

Welcome Team

Assisting This Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Gail Boulton *Narthex* – Ruth Kochanuk *Elevator* – Kevin Dowling *Reader* – Bill Powell

Coffee Hour – Men's Group *Tech* – John Sparrow

Communion – Bill & Katie Powell, Ruth Kochanuk

Assisting Next Week: *Sanctuary Lead* – Nadean Harley *Narthex* – Ev Courtney *Elevator* – Doug Hitchcock *Reader* – Cathy Hitchcock

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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Living in the Light
Communion



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 *Go, Tell it on the Mountain* arr. Brenda Dillon
 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say arr. Brenda Dillon

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship & Lighting the Christ Candle (adapted from prayer by Laura Turnbull, Penticton, B.C.)

One: The light of a lone candle casts its path a surprising distance. May this light remind us of the infinite ways that Jesus the Christ illumines our life.

Many: Let all we are reflect Christ's grace.

- Hymn VU 82 *A Light is Gleaming*

Opening Prayer (adapted from prayer by Richard Bott, Burlington, ON)

Many: In a world filled with noise, You are a place of quiet, God. In world filled with complexity, You are wisdom. In a world filled with brokenness and loss, You are the sturdy ground of our being. Through this time together, through the love of Christ, may the world be changed, and may all be made whole. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught his followers to pray by saying...

Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning*
(Soloist Karen Gravelins) arr. Malcolm Archer

Time with God's Children

Prayer of Illumination Bill Powell

Scripture *Isaiah 56:1-8, Matthew 2:1-12* Bill Powell

- Hymn #88 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* (blue book)

Sermon: *Pilgrim Story* Rev. Joe Hopkins

Holy Communion

One: God is with us!

Many: We are not alone!

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love...We rejoice with all your people of every time and place, and with angels and archangels, to proclaim the glory of your name:

Many: Holy, holy, holy are you. Holy, holy, blessed are you.

One: It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ...In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Many: Christ has died Christ has risen Christ will come to us again

One: Holy Mystery, God the Spirit...all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Trays with cups of bread and juice are distributed to worshipers.

Eating and Drinking Together

One: The body of Christ, the bread of life.

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

One: The lifeblood of Christ, the cup of blessing.

Many: The lifeblood of Christ, the cup of blessing.

Offertory *He Shall Feed His Flock* G. F. Handel

Stewardship Moment

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

- Hymn: MV 145 *Draw the Circle Wide* (see insert)

Sending Words (adapted from prayer by Dora White, Minnedosa, MB)

One: Let us go from here rejoicing with thankful hearts for all we have received and shared.

Many: May we be faithful followers of Jesus, willing and eager to love and serve others.

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

Postlude *Shine, Jesus, Shine* arr. Mark L. Williams

Meetings

Today

After worship – UCW Exec mtg in the Fellowship Lounge.

This Week

Wed. 7:00 pm – Choir practice.

Thu. 1:00 pm – Friendship Circle in the FL.

Thu. 7:00 pm – Joy Givers in the FL.

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 call the office.

Upcoming

Sun. Jan. 14 after worship – UCW Annual Meeting in Heritage Hall.

Tue. Jan. 16 1:00 pm – Sunshine Circle in the FL.

Tue. Jan. 16 7:00 Church Council meeting in the FL.

Thu. Jan. 18 8:30 am – Men's Coffee in HH.

Announcements

Potluck Luncheon to 'Beat the January Blahs'! Join us on **Sunday January 28th** 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.

Giving Envelopes – we no longer order giving envelopes for individuals, however, there are boxes of envelopes available on the welcome table in the narthex. Feel free to take a box or as many envelopes as you need. Be sure to add your name to any givings to ensure accurate tax receipts.

***** 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.

MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle.
God the still-point of the circle,
‘round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms

Refrain

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call.

Refrain

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.

Refrain