Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: Narthex – Karen Monk, Ruth Kochanuk Sanctuary – Peter Mackintosh Elevator – Doug Hitchcock

Coffee Hour – Outreach Readers – Senior Choir

Assisting Next Week: Narthex – Jennifer Honsa, John Wilton Sanctuary – Nadean Harley Elevator – Kent Sweetman Coffee Hour – Finance Reader – Chris Monk

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

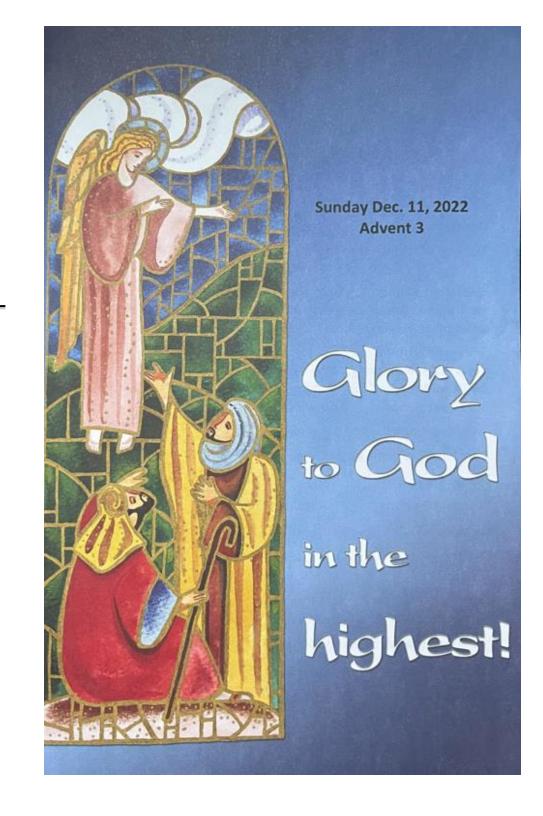
Emergency Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Onsite Located in the sanctuary on the landing going up to the balcony on the center of the wall.

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 <u>info@streetsvilleunited.ca</u>) or the UCW (use <u>stvlucw@bell.net</u>)
- 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 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 Advent 3

Senior Choir Program God Invites Us to Gather

• indicates standing for all who are able

Prelude Twas in the Moon of Wintertime Michael Larkin

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement Rev. Joe Hopkins

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Elly Brown, Lily Wilkins, Murray Lewis, Heather Drew

One: Over a hundred people, from the ages of two to eighty years old, were asked the question, "What brings you joy?" From the voices of different generations, hear their answers...

Today we light the candle of joy. May its light remind us of all the good news this season brings. May its light remind us of the many sources of joy in our lives, and may that joy not only draw us closer to one another, but closer to God.

Two purple candles and one pink candle are lit.

One: Family of faith, what brings you joy?

Many: Amen.

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2,3,6,7 Eva Cummins

Carol VU 64 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Choir Sing a Joyful Alleluia

Don Besig & Nancy Price

Choir Infant Holy, Infant Lowly David Willcocks

(Cathy Hitchcock & Dianne Nowoselski, Altos)

Children's Message – So much Singing! Rev. Joe

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-33, 46-49 John Collins

Carol VU 44 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Choir For Unto Us a Child is Born Kirby Shaw

(Kim Perrin, Soprano)

Scripture Reading *Luke 2:1-20*

Rob Gravelsins

Jay Althouse

Choir Star of Glory

(Antoinette Clarke, Soprano)

Carol VU 67 Silent Night

Choir By Candlelight Ruth Elaine Schram

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12 Carol Beattie

Choir Behold! Rise Up! Go Tell! Shine! Mark Hayes

(Karen Gravelsins, Soprano & Joe Garcia, Tenor)

Stewardship Moment

Rev. Joe Hopkins

Carol VU 59

Joy to the World

Benediction

Sharon Smale

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, All Ye Faithful Arr. Cindy Berry

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

<u>Soprano</u>	<u>Alto</u>	<u>Tenor</u>	<u>Bass</u>
Carol Beattie	Eva Cummins	Joe Garcia	Cecil Clarke
Antoinette Clarke	Cathy Hitchcock	Rob Gravelsins	John Collins
Heather Drew	Dianne Nowoselski	Diane Wilton	Joe Hopkins
Karen Gravelsins			
Kim Perrin			

Meetings

Special coffee hour today! Please join us in the Auditorium for cake and fellowship. We want to show appreciation to those who bring the gift of music to us.

This Week

Mon. 7-8 pm Devotional Gathering 3rd of 4 with Rev. Joe hosting advent based meetings in the Fellowship Lounge for all who are interested.

Tue. Dec. 13 7:00 pm - Church Council in the Fellowship Lounge.

Thu. Dec. 15 7:00 pm - Joy Givers in the FL.

Christmas Services

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

Sun. Jan. 1 10 am - Regular Service

Announcements

Donate your used stamps - There is a box on the bookshelf in the narthex, beside the box for donating used eyeglasses. The stamps are sent to the Canadian Bible Society for their Canadian prison ministry. Ten pounds of stamps will provide 6 Key to Freedom Bibles. The following link will take you to information on this:

www.biblesociety.ca/project/canada-correctional-institutions-bible-distribution/ Leave the stamps on the envelope and cut around each by ¼ inch. There is no time limit on this project. We have been doing it for years!

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.