

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Ev Courtney *Narthex* – Pete Mackintosh *Elevator* – Kevin Dowling *Reader* – Choir Members
Coffee Hour – Pastoral Care *Tech* – Wally Bridel

Assisting Christmas Eve 10 am: *Sanctuary Lead* – Laura Mara
Narthex – John Wilton *Elevator* – Peter Mara *Reader* – Kate Sparrow
Coffee Hour – Finance *Tech* – David Moase

Assisting Christmas Eve 8 pm: *Sanctuary Lead* – Gail Boulton
Elevator – Doug Hitchcock *Reader* – Chris Monk *Tech* – Ken Boulton

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 17, 2023
Choir Christmas: The Messiah

FOURTH 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 *Overture from Handel's Messiah* G.F. Handel

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candles Sandy Jutzen, Bevan Jutzen

- **Hymn** *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*

Scripture *Psalm 33:1-5* Dianne Nowoselski

Pastoral Reflection:

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

Rev. Joe Hopkins

Choir Christmas Program: The Messiah

By G.F. Handel

Reading *Isaiah 40:1-5* Cathy Hitchcock

Chorus: *And the Glory of the Lord*

Reading *Isaiah 7:13-14, 40:6-9, 60:1* Eva Cummins

Recitative: *Behold, a Virgin Shall Conceive* Sharon Smale

Aria & Chorus *O Thou that Tallest Good Tidings* Sharon Smale

Reading *Isaiah 9:1-3, 60:2-3* Diane Wilton

Recitative: *For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth* John Collins

Recitative: *The People that Walked in Darkness* John Collins

Reading *Isaiah 9:4-7* Carol Beattie

Chorus: *For Unto Us a Child Is Born*

Reading *Luke 2:8-16* John Collins

Organ solo: *Pastoral Symphony*

Recitative: *There Were Shepherds* Sharon Smale

Recitative: *And Lo, the Angel of the Lord* Sharon Smale

Recitative: *And the Angel Said to Them* Sharon Smale

Recitative: *And Suddenly There Was with the Angel* Sharon Smale

Chorus: *Glory to God*

Offering Our Gifts

Song is based on Isaiah 40:11

Offertory: *He Shall Feed* Kim Perrin

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Dedication in Song: (v. 1 with refrain; worshipers may remain seated)
VU 7 *Hope Is a Star*

Prayer of Dedication

- **Hymn: VU 36** *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

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

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

Closing Chorus: *Hallelujah Chorus*



Christmas Services

Today — Senior Choir Christmas Service, Advent 4

Christmas Eve Services

10:00 am – A Rockin' Nativity

8:00 pm – Communion – This Holy Mystery

Streetsville United Church Senior Choir



Soprano

Carol Beattie
Antoinette Clarke
Heather Drew
Karen Gravelsins
Kim Perrin
Sharon Smale
Diane Vandenberg

Alto

Nanci Anderson
Susan Choi
Eva Cummins
Cathy Hitchcock
Dee Hopkins
Pamela Tume
Dianne Nowoselski

Tenor

Joe Garcia
Vincent Tume
Diane Wilton

Bass

Cecil Clarke
John Collins
Rob Gravelsins
Joe Hopkins

Special coffee hour today! Please join us in the Auditorium for cake and fellowship. We want to show appreciation to those who bring us the gift of music.

Church Office - Christmas

Administration of the Church Office will be closed from Fri. Dec. 22 to Tue. Jan. 2 inclusive. Regular office hours will resume Wed. Jan. 3 when emails and messages will be responded to.

Rev. Joe will be away from Mon. Dec. 25 to Jan. 1 inclusive.

If you have a spiritual emergency and would like to talk with a pastor, you may contact **Rev. Irene Ty**. You can email her at irenety888@gmail.com and/or call her at **647-997-1378**.

Meetings

This Week

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

Wed. 7:00 pm – Choir practice.

Thu. 8:00 pm – Boomer Band practice.

Upcoming

Sun. Dec. 31 10 am – Service with guest speaker Mary Parsons.

Announcements

Fresh Start Meeting - We will hold our next United Fresh Start session on **Saturday, Jan. 13 from 1 – 4 pm** in Heritage Hall. Rev. Kathi Phillips will facilitate our group to explore how we remember our church history and articulate our vision for the future. Participation will be limited to 30 people, so please sign up either in the narthex or contact the church office.

***** 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.
