

## Welcome Team

**Assisting This Week:** *Sanctuary Lead* – Tony Tadros   *Narthex* – Brad Butt   *Elevator* – Doug Hitchcock   *Reader* – Ken Boulton  
*Coffee Hour* – M & P   *Tech* – Kate Sparrow

**Assisting Next Week:** *Sanctuary Lead* – Bev Mathew   *Narthex* – Jean Stopa   *Elevator* – Doug Hitchcock   *Reader* – Bill Powell  
*Coffee Hour* – Men's Group   *Tech* – Megan Sweetman  
*Communion* – Bill & Katie Powell, Jean Stopa

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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. **Naloxone Kit** in the red First Aid box.

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## Sharing Our Offerings:

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))
  - 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.
  - Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps)
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November 26, 2023

## FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*



*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** *Hope* Arranged by Joel Raney

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

**Announcements**

**Lighting the Advent Candles**

Ev Courtney, Martha Heeney

- **Hymn VU 1** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v. 1-5)

**Opening Prayer** (by Catherine Tovell, Kilworth U.C., London, ON)

**Many: God in whom place all our hopes, as we gather this first Sunday of Advent, we are keenly aware of the pressing needs around us, both our own and those of others. We come waiting, searching, hoping, and praying for renewed beginnings among us. We long for the peace we discuss so often and for hope to infuse all we do and are. That is why we begin our week with worship, time set aside to sing Your praises, to ask for forgiveness, and to pay attention to Your still small voice within us. Come to us now, O God, in silence, in word, in prayer, and in song, even as we come to You, ready to receive. Amen.**

**Anthem** *Advent Hymn* arr. Partick M. Liebergen

**Time with God's Children** – Team Animal or Team Angel

**Prayer of Illumination** Ken Boulton

**Scripture** *Hebrews 2:5-18* Ken Boulton

- **Hymn MU 47** *Born in Human Likeness*

Born in hu-man like-ness,  
Found in hu-man form:  
Je-sus, "God is with us,"  
We proclaim Your glory!

**Sermon:** *Neither Angels nor Animals* Rev. Joe Hopkins

**Stewardship Moment**

**Sung Dedication**

**VU 7** *Hope Is a Star* (v. 1 with refrain)

## Community Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

- **Hymn VU 62** *Once in Royal David's City*

**Sending Words:** (adapted from words by Gill Le Favre, Oakville, ON)

One: Go out this day blessed by the love of our joyful God who delights in you and your Advent journey.

**Many: We take the hope God has in us and we let it radiate in our souls, warming us and all those we meet.**

One: Share your hope in this season as a holy gift to God. In the name of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Comforter. Amen.

### Benediction in Song:

MV 33 Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope

Jesus came bringing us hope,

Jesus came bringing us hope,

Jesus came bringing us hope,

Hallelujah forever more! (2x)

**Postlude** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Cindy Berry



**Christmas Services**

Sun. Dec. 3 — Communion, Advent 2  
Sun. Dec. 10 — White Gift, Advent 3  
Sun. Dec. 17 — Senior Choir Christmas Service, Advent 4  
**Christmas Eve Services**  
10:00 am — Christmas Eve Service  
8:00 pm — Christmas Eve Communion Service

## Meetings

### This Week

**Mon. 7 – 8 pm Advent Devotional** - Rev. Joe will lead a small group each Monday evening, 7 - 8 pm beginning Nov. 27 in the Fellowship Lounge. He will use a "lectio divina" method to engage the Holy Spirit in Holy Scripture.

**Wed. 7:00 pm** – Choir practice.

### Upcoming

**Tue. Dec. 5 7:15 pm - UCW Christmas** – see insert for details.

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## ***Announcements***

**\*\*\* Updated \*\*\* Eden Food for Change Donations** - Please bring your non-perishable donations to the church and place in the bin in the Narthex. **Things they need:** Flour, canned fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, cookies, crackers, dish soap, sanitary napkins, salmon, chickpeas, canned pasta, baked beans, jam, and ramen noodles.

### **MASONRY REPAIR CAMPAIGN – UPDATE**

The SUC Masonry Repair and Finance campaign are now underway. The first part of the work has been completed – the chimney was repaired when the chimney swifts were known to have migrated.

The second part of the repair, the brick masonry work on the building, has been able to be postponed until spring. This will allow us to apply to Heritage Mississauga for funding for the work. If our application is successful, we could receive up to 50% of the value of the project. Our application could also be rejected, and we may receive nothing. We will apply in February and learn the result later in the spring.

Our financial campaign will proceed as outlined in the Fall Tidings. The estimated cost of this repair project is \$42,000 + HST. The Bequest Fund may provide 75% of the required amount with 25% raised from the congregation, approximately \$10,500. Profits from the Macgregor Meat fundraiser and the Coffee House will support the project. Donations by cash, cheque or e-transfer will be matched by the UCW up to a maximum of \$5,000. Donations should mention Masonry work in the memo line. Names of the donors contributing by November 30 will be entered into a draw for a \$150 gift card for Saucy's Restaurant in town. The draw will be made at Coffee Hour on December 3.

November is Stewardship month - please give generously as you are able! These donations qualify for tax receipts.

The Masonry work must be completed whether or not we receive Heritage Mississauga funding. Should we be fortunate enough to have surplus money next spring, if we receive the special funding, any excess will be returned to our Reserve account – our beautiful Heritage building will always have a new repair surprise needing our attention!


Many thanks for your support.

SUC Finance Committee




## Christmas Donations


After the success of many years of Christmas donations from our congregation to various local organizations, we are looking forward to contributing again this year. The following information is about the specific organizations, what they would appreciate receiving, and how you can help if you wish.




**1. The Elizabeth Fry Society** - They would appreciate receiving gifts for their women and girls who are working on reintegrating into society. They accommodate 10 youth females and 15 adult women in their residential programs. They would prefer gift cards and small hygiene items, as their program has high turnover, and it is easier for the women and girls to access outside stores once they leave their program. They look for Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart and Dollar Store gift cards.




**2. The Salvation Army** - The Salvation Army has been an organization that our Sunday School has contributed to for many years. They would appreciate receiving gift cards from Claire's, Shoppers Drug Mart, and Dollar Stores. They would be happy to receive gift cards for food stores. They are accepting new toys and games as well. With each gift basket given out to their clients, an age-appropriate hat and mittens are included. These items, whether store bought or hand knit, would be much appreciated, especially for older youth.



**3. The Open Door** - For years, our congregation has been supporting The Open Door with gifts, clothing and meals for their clients. This year they are looking for gift cards and toiletry items. They always appreciate small gift bags with these items. They would appreciate gift cards for grocery stores, various coffee shops, as well as Walmart. This would give the families an opportunity to have their Christmas meal in their own homes.




**4. Pathway Housing** - Gift cards for teens would be appreciated.



**5. Eden Food for Change** - This is an opportunity to continue to donate non-perishable items. The box is located in the Narthex.


### How you can help!



a) If you have gift cards and are attending in-person services, you can place them in an envelope with the organization's name on the front and put it in the collection box at the back of the Sanctuary.

b) If you have food, games, or toys, there will be baskets in the Narthex. Please place the unwrapped gifts with a label for the organization for which they are intended. If you need to drop these items off at the church during the week when Kelly is in the office, please ring the bell outside the office door and she can take your donations.


c) Gift cards in an envelope may also be placed in one of the two secure mail boxes at the church.




If you would prefer to donate cash, it can be placed in the mailboxes and collection box with the gift cards, and will be shared amongst the organizations.

The **last day that donations will be accepted is Tuesday December 12th**. If you have any questions or need assistance with your donations, please call Cathy Hitchcock at 905-564-0139.

Thank you in advance for your assistance once again this year.





Invite Your Friends & Family to Our  
UCW Christmas Service  
Featuring

# McDougall Fiddlers

**For a Celtic Christmas**

**Date:** Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7:15 p.m.

**Location:** Streetsville United Church

Refreshments following in Heritage Hall  
A free-will offering to the UCW appreciated

