

**Order of Worship**  
**Sunday January 3, 2020**  
**Epiphany**



**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.

**Call to Worship**

Herod's treachery could not stop hope!

**God's light, whose sign was a star, was poured out for the people.**

All the fears and powers of this world cannot diminish God's light.

**That light is the life of Jesus Christ, who breaks through the darkness.**

Thanks be to God, for the most precious gift of Light.

**Let us live as people of new Light and Hope. Amen.**

**Prayer or Approach and Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn 79**                      *Arise Your Light Is Come*                      (words right)

**The Word of God Proclaimed**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture**                      Mathew 2:1-12

**Sermon**                      *Living Into the Light*                      Rev. Jessica McCrae

**Hymn 97**                      *When A Star Is Shining*                      (words below)

**Our Response to God**

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn 96**                      *Will You Come and See the Light*                      (words below)

**Blessing and Benediction**

**Postlude**

***We warmly welcome Michelle Chung as guest musician!***

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**79 Arise Your Light Is Come**

- 1 Arise, your light is come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God,  
which shines on you today.
- 2 Arise, your light is come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.
- 3 Arise, your light is come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the broken-hearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.
- 4 Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God's power will make us strong.

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## Announcements

**This Week's Sunday School Activities** - This is the Second Sunday of the Christmas Season- Recognize, Re-engage, Respond

As we move from preparing for the birth of Christ to witnessing Christ at work in the world, we are invited to be a part of that work in new ways. Each scripture for this week helps us to recognize who we are through Christ, empowers us to respond to God's love and to re-engage the world as God's capable and beloved church. You are encouraged to share thoughts and/or experiences that you had over the past week.

1) Bible Reading- John 1: 9 (1-9), 10-18

Additional Scripture readings: Jeremiah 31:7-14, Ephesians 1:3-14, Psalm 147: 12-20

This Sunday's scripture passages are written to very different audiences. They all remind their audiences that God's love is good news and that love is for everyone. How can recognizing this love allow us to re-engage the world as individuals and as communities of faith?

2) Prayer- Energizing God, you know there are times when we are tired and uncertain, when we doubt that we can do your work in the world. As we approach a new year, help us recognize and embrace your love for us, so we have what we need to re-engage the world you love so much. Amen.

**Coat Drive** – Streetsville United Church is partnering with the Rotary Club of Mississauga-Meadowvale on this year's coat drive. The donation day is Saturday, January 16, 2021 from 10 am - 12 noon. Please drop off coats at the elevator entrance of the church at that time.

**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/>

## 97 When A Star Is Shining

- 1 When a Star is shining over eastern hills,  
when the air is silent, and the clamour stills,  
when the night is waiting, and the old hopes rise,  
then the time has ripened and the heart grows wise.
- 2 Where the world is waiting for an unknown day,  
where a voice forgotten cries, 'Prepare the way!'  
where an earthly power makes the heart turn cold,  
there the gifts are offered: incense, myrrh and gold.
- 3 Lead us on, O Daystar, in the quiet night;  
guide us through the shadow with your gentle light;  
show us in a manger our redemption's sign;  
bring us to a morning where the promise shines.

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**Epiphany**

## 96 Will You Come And See The Light

- 1 Will you come and see the light from the stable door?  
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.  
It will be your guiding star,  
it will show you who you are;  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 2 Will you step into the light that can free the slave?  
It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.  
By the pyramids of greed  
there's a longing to be freed;  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 3 Will you tell about the light in the prison cell?  
Though it's shackled out of sight, it is shining well.  
When the truth is cut and bruised,  
and the innocent abused,  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 4 Will you join the hope, alight in the young girl's eyes,  
of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?  
When the lowest and the least  
are the foremost at the feast,  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 5 Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?  
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,  
and the darkness all about  
is too dim to put it out:  
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

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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

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

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