Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: Sanctuary Lead – Gail Boulton Narthex – Jean Stopa Elevator – Terry Stopa Coffee Hour – Men's Group

Reader – Cathy Hitchcock

Assisting Next Week: Sanctuary Lead – Nanci Anderson
Narthex – Kate Sparrow Elevator – Doug Hitchcock
Coffee Hour – Worship Reader – Bill Powell Communion – Katie
and Bill Powell

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.

January 8, 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 Go, Tell It On the Mountain arr. Brenda Dillon

Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship

One: We gather on this first day of a new week,

Many: to renew our love, support, and enjoyment of one another.

One: We come to listen for God's word to us,

Many: who has spoken in times past and continues to speak to us

today.

One: We pray that the Word we hear today will encourage us

Many: to deeper commitment, greater service, and purposeful action.

One: May it be so as we journey through this year in the name and with

the love of Jesus.

Opening Prayer

• **Hymn VU 45** Joy Is Now in Every Place

Anthem Lord, Lead Us Still arr. Johannes Brahms

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture 2nd Samuel 11:26-12:13 Cathy Hitchcock

Sermon Speaking Truth: Risk and Responsibility

Rev. John Ambrose

• **Hymn MV 65** When We Are Tested Ruth Duck

Receiving our Offerings

Sung Dedication

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow VU 541

Offertory Prayer

Community Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

• **Hymn VU 567** Will You Come and Follow Me

Commissioning and Blessing

Sung AMEN

Sung Benediction

Go Now In Peace

Don Besig

Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen.

Postlude

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Come, Follow Me

Graham Kendrick

This week, we warmly welcome Rev. John Ambrose as guest preacher and Michelle Chung as guest musician.

When We Are Tested

When we are tested and wrestle alone, famished for bread when the world offers stone, nourish us, God, by your word and you way, food that sustains us by night and by day.

When in the desert we cry for relief, pleading for paths marked by certain belief, lift us to love you beyond sign and test, trusting your presence, our only true rest.

When we are tempted to barter our souls, trading the truth for the power to control, teach us to worship and praise only you, seeking your will in the work that we do.

When we have struggled and searched through the night, sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Saviour, surround us with circles of care, angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

Meetings

Today

After worship - UCW Annual Meeting in Heritage Hall.

This Week

Thu. Jan. 12 1:00 pm - Friendship Circle in the Fellowship Lounge.

Wed. 7:00 – Senior Choir practice.

Upcoming

Sun. Jan. 15 after worship - Church Council Meeting

Tue. Jan. 17 1:00 pm – Sunshine Circle Potluck in Heritage Hall.

Thu. Jan. 197:00 pm - Joy Givers in the Fellowship Lounge.

Thu. Jan. 19 8:00 pm - Boomer Band practice.

Fri. Jan. 20 8:30 – 10 am – Men's Breakfast in Heritage Hall (snow date is Jan. 27)

Announcements

United Fresh Start - At the November meeting of Church Council approval was given to participate in the United Fresh Start Program. A key premise of United Fresh Start is that both communities of faith (congregations) and leaders are most open to new learning during times of transition. Consequently, a change in pastoral relations is an ideal time for a congregation and the new minister to develop a common knowledge base for the challenges they will face during their time together. While all members of the congregation are encouraged to participate in this exciting initiative, we would also welcome and value participation by those who are perhaps new(er) to worship at Streetsville United.

The first session will be held **Tuesday, January 31**st starting with coffee and dessert at 6:45 pm with the session to start at 7:00 pm facilitated by Rev Kathi Phillips. A sign up sheet can be found in the Narthex or email kjboulton@rogers.com directly if you would like to be added to the list. In this first session, "Transition", participants will; gain an understanding of the difference between change and transition, help them recognize individual dynamics in times of change and equip them to respond accordingly.

Announcements (cont'd)

Thank You – to all those who contributed to the services in December: All the Advent readers, the Sunday School presentation including the presentation of White Gifts, the Hitchcock's who organized the delivery of the White Gifts to the appropriate location, the UCW evening service with music from the Notables, the Christmas music from the Senior Choir and the ongoing support from the Boomer Band; The members of the Welcome team who supported the services on Dec. 24th and 25th.

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