

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Laura Mara **Upper Lobby** – Wendy Johnson **Elevator** –
Keving Dowling **Tech** Wendy Dowling **Coffee Hour** – Pastoral Care

Assisting Next Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Gail Boulton **Upper Lobby** – Laura Mara **Elevator** – Peter Mara **Tech** – Ken Boulton **Reader** – Bill Powell **Coffee Hour** – Men's Group **Communion** Kaitie 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 stlucw@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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Sunday December 28, 2025

God's Word Through Music and Hymns



*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 *"The Huron Carol"* Denis Bedard, 1997

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 Our Souls

Opening Prayer*

One: Praise the Living God! Praise God from the heavens:

Many: Sun and moon and shining stars, praise the Living God!

One: Praise God's Holy Name,

Many: whose word speaks all things into being, who is present in the expanse of the universe, and in the voices of children.

One: Praise the Living God, our rescuer and deliverer,

Many: whose wonder is found in the heavens and in all creation, who comes in innocence, and with mercy.

One: O God, our light, our beauty, our rest: With the appearance of your Son you have brought us into your new creation.

Many: Form us into your people and root our lives in you; through Christ, the Living Light.

Carol VU 59 *"Joy to the World"*

Lighting the Christmas Candles – Time with the Children

God's Word through Music and Hymns

Beginning the Story

Isaiah 35:1–10 (Ken Boulton)

God's Promise #1

***Story** (Ken Boulton)

Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem," VU 64

Isaiah 11:1–9 (John Sparrow)

God's Promise #2

***Story** (Jennifer Honsa)

Carol: "Good King Wenceslas" (See insert)

Isaiah 9:2–7 (Teresa Judd)

God's Promise #3

***Story** (Teresa Judd)

Carol: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," VU 44

Isaiah 63:7–9 (Wendy Dowling)

God's Promise #4

***Story** (Ruxandra Faulkner)

Carol: "Silent Night, Holy Night" VU 67 (accompaniment James Faulkner)

Stewardship Moment

Offertory

"Away In a Manger"

(German Melody) arr. V. C. Thomas, 1958

Song of Dedication VU 55

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

(v. 4)

"What can I give Him, poor as I am

If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb

If I were a wise man, I would do my part

What I can I give Him, Give my heart"

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Carol VU 36

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Sending Words**

One: As we leave this house of worship today, let us hold in our hearts the Promise of God made manifest in the birth of the Christ.

Many: And may we go out in faith, trusting that God will lead us; may we go in love, believing in God's saving grace; and may we go in peace, recognizing God's precious gift given to each one of us. Amen.

Postlude *Variations on "Wenceslas"* Robert Edward Smith, 1998

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the Worship service

*Opening Prayer, carol stories, and prayer of dedication and for others written by Andy O'Niel. From "Advent Unwrapped", the United Church of Canada. Used with permission.

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Good King Wenceslas

John Mason Neale, 1853

13th Century Spring Carol

1. Good King Wen - ces - las looked out on the Feast of Ste - phen,
2. "Hi - ther, page, and stand by me, if you know it tell - ing,
3. "Bring me food and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hi - ther,
4. "Sire, the night is dark - er now, and the wind blows strong - er,
5. In his mas - ter's steps he trod, where the snow lay dint - ed;

When the snow lay round a - bout, deep and crisp and e - ven.
Yon - der pea - sant, who is he? Where and what his dwell - ing?"
You and I will see him dine, when we bear them thi - ther.
Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no long - er.
Heat was in the ver - y sod which the saint had print - ed.

Bright - ly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cru - el,
"Sire, he lives a good league hence, un - der -neath the mount - ain,
Page and mon - arch, forth they went, forth they went to - ge - ther,
"Mark my foot - steps, my good page, tread now in them bold - ly,
There - fore, Christ - ian men, be sure, wealth or rank pos - sess - ing,

When a poor man came in sight, ga - thering win - ter fu - el.
Right a - gainst the for - est fence, by Saint Ag - nes' foun - ain."
Through the cold wind's wild la - ment and the bit - ter wea - ther.
You shall find the wint - er's rage freeze your blood less cold - ly."
You who now will bless the poor shall your - selves find bless - ing.

This Week's Meetings:

Wed. Dec. 31- 7:00pm – 8:30pm - Choir Practice, in Sanctuary

Next Week's Meetings

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

Wed. Jan. 7 – 8:30om – Boomer Band Practice, in Sanctuary

Thurs. Jan. 8 – 1:00pm – 3:00pm – Friendship Circle, in FL

Announcements:

Welcome to Melvin Hurst who will be directing the music for services on December 28 and January 4.

Melvin Hurst retired two years ago from Humbercrest United in west Toronto after more than 18 years as Director of Music. He continues to be active in the Royal Canadian College of Organists and is the Past President of the Canadian Music Festival Adjudicator's Association. Mr Hurst was a Music Specialist for the Peel Board of Education and while teaching at Nahani Way P. S. introduced the first set of English Handbells to be used in the Ontario Public School System. His hobbies are reading and making jam and jelly from picking berries at their family's cottage in Saskatchewan! Website: melhurst.ca

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, cookies, juice, coffee, tea, canned pasta, salmon, canned meat, and dish soap.

Rev. Joe will be away for time with his family from Dec. 25 until Dec.

29. If you need emergency pastoral care during this time, you may call Rev. Irene Ty at 647-997-1378 or email her at irenety888@gmail.com.

Heather Murray will be out of the office Dec 30 and returning Jan 6.

Dianne Nowoselski will be filling in for her during this time.