

## Welcome Team

**Assisting This Week:** *Sanctuary Lead* – Nadean Harley *Narthex* – Ev Courtney *Elevator* – Doug Hitchcock *Reader* – Cathy Hitchcock  
*Coffee Hour* – Worship *Tech* – Wally Bridel

**Assisting Next Week:** *Sanctuary Lead* – Gail Boulton *Narthex* – Karen Monk *Elevator* – Kent Sweetman *Reader* – Ken Boulton  
*Coffee Hour* – M & P *Tech* – Dave Moase

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**Our Prayer Chain is available.** When you have a prayer concern, call Kate Sparrow @ 905-302-4549 or the church office.

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:info@streetsvilleunited.ca)) or the UCW (use [stvlucw@bell.net](mailto: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](mailto:bev.mathew@rogers.com) or 905-826-5005.
  - Canada Helps (tax receipts provided by Canada Helps)
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January 14, 2024  
Living in the Light



*Anchored in God's Word...  
Moving into God's Future*

*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** *Jesus Loves Me* arr. Faye Lopez

### Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

### Announcements

**Lighting the Christ Candle** (by Jim McKean of Severn Shores UC, Severn, ON)

One: Each Sunday morning, we gather around this candle, a symbol of Christ. This ritual brings focus for our time of worship, a time when we pause to renew our faith and spiritual life with our Creator.

**Many: May the light shine, gathering us in and bringing us to a place of calm and shalom.**

- Hymn VU 79 *Arise, Your Light is Come*

**Prayer of Confession** (by Elise Feltrin of Chemainus UC, Chemainus, BC)

**Many: Gracious God, You uplift us and respond when we cry out for help. You offer renewal and eternal kindness. Yet we often lose focus on these truths. Instead, we imagine Your absence—and put ourselves at the centre. Forgive our selfishness, our egos, and our complaining.**

*Time of silent reflection*

### Words of Assurance:

One: Despite the detours we take, God continues to turn our mourning into dancing and fills our hearts with joy.

**Many: God puts songs of praise on our lips and reminds us again that we are beloved, we are forgiven, we belong to God! For this, many we give thanks forever!**

**Anthem** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
(Soloist, Cathy Hitchcock) Kathleen Thomerson

### Time with God's Children

**Prayer of Illumination** Cathy Hitchcock

**Scripture** *John 1:43-51* Cathy Hitchcock

- Hymn & Responsive Reading VU 861

*Psalm 139*

**Sermon:** *God Knows You*

Rev. Joe Hopkins

### Stewardship Moment

**Offertory** *Arioso* J.S. Bach

**Dedication in Song** (please remain seated):

**MV 166 Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ**

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,  
Son of God among us,  
Thank You for every sign  
Showing that You love us. (repeat)

### Prayer of Dedication & Community Prayers

One: For the gifts You given,

**Many: we give You thanks, O God.**

One: For the gifts that we have the opportunity to give,

**Many: we give You thanks, O God.**

One: May You bless these gifts for the work of Your church,  
**Many: here and in the world, where all may know Your love.**  
*Prayers continue with phrases that end with the words, "bless these ones for whom we pray," and worshipers should respond, "that all may know Your love."*

### The Lord's Prayer

- Hymn: MV 161 *I Have Called You By Your Name* (see insert)

**Sending Words** (by Fern Gibbard of Penticton, BC)

One: Everyone who comes into God's presence is blessed; God fills us with joy, so that we dance and sing.

**Many: Now we go out as blessed people to carry God's blessing to everyone we meet. Amen.**

**Benediction in Song: VU 82 A Light Is Gleaming** (refrain only)

**Postlude** *Praise to the All Mighty* Hal Leonard



## 161 MV      I Have Called You by Your Name

I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

## Meetings

### *Today*

**After worship – UCW Annual Meeting** in Heritage Hall.

### *This Week*

**Tue. 1:00 pm – Sunshine Circle** in the HH.

**Tue. 7:00 Church Council** meeting in the FL.

**Wed. 7:00 pm – Choir** practice.

**Thu. 8:30 am – Men's BREAKFAST** in HH.

### *Upcoming*

**Thu. Jan. 25 7:30 Boomer Band** practice.

**Sat. Jan. 27 10 am – 12 pm – Fight the Cold Coat Drive (Rotary Club)**  
– bring coats to this drop off (drive-thru) in the parking lot of the church.

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## Announcements

**Coldest Night of the Year 2024** - Streetsville United Church is once again entering a team in the Coldest Night of the Year event which takes place Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Please visit <https://cnoy.org/home> to join the team, donate or learn more. Please contact Murray Lewis (416-278-4493) [murrayelewis@gmail.com](mailto:murrayelewis@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Potluck Luncheon to 'Beat the January Blahs'!** Join us on **Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>** after worship service for a potluck luncheon in **Heritage Hall**. Food and fellowship are sure to bring one another joy and comfort. Please byo plate, cutlery, and food item to share.

**\*\*\* 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, cookies, dish soap, sanitary napkins, salmon, canned pasta, jam, peanut butter, flour and ramen noodles.

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