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# St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

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*~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~*



## Hanging of the Greens

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November 29, 2015 – Advent 1  
Worship Leader: Teresa Carse

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are available: Please ask an usher**

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude      **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**      *(arr. Lloyd Larson)*

\*Opening Hymn: **Wait for the Lord** (sing 4x)      VU 22

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 Hope into this waiting world.

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

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 hope sing out to God.**

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**Dancing and singing, we praise you, O God.**

**Songs of hope sing out to God.**

Opening Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Introduction to “Hanging the Greens”

Greens: God’s Welcome Extended to All People

Scripture: **Luke 1:46–55**

Anthem: **Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth** *(Richard Shepherd)*

Poinsettia: A Symbol of the Unexpected

Scripture: **Isaiah 35:1–2**

\* Hymn: **Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming** VU 8

Wreath: A Symbol of Never-Ending Love

Scripture: Luke 1:5-17

\* Hymn: **Holy Spirit, Come Into Our Lives** MV 6  
*Choir will sing verses 1, 2, 6;  
congregation joins in singing the refrain*

Christmas Tree: A Symbol of Celebration and Rebirth

Musical Reflection & Decorating the Tree

The Lights: God Promises to Give Light

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2 and 60:1-3

Hymn: **A Light is Gleaming** *(remain seated)* vs 1, 2 VU 82

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music:

**Lo! How A Rose E’er Blooming** *(arr. Cindy Berry)*

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*

Advent Prayers

**WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD**

\* Closing Hymn: **People, Look East** vs 1,2,5 VU 9

\* 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: **People Look East** (arr. Lloyd Larson)

We welcome Aggrey Amondi from Ugunja, Kenya to SJR this morning. Aggrey is from St. Paul Methodist Church and is chair of the Ugunja Community Resource Centre. He chairs the committee which selects the students we sponsor at Nyasanda Community High School and at Nyasanda Technical Institute. He is responsible for the distribution of the funds we send to them and monitors the progress of the students. After the service this morning Aggrey will be in the Parlour and you are invited to meet him and have a chat about Ugunja and our sponsorship. Please join us.

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



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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:  
**First United Church, Sherkston**

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'Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming' is a "Twelfth Night" carol from the German Rhineland region which combines the story of Luke 1-2 and Matthew 2 with Isaiah's prophecies about the "rose" from the "stem of Jesse." In medieval iconography (the art of representation by images, pictures or engravings) the tree of Jesse was often depicted as a rose shrub. The reference to "kalten Winter" (the cold of winter) makes this one of the earliest known hymns to give a wintry setting to the Nativity story. Text and tune originated separately and are thought to be from the 15th century. They were published together for the first time in 1599 and the well known harmonization by Michael Praetorius was added in 1609. This setting of the carol remains the most widely used today.

### IN OUR CHURCH:

**Counters and Head Counter** We need 2 or 3 people to be trained as counters or head counter. Counting is done following the service. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex & I'll give you a call. Thanks!  
*Cec O., Chairperson of the Finance Committee*

**UCW Unit 2 Meeting:** The November meeting of Unit 2 will be held **tomorrow Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the parlour.** We will be delighted to hear from Erla Koch and see her pictures from her many times to Tanzania. Welcome to all.

**Cookie Walk & Auction:** Our Annual Cookie Walk and Silent Auction is **Saturday, Dec. 5, 9:30 a.m.** Christmas Cookies and Auction Items are needed. Sign-up sheets are outside the Rainbow Room and the Nursery. Bring your cookies and donated Silent Auction items to the church on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Time: 3-4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. If it is more convenient to bring your auction donation early it may be left on the stage. Be sure to mark it "Silent Auction." Thank you! The proceeds support The Christian Education Committee.



**Book Nook:** We are ready for Advent! Come visit us to find something for all ages!

**Mission and Outreach** invites you to start your Christmas shopping early!! Please look for the booth set up on the landing the morning of the Cookie Walk. We will have "Gifts with Vision" catalogues and lots of information on "Sleeping Children around the World". The Food Bank bin will also be there if you'd like to make a donation.

**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!



**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 the 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, December 13.** A tax receipt will be issued. Contact the church office.

**Note: Brown Bag Lunch** is cancelled for December and until further notice. Updates will be posted in the bulletin.

**Uppity Women of the Bible** Join us **Wednesday evenings in the Parlour from 7 p.m.-9 p.m.** for the next in the series of *Uppity Women Of The Bible*. We'll take a look at the book of Ruth through the eyes of Rev. Dr. Lisa Wolfe. Dr. Wolfe considers the vulnerability of widows and the difficult situation of foreigners in biblical times. She will explore themes of loyalty, bitterness, courage, poverty and seduction. With humour and careful scholarship, this study will invite you to look at the book of Ruth with new insight and understanding for all its characters, especially the intelligent confident - even uppity heroine Ruth.



**Thanks to our Volunteers this week!**

<b>AV Crew</b>	AV Team
<b>Greeters</b>	Margaret & Dorothy H. Marion M. & Fran C.
<b>BookNook</b>	Millie W.
<b>Nursery</b>	Evelyn S.
<b>Counters</b>	Dorothy & Margaret H., Brian M.I
<b>Ushers</b>	Carol W., Joan K., Terry & Sandra J.
<b>Gather 'N Gab</b>	Jessie M., Michelle S.



## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Children's Ministry Educator position** at Trinity United Church - see bulletin board for position details.

**Sisters Of Spirit Benefit Event – Give Your Spirit A Gift This Christmas!** Connect with 15 women who share their life's passion to make Your Christmas season more meaningful. Receive inspiring messages through Advent online or offline. Receive the devotions on Facebook. Search *Sisters of Spirit* on Facebook. Or email sistersofspiritunite@gmail.com for an electronic document. Find out more @ sistersofspiritunite.com

**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](mailto:office@tuckitchener.org)

**Community Movie Night** "The Muppet Christmas Carol" at Parkminster United Church 275 Erb St. E. ***Friday Dec. 4 6-8 p.m.*** Free Admission! Snacks provided. Christmas PJs encouraged!

**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. 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://Eventbrite.ca).



24<sup>th</sup> Kitchener Scouting Family  
23<sup>rd</sup> 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:



- ☐ Nov. 29 **Good Grief Support Group** 12:15 a.m. in Parlour
- ☐ Nov. 30 **UCW Unit 2 Mtg** 7:30 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ Dec. 1 **Good Grief Support Group** 10:30 a.m. in Parlour
- ☐ Dec. 2 **VBS Bible Study** - 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour
- ☐ Dec. 3 **Choir Rehearsal** - 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room
- ☐ Dec. 5 **Cookie Walk & Silent Auction**
- ☐ Dec. 8 **UCW Potluck & Communion** - 8:00 p.m.
- ☐ Dec. 12 **Men's Breakfast** - 8:30 a.m. \$5 per person



***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.***