need of a friend
- c) Do a kind deed for someone that you Love
- d) Ask a Loved one how you can pray for them this Christmas Season

Advent's Holy Light Congregational Part

JOEL RANEY

(on cue)

Lord, we are wait-ing for peace to reign.

Lord, we are lis-tening for love's re - frain.

For hope, peace, and joy and love to u -

nite in the beau-ty and won-der of

Ad - vent's ho - ly light.

(repeat this chorus after the candle lighting and litany)

Guest – Christ First United Church

Bell Canto



Joan Cobbold (Director)

Sandy Garraway (Piano)

Janis Cowie

Peggy Forde

Sue Gittings

Heather McGillis

Carole Wilson

SUC Choir

Sopranos Altos

Carol Beattie, Eva Cummins

Antoinette Clarke, Cathy Hitchcock,

Heather Drew, Andrea MacLean

Dee Hopkins, Karen Gravelsins

Sharon Smale, Kim Perrin

Dianne Nowoselski

Tenors Bass

Joe Garcia, John Collins

Roy Kho, Rob Gravelsins

Diane Wilton, Joe Hopkins

Mark Hopkins

