

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Gail Boulton **Upper Lobby** – Laura Mara **Elevator** – Peter Mara **Tech** – Ken Boulton **Reader** – Bill Powell **Coffee Hour** – Men's Group
Communion Katie and Bill Powell +1

Assisting Next Week:

Sanctuary Lead – Jennifer Honsa **Upper Lobby** – Peter Mackintosh **Elevator** – Doug Hitchcock **Tech** – Bevan Jutzen **Reader** – Cathy Hitchcock **Coffee Hour** – Finance

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)

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Sunday January 4, 2026
Sermon - "Astrological Evangelism"



*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*

Organ Prelude *"Unto Us A Child Is Born"*
(German Melody) Gordon Young, 1993

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*

One: Where shall we go?

Many: We seek the Holy One.

One: How shall we get there?

Many: We'll journey together.

One: How will we find the right path?

Many: By asking those who have gone before.

By listening to the word of God.

By following the star.

One: And we'll find the Christ child?

Many: And even more.

One: But can we do that?

Many: Yes! And we, too, are Wise Ones,

living our lives in God's way,

living our lives in love's way.

Living our lives...

and worshipping our God.

One: Alleluia!

Many: Alleluia!

- **Hymn** *"We Three Kings"* (see Blue Chorus Book)

Opening Prayer** and the Lord's Prayer

We come into Your presence, God most holy, in awe and wonder at Your great love for us all, no matter who we are, no matter what we have done. Open our hearts to Your holy wisdom. Help us, we pray, to share your love with the world, just as the Wise Ones shared their gifts with the Christ. In his name, and in Your love, we continue to pray in the way Jesus taught...

Time With God's Children *"Stargazing"*

Prayer of Illumination

Bill Powell

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

Bill Powell

Sermon

"Astrological Evangelism"

Rev Joe

- **Hymn of Preparation MV 47** "Born in Human Likeness" (sung twice)

Holy Communion***

One: God is with us!

Many: We are not alone!

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love...

We rejoice with all your people of every time and place,
and with angels and archangels,
to proclaim the glory of your name:

Many: Holy, holy, holy are you.

Holy, holy, blessed are you.

One: It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ...

We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again.

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Many: Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ will come to us again

One: Holy Mystery, God the Spirit...

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever. Amen.

Eating & Drinking Together

One: The body of Christ, the bread of life. Let's eat together.

All worshippers eat.

One: The lifeblood of Christ, the cup of blessing. Let us drink together.

All worshippers drink.

Stewardship Moment

Piano Offertory

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

L.H.Redner

arr. Clarence Kohlmann, 1944

Offering All loose cash will go to the Benevolent Fund

• **Sung Dedication: VU 541** "Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow"

Pastoral Prayer

• **Song: VU 343** "I Love to Tell the Story"

Sending Words

One: We are part of God's unfolding story of hope, life, and love.

Many: We go out to live out our part of God's story!

One: May God the Creator sustain you, Christ the Redeemer encourage you, and Holy Spirit the Helper guide you.

Many: Glory to God! Amen.

Benediction in Song: VU 343 "I Love to Tell the Story" (chorus only)

Organ Postlude "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"
("In Julci Jubilo") Charles Sergison, 1971

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the Worship service

*Call to Worship written by Richard Bott, **Gathering**, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2025-2026, page 37-38. Used with permission.

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***Holy Communion prayers written by Alydia Smith, "A Communion Liturgy for the Whole People of God," United Church of Canada. Used with permission.

Loose offering today will go to the Benevolent Fund.

This Week's Meetings:

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

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

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

Next Week's Meetings

Tues. Jan. 13 - 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Church Council, in FL

Wed. Jan. 14 - 7:00pm – 8:30pm - Choir Practice, in Sanctuary

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.

Please save **used stamps for the Canadian Bible Society**. Ten pounds of stamps equals 6 Key to Freedom Bibles that are distributed to men and women in prison. Leave the stamps on the envelope and cut around 1/4 inch. They can be dropped into the basket in the narthex (next to the used eyeglasses

basket.) This website gives you more information: Stamps for Freedom - Canadian Bible Society

Born in Human Likeness

47

Round ♩ = 63

1 D D/F# G A 2 D D/F#

Born in hu-man like-ness, found in hu-man form: Je-sus, “God is

3 G A D D/F# G A

with us,” we pro-claim your glo-ry!

The image shows a musical score for a round in 4/4 time, marked with a tempo of 63. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains measures 1 through 4, with lyrics 'Born in hu-man like-ness, found in hu-man form: Je-sus, "God is'. The second system contains measures 5 through 8, with lyrics 'with us," we pro-claim your glo-ry!'. The third system contains measures 9 through 12, which end with an open harmony. Above the staves, the chords for each measure are indicated: D, D/F#, G, A, D, D/F#, G, A, D, D/F#, G, A. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes.

A simple round based upon Philippians 2:7-11. The open harmony at the end is intentional, signifying unending praise – try leaving it unresolved.