

Welcome Team

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

Assisting Next Week (Dec. 25th): *Narthex* – Laura Mara, Gail Boulton
Sanctuary – Anna Loughlin *Elevator* – Peter Mara
No Coffee Hour *Reader* – Ken Boulton

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

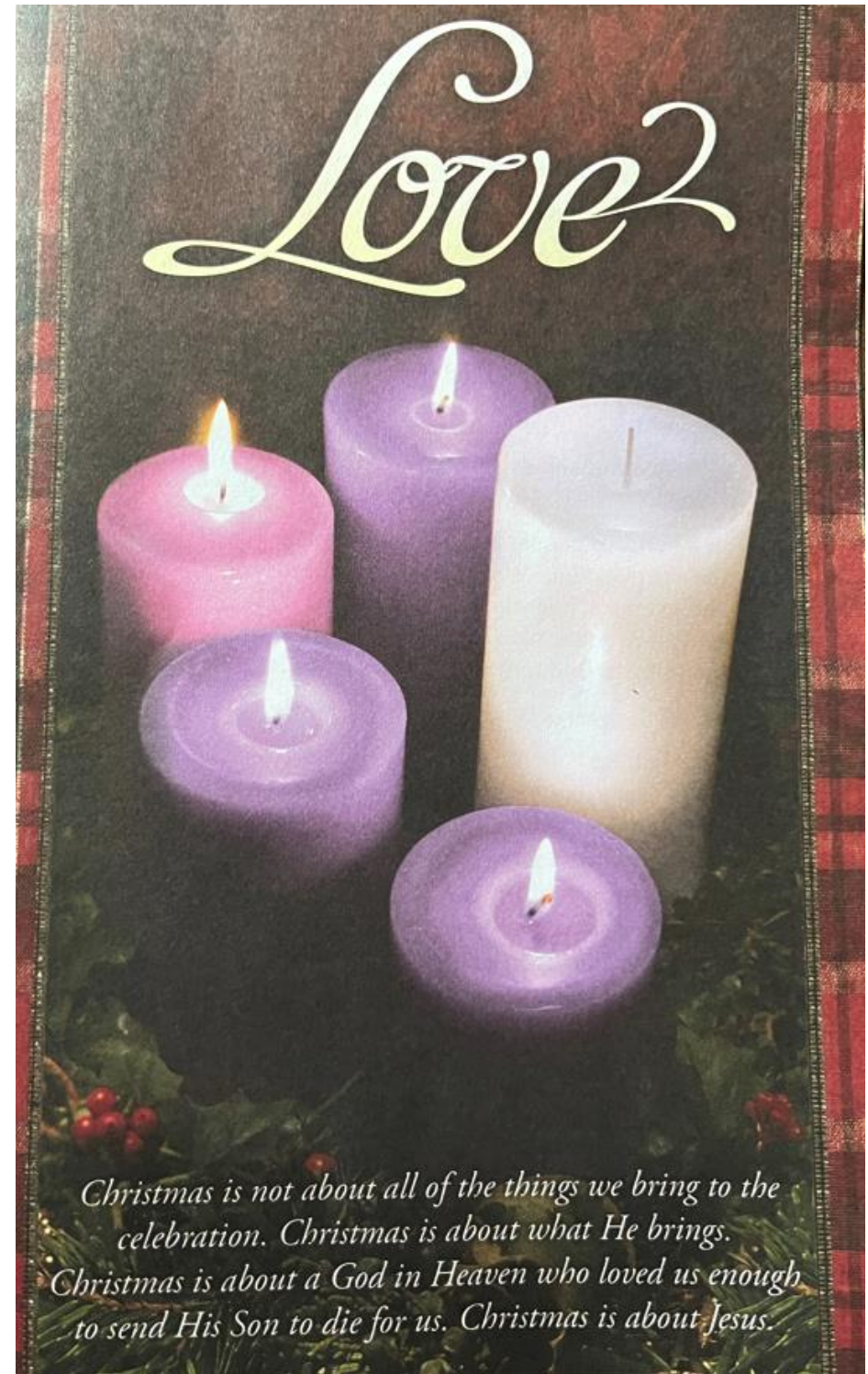
Emergency Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Onsite

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 info@streetsvilleunited.ca) or the UCW (use 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 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
Sun. Dec. 18, 2022 Advent 4

God Invites Us to Gather

- *indicates standing for all who are able*

Before the service Boomer Band

Prelude *Good Christian Men/Deck the Halls*
Keveren/Baumgartner

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candles

Rachel Wilkins, Emily Hodges, Brad Butt, John Collins

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...In a lonely world, let this light shine bright. From generation to generation, we are held in God's Love.

Many: Thanks be to God for that good news. Amen.

- **Hymn VU 74** *What Child Is This*

Prayer of Confession

Many: God of today and tomorrow, when Mary was pregnant and afraid, she ran to her cousin Elizabeth's house. Elizabeth threw open the door with joy and showered blessings upon her. How often do we have that same opportunity? How often do we leave the door locked, the curtains drawn, and the lights off? How often do we shower critique or judgment instead of blessings and joy? Gracious God, forgive us for our wrongs. We want to see you when we see our neighbor. Amen.

Time of silent reflection

Words of Assurance

Special Music Boomer Band

Time with God's Children – What Does God Look Like?

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture *Luke 1:39-56* Chris Monk

Anthem *By Candlelight* Ruth Elaine Schram

Sermon *We See God in Each Other* Rev. Joe Hopkins

Stewardship Moment

Special Music *Mary, Did You Know* arr. Mark Hayes
(Sharon Smale, Solo)

Community Prayer

Lord's Prayer

- **Hymn VU 17** *O Ancient Love*

Commissioning & 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

Rise Up Shepherds and Follow/ Do You Hear What I Hear
Mark Hayes/Regnay and Shayne

This week, we warmly welcome Robin Dalglish as guest musician.

Meetings

This Week

Mon. 7-8 pm Devotional Gathering last of 4 with Rev. Joe in the Fellowship Lounge.

Christmas Services



Christmas Eve Services

4:00 pm – Noisy Nativity!

10:00 pm – Quiet 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.