
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



December 6, 2015 – Advent 2
Worship Leader: Rev. Meg Masterson

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Please Rise in Body and/or Spirit when you see this symbol ()

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude **Creator of the Stars of Night** *(arr. Michael McCabe)*

*Opening Hymn: **All Earth is Waiting** VU 5

Call to Worship

One: Advent is a season of waiting.

All: But we do not wait alone.

One: God is with us.

**All: We gather with those who have seen the signs,
heard the whispers, felt the tugs in their hearts.**

One: God is birthing Peace into this waiting world.

**All: We gather this morning to worship with hearts
open to Peace.**

Advent Candle Lighting

Jean Hamilton Gathering Drama file ACE2015; used with permission

Candle Lighting Song MV #59 vs 2
(adaptations for Advent by Alison, Meg & Teresa)

Songs of peace sing out to God.

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Dancing and singing, we praise you, O God.

Songs of peace sing out to God.

Opening Prayer: We are first called to Hope in you, Advent God. And once our hearts are touched by hope, peace is not far away. Today we pause once again. Here we breathe in hope. Here we open ourselves to the perfect peace you offer. Here we turn our eyes from the busyness of the world that we might glimpse the calmness of your Spirit as we wait.

BAPTISM

Baptismal Hymn: **Out of Deep, Unordered Water** VU 453
(Children come and sit on chancel steps)

* Affirmation Of Faith - A New Creed VU 918

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

**who has come in Jesus the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Service of Baptism

*We welcome by baptism Brady Douglas Stumpf, son of
Tarra (Longmire) & Steven Stumpf, and brother of Charlie.*

Blessing The Lord Bless You and Keep You VU 965

Time of Sharing: The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.
Hallowed be Thy name.

As in heaven, so on the earth; Hallowed be Thy name;
Give us this day our daily bread. Hallowed be Thy name.

And forgive us God all our debts; Hallowed be Thy name;
As we forgive all our debtors. Hallowed be Thy name.

And lead us not into temptation; Hallowed be Thy name;
But deliver us from all evil. Hallowed be Thy name.

For Thine is the Kingdom, Power and glory;
Hallowed be Thy name;
Forever and forever and ever. Hallowed be Thy name.

Amen, amen, it shall be so; Hallowed be Thy name;
Amen, amen, it shall be so. Hallowed be Thy name.

*From "All God's Children Sing",
Wood Lake Publishing, License #0213615*

Children Go to Classes

Message: "Food for the Journey"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music:

Comfort, Comfort Now My People (arr. Lee Dengler)

Offering Response: **When Heaven's Bright Mystery**

vs 4 VU 93

**When heaven's bright with mystery
and stars still lead an unknown way,
when love still lights a gentle path
where courts of power can hold no sway,
there with the Magi, let us kneel,
our gifts to share, God's world to heal.**

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Watching, waiting God, we have heard your call to
give ourselves in love. We answer that call with
these, the fruits of our labour, and the gift of our
lives. Accept and bless our gifts, we pray. Amen.**

Gord Dunbar, ACE 2005-6, pg. 37; used with permission

COMMUNION

Communion Hymn:

As We Gather at Your Table

VU 457 vs 1-2

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Anthem:

Stay With Us

(Bev Foster/Susan Brown)

Prayer after Communion (*Unison*)

**All: We give thanks, Ever-Present God, that you reach
out to us with grace. Through your gifts of water,
bread, and juice you have touched us, refreshed
us, and called us to a life of hope and peace.
Send us forth with courage, strength, and joy that
we too may become nourishment and love for one
another and the world. Amen.**

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn: **Go Forth for God**

VU 418

* 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: **Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**

(arr. Paul Manz)

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

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:

Forest Hill United Church, Kitchener

MUSIC



Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (Haf Trones Lampa Färdig) is a Swedish folk melody set to words by Laurentius Laurenti (Lorenz Lorenzen was his real name)(1660-1772). He was born in a Danish area

which is now part of modern day Germany and attended the University of Kiel to study music. While there he adopted a Latinized name, which was not uncommon in those days. Laurenti held the position of cantor and director of music at the cathedral church in Bremen from 1684 until his death in 1772. This carol was translated in 1854 and is published in 303 hymnals around the world today.

IN OUR CHURCH:



Book Nook: Enjoy a Christmas-themed movie!

Punchinello And The Most Marvelous Gift DVD #162

The Little Drummer Boy DVD #177

Saint Nicholas DVD #169. Borrow these DVDs for 2 weeks

UCW Potluck & Candlelight Communion Dec. 8, 6:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share, along with your own plate & cutlery. Service begins at 8:00 p.m.

Men's Breakfast Sat. Dec. 12th, 8:30-10 a.m. \$5 per person

This is an opportunity for the men of the congregation to get together to have breakfast and conversation. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Menu to follow - suggestions welcome!



Sponsor a student

Kenya Committee: Kenya Committee: SJR is currently fully sponsoring 9 high school students, 6 technical school students, and partially sponsoring several other students.

Consider becoming part of this mission. We are looking ahead to 2016 and invite you to be a full sponsor for \$550.00, or to make any size donation towards a scholarship. Keep working on those "TOONIE" containers and place them on the collection plate. For \$550.00 we can provide a full year of education for a high school student in Ugunja which includes tuition, a uniform, one meal a day, and all needed supplies and books. ***All donations are due by Dec. 13th*** and you will receive an income tax receipt. For further info contact the church office.

Sanctuary Christmas Flowers: To remember a loved one by contributing to the Christmas Flower Fund, please fill in your name on the form in the Narthex or on bulletin board by the church office door. Please put your donation of \$10.00 in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and place it on the collection plate by ***Sunday, Dec. 13.*** A tax receipt will be issued. Please contact the church office.



White Gift Sunday We are supporting the House of Friendship this year.

Charles St. Men's

Hostel Wish List:

- razors
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- deodorant
- socks
- underwear

Kitchen Wish List:

- Baking supplies (nuts, flour, sugar - white & brown, baking powder, cocoa)
- Jam & peanut butter
- Juice (crystals, tetra packed)
- Milk powder
- Coffee whitener

"Uppity" means rebelliously self-assertive not inclined to be tractable or deferential. It meant survival for Ruth and Naomi. Join us beginning ***Wednesday, January 6th*** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for four weeks as we take a look at two more "uppity" women of the Old Testament - Esther and Judith. Please sign the sheet on the Narthex table if you plan to attend. Thanks!



1/2 Price Sale! in the Library Cellar from December 1st to December 25th. All books will be 50¢ each. Get your holiday reading now!



Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

AV Crew	AV Team
Greeters	Margaret & Dorothy H. Marion M. & Fran C.
BookNook	Steve W.
Nursery	Margaret S., Sr.
Counters	Dorothy H., Don & Anne W.
Ushers	Jim & Vikki T., Bill & Millie W.,
Gather 'N Gab	Evelyn S., Vikki T.
Lay Reader	Steve W.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

John McDermott in Concert at Trinity United Church (74 Frederick St., Kitchener) on ***Monday, December 7, 2015***. Concert begins at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$40 for concert only; \$50 for concert + meet-&-greet reception after the show. On sale at Trinity, Mon - Thurs 9 am to 1 pm (cash only) or online at <http://tuckitchener.org>. Proceeds in support of Trinity's mission work including Syrian Refugee Sponsorship and Homelessness Advocacy. For more info call 519-742-3578 ext 3 or email office@tuckitchener.org

The NoteWorthy Singers Present: Christmas Joy in support of new toys for needy kids. (Waterloo Knights of Columbus) at Waterloo Pentecostal Assembly, 395 King S. N. ***Thurs. Dec. 10th 1:30 p.m.*** Admission: donation or unwrapped child's toy. For more info contact Martin 519-884-2060.

Grand Philharmonic Choir presents Handel's "Messiah" on ***Sat. Dec 12, 2015*** at 7:30 pm at Center in the Square. Tickets are available at the Center box office or online.

Community Concert & Carol Sing featuring Inshallah with Choir of St. Peters. ***Dec. 13, at 3 p.m.*** at St. Peter's Church, 49 Queen St. N., Kitchener. Freewill offering supporting Hospice Waterloo Region.

Christmas Oratorio Spiritus Ensemble performs Bach's Christmas masterpiece parts 1-3, on ***Sunday, Dec. 13 at 4:00 p.m.*** at St. John's Lutheran Church, 23 Willow St. Waterloo (note the change from our usual location). Soloists Sheila Dietrich, Jennifer Enns Modolo, Steve Surian, Bud Roach and Richard Hrytzak will be accompanied by an expanded choir and orchestra, Kenneth Hull conducting. Admission \$30 Adults, \$25 Seniors, \$15 Post-secondary students, \$5 high school and children 12 and under. Tickets available at the door and at Eventbrite.ca.



24th Kitchener Scouting Family
23rd Annual

Christmas Tree Sale

At Canadian Tire Victoria Street North

Starting Sat. Nov 28

M-F 5:30 – 9 Sat 9-9 Sun 11-7



trees.24th.ca

Let us become one of your Christmas Traditions

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Dec. 6 **Good Grief Support Group** 12:15 a.m. in Parlour
- ☐ Dec. 8 **UCW Potluck & Communion** - 6:00 p.m.
- ☐ Dec. 9 **VBS Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ Dec. 10 **Choir Rehearsal** - 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room
- ☐ Dec. 11 **Bridge Club Potluck** - 12:00 noon Rainbow Room
- ☐ Dec. 12 **Men's Breakfast** - 8:30 a.m. \$5 per person
- ☐ Dec. 13 **Deadline for Sanctuary Flowers** contribution
- ☐ Dec. 13 **Deadline Kenya Student Sponsors** contribution
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***Remember to check the bulletin boards
for more information & events!***

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We Share The Air!

SJR is a smoke-free & fragrance-free facility.