### **Welcome Team**

Assisting This Week: Sanctuary Lead – Bev Mathew Narthex – Jean

Stopa *Elevator* – Doug Hitchcock *Reader* – Bill Powell *Coffee Hour* – Men's Group *Tech* – Megan Sweetman *Communion* – Bill Powell, Wendy Dowling, Jean Stopa

**Assisting Next Week:** Sanctuary Lead – Gail Boulton Narthex – Nanci Anderson Elevator – Kent Sweetman Reader – Dianne Nowoselski

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 <a href="mailto:info@streetsvilleunited.ca">info@streetsvilleunited.ca</a>) or the UCW (use <a href="mailto:stvlucw@bell.net">stvlucw@bell.net</a>)
- 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 <a href="mailto:bev.mathew@rogers.com">bev.mathew@rogers.com</a> or 905-826-5005.
- Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps)

# **Streetsville United Church Leadership Team**

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# December 3, 2023 Communion

SECOND SUNDAY OF



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** Once in Royal David's City arr. Rodney Abriol

**Welcome and Land Acknowledgement** 

**Announcements** 

**Lighting the Advent Candles** 

Deanna Hodges, Emily Hodges

• **Hymn VU 2** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**Opening Prayer** (adapted from prayer by Whitney Bruno, Little Current, ON)

One: What is left, O God? The tree is trimmed, the presents wrapped, the hymns sung, the plans made. What is left, O God? Still too much on our to-do lists. We'll never get it all done!

Many: Settle us, O God, give us Your peace.

One: What is left, O God? The children are grown and moved away. A turkey dinner is too much work for one or two. Why hang stockings? Why be of good cheer? What is left, O God? We're facing days ahead that will be too lonely.

Many: Settle us, O God, give us Your peace.

One: What is left, O God, are Your hungry people: hungry for connections, hungry for meaning, hungry for love, peace, joy, and hope. What is left, O God? We are left, imperfect people trying our best.

Many: Come to us, O God, settle our souls and remind us of Your peace.

One: We pray this with all the love, all the hope, all the joy, all the peace of our hearts in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

**Anthem** Christmas Peace Canon

arr. Jean Anne Shafferman

Time with God's Children

Prayer of Illumination Bill Powell

Scripture Romans 12:1-13 Bill Powell

**Sermon:** 90% Chimp, 10% Bee Rev. Joe Hopkins

• Hymn VU 473 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

**Holy Communion** (prayers written by Alydia Smith, UCC national office)

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift our hearts in prayer.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

Many: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray: Blessed are you, Breath of peace, Giver of all life,

Source of love that knows no boundaries...

And, as we wait and watch for your coming among us, we proclaim your goodness, singing the old refrain:

Many (in song): Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

One: At this time, we also remember all with whom you would have us share your feast...Gracious God, Breath of peace, Source of love, we pray for your Spirit.

Many: Make us, while many, one. Make us, though broken, whole. Make us, despite death, alive.

One: And so we pray:

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

**Sharing the Bread and Cup** 

Helpers distribute trays with cups of bread and juice. Once all have received, the minister continues:

One: Family of faith, repeat after me: the body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

Many: The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

All eat.

One: Family of faith: repeat after me: the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Many: The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

All drink.

Offering our Gifts

**Offertory** Thanks Be to Thee G. F. Handel

**Song of Dedication:** (v. 1 with refrain; worshipers may remain seated)

VU 7 Hope Is a Star

**Prayer of Dedication** 

Hymn: VU 38 Angels We Have Heard on High

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

One: Share your peace 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 Peace

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

**Postlude** O Come, All Ye Faithful

# 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 — A Rockin' Nativity 8:00 pm — Communion — This Holy Mystery

# Meetings

### This Week

Mon. 7-8 pm Advent Devotional  $-2^{nd}$  of 4 in the Fellowship Lounge. Using a "lectio divina" method to engage the Holy Spirit in Holy Scripture.

**Tue. 7:15 pm - UCW Christmas Service** – Invite Your Friends & Family to our UCW Christmas Service featuring **McDougall Fiddlers for a Celtic Christmas.** Refreshments following in Heritage Hall. A free-will offering to the UCW appreciated. All are welcome.

Wed. 7:00 pm - Choir practice.

### **Upcoming**

**Thu. Dec. 14 – Joy Givers –** meeting and cookie exchange – contact Deanna or Teresa for directions.

### **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, cereal, canned fruit, 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) Give an unexpected compliment
- 2) Pray for the wisdom to find paths to peace
- 3) Pick up litter in a local park
- 4) Make a handmade gift for a teacher or a role model
- 5) Make a list of the gifts that you bring to your community
- 6) Pray with those who are lonely and in need of a friend
- 7) Do a kind deed for someone else
- 8) Tell someone what you love about them