

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – John Wilton *Narthex* – Ruth Kochanuk *Elevator* – Charlie Walsh *Reader* – Bill Powell
Coffee Hour – Property *Tech* – Ken Boulton *Communion* – Bill & Katie Powell, Ruth Kochanuk

Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Nadean Harley *Narthex* – Anna Loughlin *Elevator* – Terry Stopa *Reader* – Wendy Johnson
Coffee Hour – Outreach *Tech* – Wally Bridel

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

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) or the UCW (use 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 or 905-826-5005.
 - When attending in person, dropping your offering in one of the two wooden boxes at the entrance to the sanctuary.
 - Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps)
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Series: November to Remember



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 *For All the Saints* Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship (Phyllis Fleming, Grace U.C., Thornbury, Ont.)

Voice 1 – Rev. Joe, Voice 2 – Antoinette Clarke

Voice 1: Today we celebrate All Saints' Day.

Voice 2: This is a United Church. We don't believe in saints!

Many: The only saints we really accept are the ones who wrote the gospels: Saint Matthew, Saint Mark, Saint Luke, and Saint John.

Voice 1: Wait one moment. When the apostle Paul wrote to the congregations of new Christians, he often referred to them as saints. For instance, Paul said, "To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:7).

Voice 2: That was a long time ago. What does Paul calling people "saints" have to do with us?

Many: Times were different back then. Maybe the first Christians were saintly people.

Voice 1: Those Romans that Paul wrote to were not perfect. They were just ordinary people who were learning to follow the Way of Jesus. Sometimes they stumbled, and Paul wrote to encourage them to do better.

Voice 2: Oh, now I understand. A saint is someone who allows God's presence to transform their life as they learn to follow the ways of Jesus.

Many: We know people who fit that description, and we want to follow their examples.

Voice 1: Consider this congregation. We are saints of today.

Many: Yes! We are modern-day saints, and we celebrate the saints of our past.

Voice 2: Together let us worship God, who through the Holy Spirit invites us into a life of sainthood.

- **Hymn** *When the Saints Go Marching In*

Prayer of Confession (by Mary Parsons)

Many: Holy One, you know us so well, just as you have known our parents, our grandparents, and all those who have come before us. We have not always followed the teachings of Jesus. We have not always loved as you have loved us. Too often we neglect and ignore you rather than reaching out to you. Yet you forgive us. Receive now our silent words as we open our hearts to you.

(Time of silence)

Words of Assurance

Anthem *For All Your Saints, O Lord* Gilbert M. Martin

Time with God's Children

Prayer of Illumination Bill Powell

Scripture *1 Thessalonians 2:9-13* Bill Powell

Sermon: *Lives Worthy of God* Rev. Joe Hopkins

- **Hymn VU 714** *Come, We That We Love*

Holy Communion (prayers adapted from words written by Alydia Smith)

One: God is with us!

Many: We are not alone!

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love...We rejoice with all your people of every time and place, and with angels and archangels, to proclaim the glory of your name:

Many: Holy, holy, holy are you. Holy, holy, blessed are you.

One: It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ...In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Many: Christ has died Christ has risen Christ will come to us again

One: Holy Mystery, God the Spirit...Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Eating & Drinking Together

One: The body of Christ, the bread of life. Let's eat together.

All worshipers eat.

One: The lifeblood of Christ, the cup of blessing. Let us drink together.

All worshipers drink.

Stewardship Moment & Prayer of Dedication

Many: We thank You, God of the ages, for the holy mystery of communion with You and all Your saints, in this world and the next. Energize us by the work of the Holy Spirit that we may share grace with others as You share grace with us. Bless all our works and all our gifts that they may add to Your holy mission in the world around us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

• **Hymn VU 575** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Sending Words (from 2 Cor. 13:13)

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.

Benediction in Song: VU 806 O God, Our Help in Ages Past (v. 6 only)

Postlude *For All the Saints* arr. Cindy Berry

Announcements

MacGregor's Meat – Thank you for your orders. With your generous support, this fundraiser made \$1,258 for the church!

Coffeehouse at SUC – Sat. Nov. 18 7 – 9 pm Come one come all! Tickets are \$15 each. Musical acts include the Moss Brothers, SUC Boomer Band, and others. Coffee and dessert items included with purchase. Email info@streetsvilleunited.ca or call 905-826-1542 for tickets and more information.

Noon Hour Recital Series on Wednesday, November 22 12:30 with Michelle Chung - We are pleased to announce that our **Director of Music, Michelle Chung**, has been invited to play again at **Yorkminster Park Baptist Church** in Toronto. This concert series has been a long tradition at YPB and has attracted the finest organists locally and beyond. The recital begins at 12:30 and lasts 30 minutes. Everyone is welcome. Church parking is available.

***** 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:** Alternative milk, diapers- size 3, 5 & 6, chickpeas, cookies, crackers, pasta, sanitary napkins, flour, salt, sugar, jam, salmon, canned meat, juice, and dried beans.

Meetings

Today

After worship – UCW Exec in the Fellowship Lounge.

This Week

Wed. 7:00 pm – Choir practice.

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

***** Thu. 5:30 pm – MacGregor Meat Pickup** in the parking lot.

Thu. 7:00 pm – Joy Givers in the Fellowship Lounge.

Upcoming

Tue. Nov. 14 7:00 pm – Church Council in the FL.

Thu. Nov. 16 8:00 pm – Boomer Band practice.

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!

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