
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



Come Before Him With
Thanksgiving

October 11, 2015 - Thanksgiving Sunday

Worship Leader: Rev. Meg Masterson

**Large Print Bulletins & Hearing Devices
are available: Please ask an usher**

*Please Rise in Body or in Spirit when you see this symbol: **

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude **Turmmusik** *(Johann G. Chr. Störl, arr. Beam)*

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

**All: In sound or silence, sight or smell,
may we some token find
That makes your living presence known,
to body, soul, and mind. *(MV 80, V 4)***

The Christ Candle is lit

* Processional Hymn **We Plough the Fields** VU 520

Call To Worship:

One: The flaming leaves of autumn
are like the fire of God's Spirit.
The bounty of the fields
is like the fullness of God's love.
We are called to share
the blessings of the land with the world.

All: Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

**Creator God,
we come to celebrate the beauty and bounty
of your good earth:
glorious blue skies and blazing fall colours;
fields ripe for harvest;
gardens overflowing with goodness.**

**Grant us thankful hearts, we pray.
May our prayers and our lives overflow with
gratitude.**

**We offer this worship to your glory,
As we pray as one voice:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory.
For ever and ever. AMEN.**

Wondering and Sharing

* Hymn **Sing to the Lord of Harvest** VU 519 vs 1 & 2
(Children may leave for their own program)

Minute for Mission

Anthem: **“For the Beauty of the Earth”** *(John Rutter)*

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination:

Hebrew Scripture: **Portions of Job 23**

One: This ends the story of Job for today.

All: May God give us understanding for our times.

Message: **“Still No Answers”**

Silence

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* Hymn **Let All Things Now Living** VU 242

Prayers of the People:

Call for the Offering:

Offertory: **Simple Gifts** *(arr. David R. Thomas)*

* Offering Response: **We Bring Our Gifts to Share**
We bring our gifts to share,
and lift our grateful prayer
That with our faithful care,
our world will grow.

**Through work of minds
and hands in gestures small or grand,
Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.**

Words & music © A. Baer, 2013, arr. S. Porter

* Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

**In the spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, O
God. Help us to give them with a ready mind, a
willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen.**

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn **Now Thank We All Our God**

VU 236

Commissioning

* Choral Benediction

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

("Go Now in Peace" Written by Besig & Price ©1988)

Postlude **Little Organ Fugue I**

(J.S. Bach, arr. Susan Follows)

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***Please join us for Gather n' Gab
immediately after today's service!***



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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:
Canfield United Church, Erie Presbytery

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The family of Bob Sanders extends heartfelt
gratitude for your support. Your prayers, cards,
conversations, donations and hugs mean so much
to us all. Thank you.

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Music Notes - Thank you to Slide By Slide (Susan Follows, Bob Phillips, John Monkhouse, Dave Davidson) for providing our special music today. They have a busy fall season ahead of them and if you would like to catch one or more of their upcoming concerts in the region you could find them at the following venues:

- They will be premiering the "Concertino: for Trombone Quartet and Wind Orchestra" with the Wellington Wind Symphony (conductor, Dan Warren) at two different performances, Oct. 13 at Knox Presbyterian, Waterloo or Nov. 1 at Grandview Baptist, Kitchener. Both performances are at 3 p.m.
- On Nov. 11, they will part of "A Remembrance Day Celebration" performing music from the war years, 6:30 to 7:30 at the Kitchener Public Library
- Nov. 1 they will be back again at St. James-Rosemount to perform a special piece for All Saints Day

New phone directories will be available soon!

We're updating our own church directory (not the same as the photo directory.) A large print "draft" copy is on the table near the Rainbow Room today. Please review your information and make any corrections.



Highchairs and Booster Seats (must have safety restraints) for the church for our little ones who are present at the lunches, dinners, etc.

Donut cushion for our cushion cupboard, Do you happen to have a spare? Call Muriel: **Via the Church office**

IN OUR CHURCH:

Lunch! Sunday, Oct. 18 is the 3rd Sunday of the month, and that means ... LUNCH! Please join us after worship next Sunday for a hearty lunch, shared with friends you know & those you've yet to meet. Cost is pay-as-you-can. Mark your calendars - **October 18 - Let's do lunch!**

Helping Hands Welcome: Linda Smith & Teresa Carse welcome all helping hands to be part of our monthly lunch hospitality team. Choose to be part of set up, lunch prep and/or clean up. Lunches are planned for the 3rd Sunday of each month; setup & prep is the Saturday prior (usually morning; exact times TBA.). The more helpers we have on our hospitality team, the fewer times each helper will need to be scheduled. For information or to add your name to our growing list of hospitality helpers, contact Linda S. worship@sjruc.ca or Teresa C. webmaster@sjruc.ca

Book Nook: The Quilt Maker's Gift written by Jeff Brumbeau, pictures by Gail de Marcken. A story for our children but appropriate for adults to read also!. On display - borrow for 3 weeks.



F.U.N. Friday, Oct 23, 6:00 - 8:30 pm: F.U.N. - Family Unplugged Night! Our first F.U.N. was a resounding success! Food, friends, games, and lots of laughter. We hope you will join us at 6 pm for supper, and stay for some good ole' fashioned unplugged fun. Bring your family. Bring your kids & grand kids. Bring your friends or neighbour. Everyone can be part of SJR's F.U.N.! Please let us know you are coming by signing up on our website or on the sheet in the narthex. Cost: The fun is free; pay-as-you-can for supper.

UCW Meeting: Oct. 26th at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour. Come and join us as we get to know our new Minister, Rev. Meg Masterson better. Also, Jim C. will be demonstrating our defibrillator so that we will be prepared should we need to use it. All ladies are welcome!

Reel Theology: Tues., Oct. 27 at 5:30. Potluck.



Film and discussion to follow. Reproductive cloning creates genetically exact duplicates of animals (like Dolly, the sheep in the early 2000's). Will "designer babies" be next? Will low income women sell their eggs for this purpose? Therapeutic cloning creates new cells (stem cells). Should human beings be able to benefit - repair of body organs or combat human diseases? Bill Nye explains the process in simple language for teens and adults. Disney Educational Prod. (25 min. DVD) Sign up on back table or online.

SJR Reads: The last meeting of our book club for 2015 will be **Monday, Nov. 9th at 1:30** in the church parlour. We will be discussing the book **'Water for Elephants' by Sarah Gruen**. We have a KPL book club bag - call Charmian at 519-893-5316 if you would like to borrow one. All are welcome to join us for a good discussion and fellowship.

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The UCW provide a free copy in our church library for your use & pleasure! Contact. Muriel, **Via the church office**

Be a Stamp Saver for the Leprosy Mission! Christmas is the best time to obtain used stamps from parcels & cards. Just place them in the caring bin in the brown wooden cabinet in the cloak room. Questions about the Stamp Project or The Leprosy Mission? Please contact Jim O. **Via the church office**. See posters in the narthex for more details.



Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew	AV Team
Greeters	Bob & Betty M. Marion M. & Fran C.
Nursery	Margaret S. Sr.
Counters	Ed Ed., Herb & Lynda B.
Ushers	Roy K., Evelyn S., Doug R., Freddi M.
Gather 'n' Gab	Jessie M., Michelle S.
Reader	Janice B.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Chord Spinners 8th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Sat. Oct. 17th 5:00-7:00 p.m.
St. James Lutheran Church, St. Jacobs. Cost - freewill offering. A fundraising event for your local ladies' barbershop chorus!

Ecumenical prayer service with Taizé songs: Sun., Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church. 825 King St. West, Kitchener 519-743-6309

Pride Stables is looking for Volunteers - see bulletin board for flyer

Annual Hearty Country Pork Supper Tues. Oct. 20th, 5:00- 7:00 p.m.
Bridgeport United Church. Adults \$15, Children \$6 Also Craft and Bake table.

Spiritus Ensemble Bach Vespers after Thanksgiving Sun. Oct. 25th, 4 p.m.
St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 22 Water St. N., Kitchener, Free Admission, Donations gratefully received.

Recital Two world class Finnish musicians, Kalevi Kiviniemi (organ) & Jukka Pietila (baritone) will be performing at St. John's Lutheran Church, 22 Willow St Waterloo Oct. 25th 7:00 p.m. Free admission, suggested donation of \$10.00.

A Week of Guided Prayer - Praying our Story Sun Nov. 1- Sat. Nov. 7
Calvary Memorial United Church, 91 Gruhn St., Kitchener Call 519-744-9696.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Oct. 14 **VBS Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- Oct. 15 **Choir Rehearsal** - 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room
- Oct. 18 **Stay for Lunch after the Service!**
- Oct. 23 **F.U.N.** Family Fun Night 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- Oct. 26 **UCW Mtg** - 7:30 in the Parlour - all ladies welcome!
- Oct. 27 **Reel Theology** 5:30 in Long Sunday School Rm
- Nov. 9 **SJR Reads** - 1:30 in the Parlour

Upcoming event? Please inform: office (mail@sjruc.ca)
and webmaster (webmaster@sjruc.ca or Box #36)



Remember to check the bulletin boards
for more information and more events!

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 *We Share The Air!*
SJR is a smoke-free & fragrance-free facility.