
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



Lessons and Carols

December 20, 2015 – Advent 4
Worship Leader: Rev. Meg Masterson

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

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

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude **Of The Father's Love Begotten** (arr. Larry Shackley)

*Opening Hymn: **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus** VU 2

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 Love into this waiting world.

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

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 love sing out to God.

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Dancing and singing, we praise you, O God.

Songs of love sing out to God.

Opening Prayer and 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.**

LESSONS & CAROLS

1st Lesson: Isaiah 40: 1-8 (Steve W.)

The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile

1st Carol (choir) The Father's Love (arr. William Roger Price)

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2nd Lesson: Jeremiah 23:5-6 (Dave D.)

The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King

2nd Carol Hail to the Lord's Anointed VU 30 vs. 1, 2, 3

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3rd Lesson: Zechariah 9: 9-10 (Corinne W.)

The Lord promises that the King will come to Israel in peace

3rd Carol My Soul Cries Out MV 120 vs. 1& 4

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4th Lesson: Haggai 2:6-9 (Emily S.)

The Prophet foretells the advent of the desire of all nations

4th Carol (choir) Soon and Very Soon (A. Crouch/J. Schrader)

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5th Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-6 (Lynda B.)

The Prophet foretells the glory of the kingdom of God

5th Carol Hark the Glad Sound VU 29 vs. 1,3, 4

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6th Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38 (Don W.)

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

6th Carol (choir) There Is No Rose (Pat Messick)

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Meditation

Quiet Reflection

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music: **Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen**

(arr. Johannes Brahms)

Offering Response:

VU 93 v 4

**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

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn:

Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending

VU 25

* 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: **Lift Up Your Head, You Mighty Gates** *(arr. W. Held)*

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Join us today for **LUNCH!**

Today we're ringing in the Christmas season with
Martinis... Mashed Potato Martinis, that is!

Please join us "at the bar" (downstairs) after worship to
share food & fellowship with friends you know & those
you've yet to meet. Cost is pay-as-you-can.

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Prayer Cycle for the United Churches in Hamilton Conference:

Grace United Church, Niagara on the Lake





The text of "There Is No Rose" comes from an anonymous 15th century poem. The poem was written in a very old form of English with a Latin phrase at the end of each verse. This kind of poem, which combines two languages, is called a macaronic poem. The original poem began, "Thaere is no rose of sych vertu..." This anthem, however, uses a modern English text with the original Latin phrase at the end of each verse. The "rose of such virtue" refers to Mary, the mother of Jesus. "Pares forma" means 'of the same', "Gaudeamus" means 'Let us rejoice', and "Transeamus" means 'transport us there'.



In Memory of family & friends flowers have been placed in the sanctuary by:

Ena A.
Janice B.
Gordon & Shirley D.
Nancy, Collin, & Heather E.
Terry & Sandra J.
Bob & Betty M.
Doug & Alison R.
Elizabeth T.
Corinne W.
Carol & Christopher W.

Lynda B. & Joan S.
Teresa & Jim C.
Bill & Dianne D.
Margaret H.
Wally & Joan K.
Jim & Norma M.
Jean S.
Janet T.
Don & Anne W.
Ted Y. & Family

IN OUR CHURCH:

Thank you! Thank you! Thank You! To all our bakers, donors, volunteers, & buyers who supported our fund raiser. The Cookie Walk & Silent Auction on Dec. 5 & 6 raised \$1732.45 to support the Christian Education Committee. We appreciated your support!



Christine M., Norma M., Ena A.

"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!

Mission & Service Giving In 2014, our gifts totaled \$29,559.65 (\$24,559.65 from congregation; \$5,000 from the UCW).

At October 31, 2015, we have given of October 2015 \$20,259 (from the congregation) toward our goal of \$30,000. Our gifts for Mission & Service and from people all across the United Church achieve more that we could alone. Please join us and make giving for Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. Through Mission & Service we share compassion, build community and bring hope. Mission & Service changes peoples' lives.

Your Mission and Outreach Committee – Maureen D., Doug R. and Lynda B.

½ Price Sale! in the Library Cellar until December 25th. All books will be 50¢ each. Get your holiday reading now!



Book Nook: *Room for a Little One*, by Martin Waddell, beautifully illustrated by Jason Cockcroft. Borrow for 3 weeks. On display.

Annual Reports: It's that time of year again! Annual Reports are due January 4th. Please Email reports to: mail@sjruc.ca Thank you!

Church Office will be closed the week of Jan 28th -Jan 1st

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!

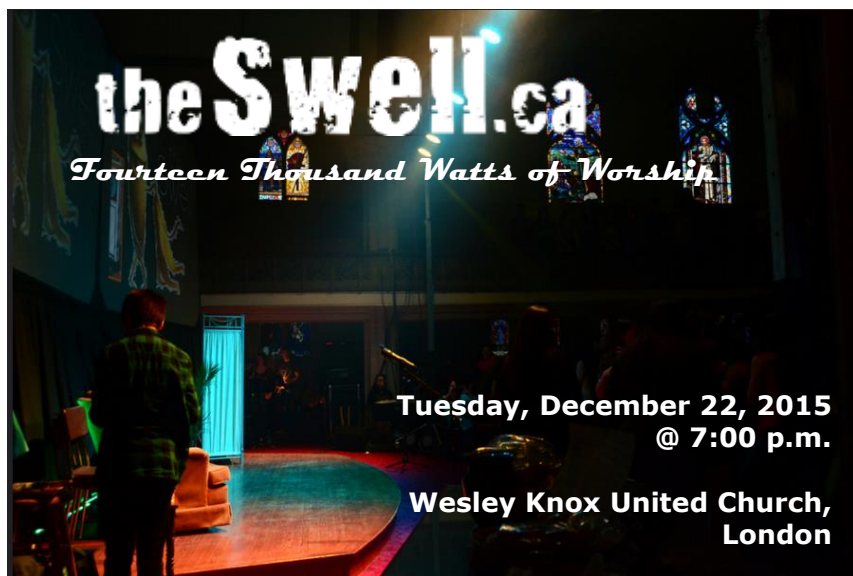
AV Crew	AV Team
Greeters	Hong S., Charmian P. Marion M. & Fran C.
Nursery	Evelyn S.
Counters	Hong S., Charmian P. Christine M.
Ushers	Terry & Sandra J., Gord A.
Lay Reader	Don W.



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



Let us become one of your Christmas Traditions



**Youth-Directed Christmas Worship - "The Swell"
- is happening this Tuesday evening!**

Presented by High School Youth.

For all ages, gr 7 and up...

Featuring:

- Contemporary Rock Band (usually loud) – a bit of Rock, Rap, Hip-Hop, and Punk
- Popular Video Clips
- Exploring Scripture
- Drama, Gymnastics, Ballet
- Multi-Sensory Prayers
- Poetry, Solos
- Participatory Communion
- Free-will offering

We depart from SJR parking lot at 5:00 p.m.
Event is from 7 – 8:45 p.m. Refreshments to follow.
Return to to SJR before 11 p.m.

Do you want to go? Would you like to drive?
More Info at www.theswell.ca

Call/message: The Church Office

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Dec. 24 **Family-Friendly Christmas Eve Service** 7 p.m.
- ☐ Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve Communion Service** 10 p.m.
- ☐ Dec. 27 **Hymn Sing Service** 10:30 a.m.



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Office hours: Tues. - Fri. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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