### Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: Narthex – Bev Mathew, Jean Stopa Sanctuary – Doug Hitchcock Elevator – Terry Stopa Coffee Hour - UCW

Assisting Next Week: Narthex – Nanci Anderson, Ruth Kochanuk Sanctuary – Peter Mackintosh Elevator – Doug Hitchcock Coffee Hour – Outreach Reader – Kate Sparrow

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

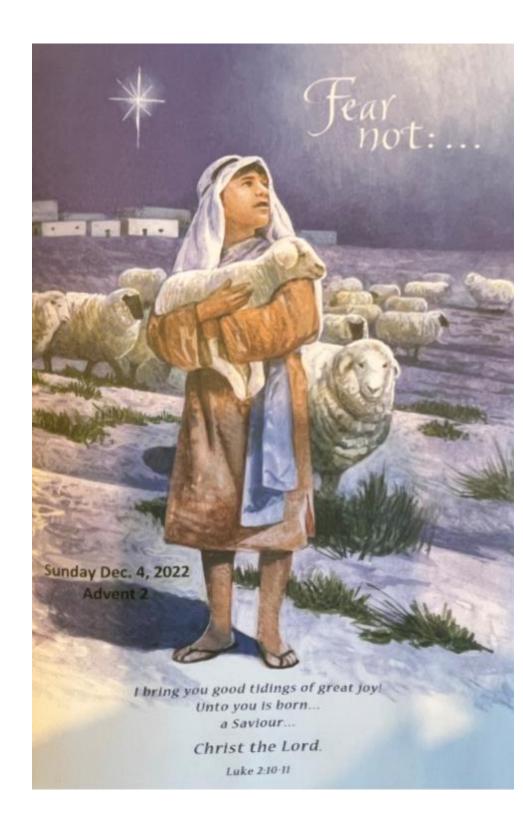
**Emergency Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** Onsite Located in the sanctuary on the landing going up to the balcony on the center of the wall.

## **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 2 White Gift Sunday God Invites Us to Gather

• indicates standing for all who are able

Prelude	Silent Night	arr. Brenda Dillon	Offering
	Away in a Manger	Arr. Cindy Berry	Christmas

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Announcements

**Rev. Joe Hopkins** 

## **Call to Worship**

Leader: In the guiet of the night, a woman gives birth: All: A personal act of faith; Accepting God's charge upon her. Leader: In the quiet of the night, a husband becomes a father: All: A personal act of faith; Accepting God's charge upon him. Leader: In the guiet of the night, a baby breathes the air:

All: A personal act of sacrifice; God steps out of the divine into the mundane for us.

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O God of love, you have brought us together tonight and blessed us with your very self. Open our eyes to the light of Christ which glows in the darkness of a world engulfed in apathy, pain and loss; a world separated from you. Speak to us now that we may hear the good news of your salvation. Bring us into the wonder of your presence. Fill us with that light and carry it out with us into our lives. Amen

Sing a Song of Christmas (created by Ed Kee and Rhonda Frazier) Junior Choir Noel! Noel! I Sina Phillip Gordon Narration 1 + Oh Come all Ye Faithful (VU 60 verses 1 & 3 – stay seated)

Narration 2 + Hark the Herald Angel's Sing (VU 48 verses 1& 3 – stay seated)

Narration 3 + Angels we have heard on High (VU 38 verses 1&3 – stay seated)

• Narration 4 + The First Noel (VU 91 verses 1, 2 & 3 – stand if able)

Narration 5 + Go Tell it on the Mountain (VU 43 verses 1& 2 – seated) Narration 6

Song of Peace **Junior Choir** (A Partner Song with "DONA PACEM" - Mary Donnelly (arr. George Strid)

Rev. Joe

### **Reverend Joe's Message**

as Cookies – Just the Right Mix

### Nativity Procession

Silent Night (instrumental) as children enter Sunday School sings Jesus Came Bringing us Hope (MV 33)

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Caroline Tume, Kimberley Trenton, Ruth Kochanuk

• Hymn VU 59 Joy to the World

**Thanks and Appreciation** 

**Benediction (Closing)** 

Benediction for Christmas (based on Isaiah 9:2-7) (Written by Bruce Prewer, Uniting Church in Australia)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who lived in deepest night, are lit up with a brilliant sight. Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. The spread of his influence and of his peace will never end. Therefore, go out into the world with great joy, and the grace of Bethlehem's matchless Child, The love of the God who never ceases to amaze. And the fellowship of the Spirit who never wearies, Will be with you this holy night and evermore.

Thanks be to God!

#### Postlude *O*, *How Joyfully with Joy to the World* Arr. Cindy Berry

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

## Meetings

### This Week

**Mon. 7-8 pm Devotional Gathering 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4** with Rev. Joe hosting advent based meetings in the Fellowship Lounge for all who are interested.

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

Wed. 7:00 – Senior Choir practice.

Thu. Dec. 8 12:30 pm – Friendship Circle in Heritage Hall.

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

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

## 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.

# **Christmas Services**

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