

Order of Worship
Sunday November 29, 2020
Advent 1
God Invites Us to Gather



Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that our church is on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. For thousands of years the first peoples gathered, love, celebrated, created, and overcame great obstacles on this land. We give thanks that we can create community here too and pray that the communities we create will be spaces of peace and respect for all.

Lighting the Advent Candle (Hope)

Congregational response

Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflections –
For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

**We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,
And set aside time to offer quiet thanks.**

The good news of Advent is this:

Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

We will welcome Christ into our hearts.

We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.

We will go forth from this place in hope.



Advent Prayer

Hymn 9 *People, Look East* (words below)

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Isaiah 35:1-6

Sermon *Welcoming Something New* Rev. Jessica McCrae

Video *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

We Celebrate the Sacrament of Communion

Statement of Our Faith – A New Creed (words this page)

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Elements

Prayer after Communion

Our Response to God

Hymn 25 *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* (words below)

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

A New Creed

We are not alone,
We live in God's world.

We believe in God:
Who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Facebook Connections - As we find ourselves in yet another lockdown I am trying to find new ways to reach out to you, so that we might get to know one another a little better. I have started a Facebook account where I will be posting videos with Facebook live and I invite you to take a look. I am hoping that the videos will be available for everyone, even if you are not on Facebook. You can find my account here

<https://www.facebook.com/jessica.mccrae.169/>

Sunday School – please see below (after the hymns) for a message from the Christian Education Committee regarding White Gift Sunday and weekly Sunday School activities.

Virtual Christmas Pageant - Help us create SUC's first ever Virtual Christmas Pageant. Please submit your photos to Rev. Jessica at Rev. revjmccrae@gmail.com no later than Dec. 11 to be included. (see below for more information from Rev. Jessica)

Study Group - Rev. Jessica will be leading a study group on Zoom:

Mondays December 7, 14, 21 at 7 pm - People Who Dream

If you are interested in participating, please let her

know revjmccrae@gmail.com

Virtual Coffee Hour - Gather at your computer, tablet or smartphone on Zoom for coffee hour at **11:00 am** Sunday. We can support up to 100 participants on this. For more information click on

<https://www.streetsvilleunited.ca/events/virtual-coffee-hour-2/>

Wed. 11:00 am – Virtual Café Join us on your computer, tablet or smartphone on Zoom for coffee! Every Wednesday morning. For more information click on <https://www.streetsvilleunited.ca/events/virtual-cafe/>

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9 People, Look East

- 1 People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.
- 2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.
- 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
guard the nest that must be filled;
even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.
- 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.
- 5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

25 Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

- 1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
see the Lamb for sinners slain!
Thousand, thousand saints attending
join to sing the glad refrain:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall then behold you,
robed in awesome majesty;
all who jeered, and mocked, and sold you,
pierced, and nailed you to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Now redemption, long expected
see in solemn pomp appear;
all the saints, by us rejected,
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!
- 4 Yea! Amen! Let all adore you,
high on your eternal throne;
crowns and empires fall before you,
claim the kingdom for your own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Everlasting Christ, come down.

Christian Education and Sunday School Information

White Gift Sunday

Due to the current circumstances, this year's White Gift Sunday will look very different. The Sunday School will be continuing to support the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal but it will be in the form of a gift card or cash. If you and your family are interested in contributing, please put a gift card or cash in an envelope, label what is inside and drop it off at the church office during business hours or place it in the secure mail box at the front sliding doors. Please do this by Tuesday December 1st. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness. Rev. Jessica will give thanks for the gifts on Sunday December 6th, the second Sunday in Advent.

Sunday School Activities - We are continuing to include Advent and Christmas activities for Sunday School students. Some will be in the weekly bulletins and others will be available by email request at cechair@streetsvilleunited.ca. The information will be taken from the current Curriculum, the United Church of Canada and resources from Rev. Jessica. We hope that you and your family will try some of these activities and check out the website as well.

This Week's Sunday School Activity - This Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent. The Bible reading is Isaiah 64:1-9. Additional readings are Mark 13:24-37, Psalm 80:1-7 and 17-19 and 1 Corinthians 1:3-9. This is a good opportunity to read them with your family and discuss the information. There are also Advent activities available from the email above. Included is an activity to make an Advent wreath.

Final Prayer - Holy One, just as your eye is on the sparrow, grant us vision to both see and respond in love to those among us who are the most vulnerable and those who are in need of care. Amen

Our First Ever Virtual Christmas Pageant

I need your help! Covid has disrupted all of our usual routines and many of our traditions, but we are learning to adapt. This year I need your help to create the first ever Streetsville UC Virtual Christmas Pageant. This will be a safe and fun way to involve the whole family in the Christmas story and it will be available to view starting on Christmas Eve day from the safety and comfort of your own homes. And share the link with family far away!

I will narrate the story in a way that is accessible for all ages and I need your help to bring the story to life with your photos. Please dress up as your favourite characters in the Christmas story and take photos in your home, your yard, the park, at a farm (only if you know the farmer!), in the community, anywhere at all. Use your imagination and be creative!

We need photos of:

Mary alone

Mary with an Angel

Mary and Joseph

Someone standing with a sign saying "This Way to Bethlehem"

Innkeeper standing with a sign saying "No Room at the Inn"

Baby Jesus in the Manger (or in Mary's arms)

Animals (any animals you think were at, or would have liked to have been at, the manger)

Angels

Shepherds

Wise Men (and Women!)

So pull out your Bibles, read the Christmas story and let's get creative and have some fun! (Psst! Participation is not limited to children. Or to members of SUC. If you are new to our church via livestreaming we'd love to see you too!)

By submitting photos you agree to have the photos used in our Virtual Pageant and broadcast publicly. Names will not be included with any photos. Please submit photos to

Jessica.mccrae@streetsvilleunitedchurch.ca by Dec. 11th.

Please let Rev. Jessica know when any of our members or friends are in hospital or in need of pastoral attention – 647-222-9683 (cell); 905-826-1542 (office); revjmccrae@gmail.com

Our Prayer Chain is available. When you have a prayer concern, call Kate Sparrow @ 905-302-4549 or the church office.

Covid-19

Givings - We continue to have expenses, such as utilities and salaries. If you are not on PAR, offering can be provided by:

- You can now **e-transfer** directly to the church. From your online banking, add a recipient using the name **Streetsville United Church** and email address info@streetsvilleunited.ca E-transfers are automatically deposited in the church account with no need for a password. Please note that e-transfers **will** be included on your tax receipt. [More guidance here.](#)
- You can now **e-transfer** directly to the **UCW**. From your online banking, add a recipient using the name **UCW Streetsville United Church** and email address ucw@streetsvilleunited.ca. E-transfers are automatically deposited in the church account with no need for a password. Please note that e-transfers **will** be included on your UCW tax receipt. In the comment line please add if the donation is for one of the groups or for general UCW. [More guidance here.](#)
- Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps) at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/13238>
- Mailing in a cheque (or post-dated cheques to Streetsville United Church at 274 Queen St. South, Mississauga, ON L5M 1L8)
- Pre-Authorized Remittance: We also now have over ten years' experience with United Church PAR, which automatically makes monthly deposits to the church. For more details, contact Ken Boulton at kjboulton@rogers.com or 647-938-3350.
- Cheques/envelopes can also be dropped off in the mailbox at the front doors of the church. It is a **NEW** secure, locked mailbox.