

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Peter Mackintosh **Upper Lobby** – Jean Stopa **Elevator** – Terry Stopa **Tech** – Megan Sweetman **Reader** – Children **Coffee Hour** – Sunshine

Assisting Next Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Wendy Johnson **Upper Lobby** – Laura Mara **Elevator** – Peter Mara **Tech** – John Sparrow **Reader** – Leslie Guimond **Coffee Hour** – Ministry & Personnel and Christian Ed

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)

Sunday December 7, 2025



White Gift Sunday



*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.

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Order of Worship

God Invites Us to Gather

- *Indicates standing for all who are able*

Prelude "Viennese Sonatina in C major, IV" Finale by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Performer: Hudson Lim, Michelle's piano student
'Prelude No. 4 in F Major" by Elvina Pearce
Angels We Have Heard on High" by Arr. Julie A. Lind
Performer: Ammy Li, Michelle's piano student

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: (Based on Isaiah 12:5-6)

Leader: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

All: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.

Leader: Shout and sing for joy, O people of God,

All: For great is the Holy One in our midst, blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.

Prayer of Approach

Children's Choir: I'm Gonna Shout, Shout (Shout Out Your Love)

Finding Baby Jesus

- Just A Little Donkey
- We're Going to Find a Baby!
- Baby Jesus Song
- Christmas Acrostic

Campfire Carols

- Scene One - Away in a Manger – Hymn 69 (verses 1 & 2) (Remain seated)
- Scene Two - Angels We Have Heard on High – Hymn 38 (verses 1 & 3) (Remain seated)
- Scene Three - We Three Kings – Blue Chorus Book – Page 62 (Please stand in you are able)
- Scene Four
- Scene Five - Joy to the World (Hymn 59 – verses 1 & 2) (Remain seated)
- Scene Six - Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Hymn number 48 – verses 1 & 3) (Remain seated)

Special Music "Away in a Manger" Organ and piano Duet, arr. J.E. Spilman
Performer: Hudson Lim (Piano), Michelle Chung (Organ)

The Proclamations

Nativity Procession & Offering

Offering Song Awesome God

(1st Chorus Instrumental, 2nd & 3rd Chorus Sunday School sings, 4th and 5th Chorus the congregation joins)

*Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, and power and love, our God is an awesome God.*

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle - Candle of Peace

Randa Tadros, Aurora and Layla Majid

Reader 1: We continue our Advent journey today with the lighting of the Hope candle and the second candle, the candle of Peace. Let the gentle glow of these candles symbolize the tranquility we seek in our hearts and homes, fostering a sense of peace that transcends the chaos of this world.

Reader 2: In a world filled with conflict and confrontations

Many: We humbly seek the gift of peace.

Reader 2: For the storms that sometimes rage within us.

Many: We humbly seek the gift of peace.

Reader 2: As we rush and hurry our way through busy lives

Many: We humbly seek the gift of peace.

Reader 2: And for those around us we know are carrying heavy burdens

Many: We humbly seek the gift of peace.

Reader 2: Let us pray together:

Many: Gracious Creator, in the quiet moments may we find solace in Your presence, and in the noisy chaos of life may Your peace prevail. Calm the storms that rage within and around us. May we be instruments of Your peace, fostering understanding, compassion, and harmony in our hearts. Amen.

All sing "Advent's Holy Light – Congregational Part" (see insert)

- **Hymn #43 Go Tell it On the Mountain**

Words of Appreciation and Thanks

Benediction this Christmas:

Leader: This Christmas, I wish for you
All: Light to crumple up the darkness
Leader: This Christmas, I wish for you
All: Love to pull us closer to one another
Leader: This Christmas, I wish for you
All: Peace the same the angels sang
Leader: This Christmas, I wish for you
All: Starlight to follow on your way home
Leader: This Christmas, I wish for you
All: Promise to keep hope alive for you
Leader: This Christmas, I wish for you
All: God newly born and in the flesh
Leader: This Christmas I wish for you
All: Jesus Christ, born this night, light of the world

Postlude

“Hark the Hearld Angel Sing”

Performer: Ammy Li

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the Worship service

Prayer of Approach: Author Unknown - <https://www.southernliving.com/holidays-occasions/christmas/christmas-prayer>
Just a Little Donkey: Author Unknown - <https://www.loveliveson.com/christian-christmas-poems/#:~:text=By%20Leanne%20Guenther,Him%2C%20Whom%20angels%20fall%20before%2C>
We're Going to Find a Baby - <https://www.salvationist.org.uk/resources/christmas/christmas-scripts>
Baby Jesus Song - <https://www.dltk-holidays.com/xmas/babyjesussong.htm>
Christmas Acrostic: Johnnie DesRochers – <https://www.imagineforest.com/blog/christmas-poems-kids/>
Campfire Tales – By John Cosper - <https://www.childrens-ministry-deals.com/products/campfire-carols-christmas-program>
The Proclamations - <https://smallchurchministry.com/christmas-program-the-proclamations/>
This Christmas: Roddy Hamilton, and posted on Listening to the stones. <http://newkilpatrickblog.typepad.com/nk-blogging/mucky-paws/>



This Week's Meetings:

Tues. Dec 9 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm - Church Council, in FL

Wed. Dec. 10 - 7:00pm - 8:30pm - Choir Practice, in Sanctuary

Thursday Dec. 11 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm - Friendship Circle, in FL

Sun. Dec. 14 - 12:30pm - 1:30pm Youth meeting, after the service, in the Library

Announcements:

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, flour, canned beans, 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 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>

Streetsville United Youth Group! We are pleased to welcome any teens in our congregation to join in monthly (sort of) meetings after worship on Sunday. With good conversation, sharing of ideas, and youth bible study, we are eager to continue welcoming young people into our congregation's worship and praise. Contacts are Rev. Joe Hopkins (church officer) and Leslie Guimond - 647-465-5594.

How to get ready for Christ(mas)

December 7th- Advent 2

- a) Pray for the wisdom to find path to Peace
- b) Consider joining an organization whose goal is to bring Peace in the world
- c) Work toward Peace with like-minded people
- d) Find a time of Peace for yourself through quietness and reflection

**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)