

Welcome Team

Assisting This Morning: *Sanctuary Lead* – Laura Mara

Narthex – Wendy Dowling *Elevator* – Peter Mara *Reader* – Kate Sparrow

Coffee Hour – Finance *Tech* – David Moase

Assisting Tonight 8 pm: *Sanctuary Lead* – Gail Boulton

Elevator – Doug Hitchcock *Reader* – Chris Monk *Tech* – Ken Boulton

Communion – Bill & Katie Powell

Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Jennifer Honsa

Narthex – Nadean Harley *Elevator* – Tony Tadros *Reader* – Ken Boulton

Coffee Hour – Outreach *Tech* – Wendy Dowling

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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Streetsville United Church Leadership Team

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December 24, 2023
Christmas Eve 10 am



*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

Before the Service

Boomer Band

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Rocking the Christmas Story and Christ Candle

- Songs: *O Come All Ye Faithful* VU 60
How Many Kings #79 Blue Book

Congregational Prayer

Many: We can feel it, holy God – that You have set a new beat for heaven and earth to follow, marking time by acts of love and power. We can feel it, holy God – the new yet timeless melody that echoes off mountains, reverberates through valleys, and even penetrates hearts of stone.

We can feel it, holy God – the spectacle that You have displayed in the skies, which inspires us to imagine a world of justice and of peace and of compassion.

We can feel it, holy God – the Way of Jesus has opened, and we seek a new birth by the Spirit as we celebrate the birth of the Christ-child.

We can feel it, holy God – the miracle of Christmas – and so we sing and dance and pray. Amen.

Scripture *Psalm 96* Kate Sparrow

- Songs: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* VU 48
Christmas is a Feeling #89 Blue Book

Message for All Ages: *A Rockin' Nativity* Rev. Joe Hopkins

Offering & Song *Do You Hear What I Hear* #90 Blue Book

Song of Dedication: *We Three Kings* #88 Blue Book
(worshippers may remain seated)

Prayer of Dedication and Intercession

Prayer of Jesus (Lord's Prayer)

- Hymn: VU 91 *The First Nowell*
(Wave your candles or flashlights back and forth while we sing!)

Benediction (by Sandy Ferguson of Strathearn U.C., Edmonton, AB)
One: We share in a story: a story of angels proclaiming good news, a story of shepherds rushing to share in this good news, a story of a child, born in a manger, who is good news for the earth.

Many: Knowing that God is with us, let us go forth to share this good news!

Music Boomer Band

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**.



Announcements

2023 Christmas Donations - Thank you, thank you to everyone who donated, assisted, supported or helped in any way to make this Christmas better for so many people. Each organization was grateful for all the gifts that were received. Those who helped included: members of our congregation, their families, visitors who attended our Advent services, many people who attended the UCW Christmas service, the Willow Tree Montessori school, and various renters. There was \$2500.00 donated, mostly in the form of gift cards. This allowed us to give over \$600.00 in gift cards to each organization that Streetsville United Church supported. There were numerous other gifts given to the Elizabeth Fry Society and the Open Door. A carload of gifts and toys (trunk included) was taken to the Salvation Army and many bags of clothing were given to the Open Door. Eden Food for Change received an abundance of items. At this time when so many are in need and have limited resources, it has been so rewarding to once again see the outpouring of love, care and concern for our community. Merry Christmas to each one of you.

***** 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:** Canned fruit, canned vegetables, cookies, crackers, dish soap, sanitary napkins, salmon, chickpeas, canned pasta, jam, peanut butter, chunky soup, and ramen noodles.
