

## Welcome Team

**Assisting This Week:** *Narthex* – Laura Mara, Tony Tadros  
*Sanctuary* – Ruth Kochanuk *Elevator* – Peter Mara  
*Coffee Hour* – Worship *Reader* – Cathy Hitchcock  
*Communion* – Bill & Katie Powell

**Assisting Next Week:** *Narthex* – Bev Mathew, Jean Stopa  
*Sanctuary* – Doug Hitchcock *Elevator* – Terry Stopa  
*Coffee Hour* – UCW *Reader* – Kate Sparrow

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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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## Emergency Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Onsite

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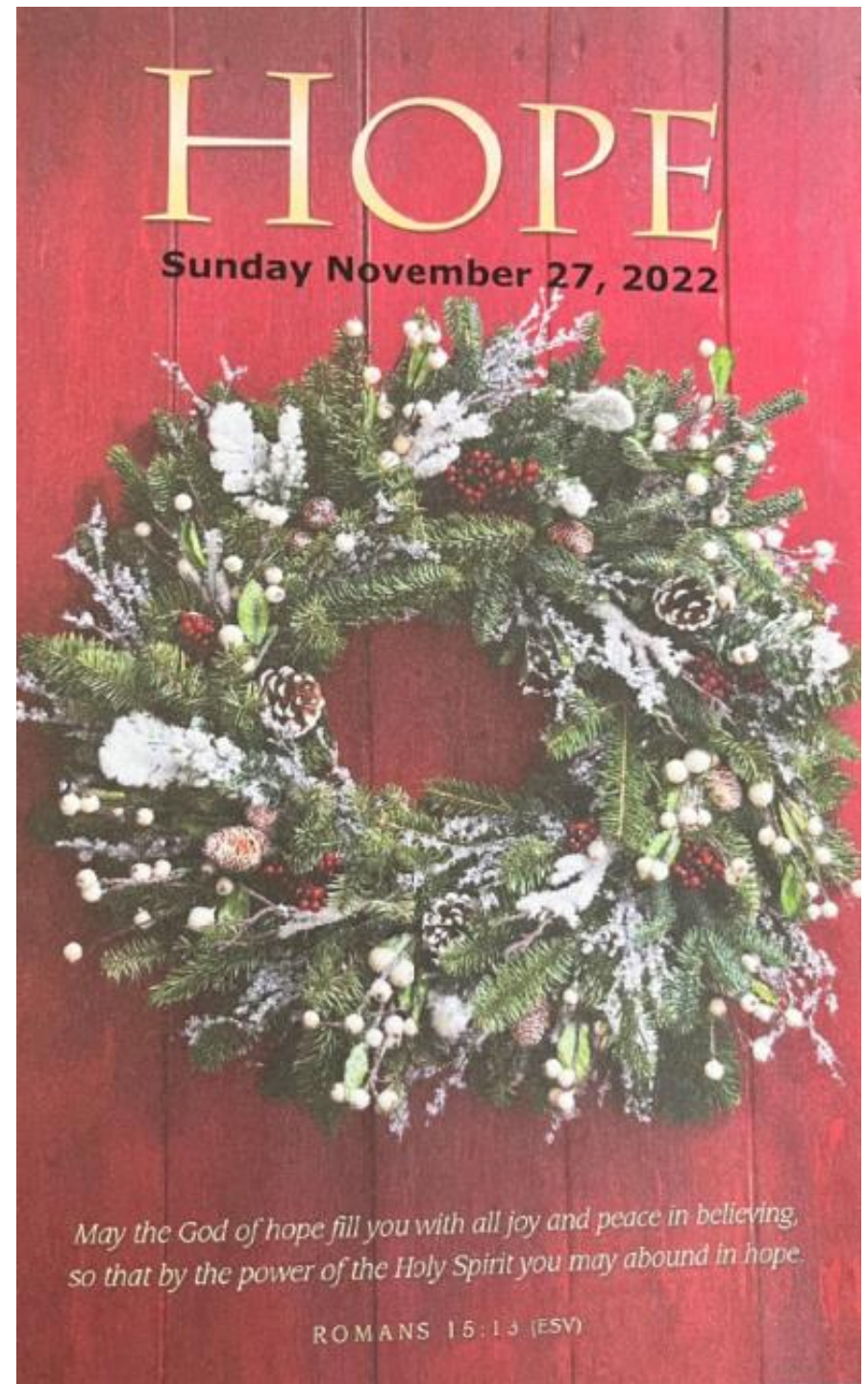
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## Sharing Our Offerings:

As we come to the sharing of our offerings, let us recall that in the faith community, giving is not an obligation but an opportunity, not a requirement but a desire, not a burden but a blessing. We are extremely grateful for your past and continuing support. Without you, our mission to spread God's word and support our communities would be impossible.

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](mailto:info@streetsvilleunited.ca)) or the UCW (use [stvlucw@bell.net](mailto:stvlucw@bell.net))
- Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps)
- 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](mailto:bev.mathew@rogers.com) or 905-826-5005.
- When attending in person, dropping your offering in one of the two wooden boxes at the entrance to the sanctuary.



**Order of Worship**  
**Communion**  
**God Invites Us to Gather**

• *indicates standing for all who are able*

**Prelude** *By Faith* Bertha A. Frick

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Advent Candle-lighting**

One: Over a hundred people, from the ages of two to eighty years old, were asked the question, "What gives you hope?" From the voices of different generations, hear their answers...From generation to generation, God has brought good news of love and compassion, justice and community.

**Many: Let us rest and abide in that good news. Amen.**

• **Hymn VU 1** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**Prayer of Confession**

One: God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

**Many: But we say, "Our lives are too messy."**

One: You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."

**Many: But we say, "It's too risky to hope."**

One: You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."

**Many: But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."**

One: God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

**Many: Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.**

**Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.**

One: Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

**Many: There's room for every story. Amen.**

**Anthem** *O Come, Emmanuel, Come Soon* arr. Hal H. Hopson

**Time with God's Children** – Sharing Names

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture** *Isaiah 2:1-5* Cathy Hitchcock  
*Matthew 1:1-17*

• **Hymn** (see insert) *Through the Ages*

**Sermon** *There's Room for Every Story* Rev. Joe Hopkins

**Holy Communion** (Written by Alydia Smith, Program Coordinator, Worship, Music, and Spirituality, General Council Office)  
God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift our hearts in prayer.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

We join in the Advent prayer of all your people, "**O come, Emmanuel**".  
And, as we wait and watch for your coming among us, we proclaim your goodness.

All sing: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" chorus

One: Gracious God, Breath of peace, source of love, we pray for your Spirit.

**Many: Make us, while many, one. Make us, though broken, whole. Make us, despite death, alive.**

One: And so we pray:

**Many: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

One: The body of Christ,

**Many: the bread of life.**

One: The lifeblood of Christ,

**Many: the cup of blessing.**

One: Let us eat and drink together for our strengthening in the faith, and for the sake of the world.

**Prayer after Communion**

**Many: We thank you, God, for breaking into our world and pouring into our lives and our experiences. We thank you, God, for this meal of thanksgiving and the stories of love, grace, and hope that it tells. Amen.**

## Stewardship Moment

• Hymn VU 2      *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

### Blessing & Benediction

One: As you leave this place, may you go knowing that

**Many: from generation to generation,**

One: we have been claimed and loved.

**Many: From generation to generation,**

One: God has been by our side.

**Many: From generation to generation,**

One: we are not alone. The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth, saying, "Go be the person you are called to be, love wildly, do justice, and come back soon."

**Many: May it be so. Amen.**

**Postlude**                      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*                      arr. Cindy Berry

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## Through the Ages

Oh down through the ages and generations  
From God in the garden to Jesus the son  
Each story was woven, each one has a place  
Within the great tapestry telling God's grace.

From Abraham, Isaac, and Israel's line  
How Rahab and Ruth and Bathsheba survived  
From exile in Egypt to Babylon far  
Christ's lineage shows how complex stories are

And still through the ages our stories will find  
Belonging in God's story of humankind  
From God in the garden to eternity  
We're woven together as one tapestry

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This week, we warmly welcome Michelle Chung as guest musician.

## Meetings

### Today

**Sunday School go directly to the auditorium** and not into the Sanctuary in order to rehearse for next week's White Gift service.

**Sign up list for White Gift Sunday treats** is in the Narthex. If you are interested in helping, please fill out your information. Your contributions should be brought to the auditorium kitchen before the service.

### This Week

**Mon. 7-8 pm Devotional Gathering 1<sup>st</sup> of 4** with Rev. Joe hosting advent based meetings in the Fellowship Lounge for all who are interested.

**Wed. 7:00 – Senior Choir** practice.

### Upcoming

**Tue. Dec. 6 7:00 pm – UCW Christmas** in Heritage Hall.

**Thu. Dec. 8 1:00 pm – Friendship Circle** in the Fellowship Lounge

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## Announcements

**Eden Food for Change Donations** - Please bring your non-perishable donations to the church and place in the bin in the Narthex.

**\*\*\* Eden is very much in need of egg cartons to transfer from flats to cartons to give to clients.** These can be put in the bin.

**Pledge Forms – Please return by Nov. 27 (today).**

## Christmas Services



**Sun. Dec. 4** — Sunday School White Gift, Advent 2

**Sun. Dec. 11** — Choir Christmas Service, Advent 3

**Sun. Dec. 18** — Boomer Band, Advent 4

### Christmas Eve Services

**4:00 pm** – Noisy Nativity!

**10:00 pm** – Christmas Eve Communion Service

**Sun. Dec. 25 10 am** – Christmas Day Service