

## Welcome Team

**Assisting This Week:** *Sanctuary Lead* – Anna Loughlin   *Narthex* – Nadean Harley   *Elevator* – Doug Hitchcock  
*Coffee Hour* – Pastoral Care   *Reader* – Diane Nowoselski

**Assisting Next Week:** *Sanctuary Lead* – Gail Boulton   *Narthex* – Jean Stopa   *Elevator* – Terry Stopa   *Coffee Hour* – Men's Group  
*Reader* – Cathy Hitchcock

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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**  
Located in the sanctuary on the landing going up to the balcony on the center of the wall.

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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.

January 1, 2023



*Anchored in God's Word...*  
*Moving into God's Future*

*Inviting and welcoming all people into a growing  
relationship with God through Jesus Christ.*  
*Serving God and our neighbours in the local  
community.*

## Order of Worship

### God Invites Us to Gather

- *indicates standing for all who are able*

#### Prelude

#### Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

#### Announcements

**Call to Worship** (adapted from song lyrics by Ruth Duck)

One: Jesus Christ is the Light of the nations and fills all the earth.

**Many: The light of Christ renews our faith and our hope and our love.**

One: Family of faith, let's follow the leadership of Jesus into spaces of peace.

**Many: Let's follow the way of Christ as stars once led the way to our Saviour.**

• Hymn *We Three Kings* Blue Chorus Book p. 62

**Opening Prayer** (written by Joan McMurtry)

**Many: Radiant god, light for all people and all places, by the guidance of a star you led the Magi to worship the Christ Child. By the light of faith lead us to worship you peace and love, and guide us in your way. We pray in the name of Christ, light of the world. Amen.**

**Time with God's Children - New Year Blessings**

#### Prayer of Illumination

Scripture *Matthew 2:1-12* Diane Nowoselski

• Hymn VU 96 *Will You Come and See the Light*

Sermon *Guiding Lights* Rev. Joe Hopkins

#### Stewardship Moment

#### Sung Dedication

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* VU 541

**Community Prayers** (by Sara Are Speed)

#### The Lord's Prayer

• Hymn VU 91 *The First Noel*

## Blessing & Sending Forth

One: May the God who guides all pilgrims shine light for your life's journey, that you may share strength with the vulnerable, wisdom with the lost, and love with the broken-hearted. In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### Postlude

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### Meetings

#### ***This Week***

**Tue. UCW Exec Meeting** in the Fellowship Lounge

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

#### ***Upcoming***

**Sun. Jan. 8 after worship – UCW Annual Meeting** in Heritage Hall.

**Thu. Jan. 12 1:00 pm – Friendship Circle** in the FL.

**Sun. Jan. 15 after worship – Church Council Meeting**

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### Announcements

**The Finance committee wishes to thank everyone** who responded to the recent Pledge Campaign. We received 43 responses and appreciate your consideration of our request as this information has been used to develop the budget for 2023. If this has slipped your mind, responses may still be sent to Bill Powell: [William.powell@bell.net](mailto:William.powell@bell.net). Our sincere thanks to John Wilton for his many years as treasurer and his capable insight and guidance with the finances and the team. We thank Bill for his willingness to accept this position and the time he has spent in learning the role and developing the new budget for next year.

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### Streetsville United Church Leadership Team

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