

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Gail Boulton *Narthex* – Nanci Anderson *Elevator* – Kent Sweetman *Reader* – Hudson Lim
Coffee Hour – Worship *Tech* – Ken Boulton

Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Ev Courtney *Narthex* – Pete Mackintosh *Elevator* – Kevin Dowling *Readers* – Choir Members
Coffee Hour – Worship *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.
- Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps)

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December 10, 2023

White Gift

THIRD 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 *The Coventry Carol with Away in a Manger*
arr. Cindy Berry
Silent Night arr. Julie A. Lind
(played by Hudson Lim, Michelle's piano student)

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candles Kate Sparrow, John Sparrow

- Hymn VU 9 *People, Look East*

Scripture *Leviticus 23:39-43* Hudson Lim

Pastoral Reflection: *Living Traditions* Rev. Joe Hopkins

Hanging of the Greens Skit (written by Joe Hopkins)

Performers: Jill – Layla Majid, Jackie – Elly Brown,
Grandpa – Bowen Brown, Narrator – Sandy Brown

Scene 1: Arrival at Grandma's House

Over the River and Through the Woods

Scene 2: Hanging Greens

Deck the Halls

Scene 3: Bells & Presents

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Scene 4: The Christmas Tree

O Christmas Tree
Silent Night

Singers: Bowen Brown, Elly Brown, Layla Majid, Aurora Majid,
Quinton Majid, Hudson Lim, Estelle McMurter

Scene 5: The Wreath

The Holly and the Ivy

Scene 6: The Candles

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Scene 7: The Manger Scene

Away in a Manger

Offering our Gifts

Offertory *Ave Maria* arr. Julie A. Lind
(played by Hudson Lim)

Dedication in Song: (v. 3 with refrain; worshipers may remain seated)
VU 7 **Hope Is a Star**

Prayer of Dedication & Lord's Prayer

- Hymn: VU 59 **Joy to the World**

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 joy God has in us and we let it radiate in our
souls, warming us and all those we meet.**

One: Share your joy 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 Joy**

*Jesus came bringing us joy,
Jesus came bringing us joy,
Jesus came bringing us joy,
Hallelujah forever more! (2x)*

Postlude *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* arr. Julie A. Lind
(played by Hudson Lim)

Christmas Services

Today — White Gift, Advent 3

Sun. Dec. 17 — Senior Choir Christmas Service, Advent 4

Christmas Eve Services

10:00 am – A Rockin' Nativity

8:00 pm – Communion – This Holy Mystery



Meetings

This Week

Mon. 7 – 8 pm Advent Devotional – 3rd of 4 in the Fellowship Lounge.

Wed. 7:00 pm – Choir practice.

Thu. 7:00 pm – Joy Givers – meeting and cookie exchange – contact Deanna or Teresa for directions.

Upcoming

Thu. Dec. 21 8:00 pm – Boomer Band practice.

Announcements

The Finance Committee extends our sincere thanks to everyone for their generous support of the Masonry Repair Campaign. Our goal was \$10,500 and the total raised was \$15,574. Areas of support included Macgregor Meats= \$1259, Coffee house= \$1315, Donations = \$8000 and UCW match = \$5000. The winners of the Saucy gift card were Dianne and John Nowoselski. Thank you for your contributions to help maintain our heritage building!

***** 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, sugar, cereal, canned fruit, any canned vegetables other than green beans, pasta, cookies, crackers, dish soap, sanitary napkins, salmon, chickpeas, canned pasta, baked beans, jam, and ramen noodles.

How to Get Ready for Christ(mas)

- 1) Surprise someone with a homemade treat
 - 2) Send a card or thank-you note to a friend
 - 3) Have a buy-nothing day
 - 4) Pray with those who are looking for signs of hope and a new life
 - 5) Offer to help a friend or family member to do a chore
 - 6) List your hopes and goals
 - 7) Share a meal or snack with someone
 - 8) List five (5) things that bring you joy
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