
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave. Kitchener ON N2B 1K2

~ God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith ~



**Blessed
Are They...**

January 15, 2017 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

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are available: Please ask an usher**

Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please join us in the Rainbow Room after worship for refreshments and fellowship.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* Please rise in body and/or Spirit as you are able.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the single candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.

Prelude **Fantasy Impromptu Op. 66** *(Frédéric Chopin)*

* Opening Hymn **Make me a Channel of Your Peace** VU 684

Call to Worship *written by Katherine Hawker*

One: Happy are we

All: when our treasures cannot be quantified.

One: Happy are we

All: when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

One: Happy are we

All: when our pain is held in the balm of love.

One: Happy are we

All: when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

adapted from a prayer by Janet Morley

One: For all the saints who went before us
who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with
your fire,

All: we praise you, O God, for the blessing of their lives.

One: For all the saints who live beside us whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,

All: we praise you, O God, for the blessing of their lives.

One: For all the saints who live beyond us who challenge us to change the world with them,

All: we praise you, O God, for the blessing of their lives.

One: For we pray in the name of one who was blessing and challenge, who called us to unite our voices:

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.

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Story Time

*Youth and Children are invited to
head out for Sunday School!*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Anthem **Blessed Are They**

(Lee Dengler)

Readings from the Scriptures: **Matthew 5:1-12**

Reflection **Blessed are they...**

Hymn **Christ Has No Body Now But Yours** MV 171 

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

Offertory **Andantino**

(Samuel Wesley)

*** Offering Response ***



***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.***

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***Dedication of the Offering**

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

*** Closing Hymn O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee** 560

*** Commissioning**

One: Jesus taught us, "Blessed are the peacemakers."
May God grant you the vision, strength, and courage
to proclaim God's message of peace
whether welcome or unwelcome,
for the sake of this world.

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

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.

Please be seated

Postlude

In Thee Is Gladness

(Kristina Langlois)

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

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



The music for the hymn 'Christ Has No Body Now but Yours' was written by Canadian Rick Gunn. He is Minister of Music and Youth at Bedford United Church in Nova Scotia. He served on the More Voices Development Team and has been a key-note speaker and workshop leader at United Church events across Canada. The words for the hymn were written by St. Teresa of Avila and adapted by Stephen C. Warner in 2003. St. Teresa was also known as Saint Teresa of Jesus. She was born in Spain in the 16th century and entered a Carmelite convent at 18. She later earned a reputation as a mystic, reformer and writer who experienced divine visions. Stephen C. Warner is a member of the Campus Ministry staff at the University of Notre Dame where he teaches liturgical music to graduate students.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

This week we were informed that Joyce Laur passed away November 23, 2016. Joyce was the organist here at SJR from about 1961-1966, and more recently was the director of the Church Bell Choir at St. Andrew's Presbyterian in Kitchener. Her husband, Lee Laur, sang in the choir at SJR under Dr. Lewis. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family & friends of Joyce.

IN OUR CHURCH:

SJR Reads: Our first meeting for 2017 will be tomorrow ***Monday, January 23rd at 1:30 p.m.*** in the church parlour. We will be discussing '**Watermelon Syrup**' by Annie Jacobsen & Di Brandt. All are welcome to join us for good discussion & fellowship. Our next meeting will be on February 20th when we will be talking about 'Between Gods' A Memoir' by Alison Pick for which we have a KPL book club bag

We're filling the Board! If you'd like to be a part of this dynamic group of workers at SJR please check out the bulletin board in the Rainbow Room and the Narthex for a list of positions that we need to fill. Contact the church office if you are interested in sharing your time & talents to make SJR the best United Church in Waterloo Presbytery!



UCW Meeting: The UCW will meet on ***January 30th at 7:30*** in the Parlour. Rev Chris will be joining us so we can get to know him better. What is he interested in? Where has he been? What does he like to cook? Come and find out!



Book Nook: **Spiritual Values for Earth Community**, by David Hallman. If you are interested in climate change this author argues that respecting the earth and building sustainable community calls us to live out such spiritual values as gratitude, humility, sufficiency, justice, peace, love, faith, and hope. On display. Borrow for 3 weeks.

Pick up your 2017 Envelopes now available on the table at the back of the church (sorted alphabetically). If you don't have envelopes and would like your own please let the office know by:

- a note in mailbox # 3
- or email to mail@sjruc.ca
- or phone call to 519-742-1002



If you'd rather not bother with envelopes please sign up for PAR - Pre-Authorized Remittance. Details and forms are on the table in the narthex, on our website www.sjruc.ca, or contact the church office.

The Annual Congregational Meeting for SJRUC will be held in the gym ***February 5th*** after the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Thanks to our Volunteers this week!



AV Crew	Matthew & Jim C
Book Nook	Millie W
Greeter	Margaret H
Counters	Hong S, Bev & Les H
Ushers	Grace A, Nancy E, Terry & Sandra J
Lay Reader	Don W
Nursery	Alison R, Tarra L
Gather & Gab	George C, Margaret S

IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Two Kittens & A Kid (A Gay Man Raising His Inner Diva)

Christopher Wilson's new one-man musical cabaret about becoming a gay foster father to an adolescent black girl plays The Registry Theatre for one night only! In this deeply personal and autobiographical story, a gay, white, suburban man suddenly becomes 'Mr. Mom' to an adolescent, black, urban girl. White-knuckled on a roller coaster of teenage angst, this new parent falls off the precipice into the mystery of black hair, menstruation, boyz, and ultimately mental health and addiction. Often comedic but always honest, this cabaret is a poignant and sometimes heartbreaking story of love, cultural understanding, and desperately trying to find your way! **Tuesday, January 24th @ 8:00pm** (50 mins) The Registry Theatre - 122 Frederick Street, Kitchener \$15.00 general, \$10.00 arts worker/student/senior Tickets: <http://registrytheatre.brownpapertickets.com/>

Special Event at St. Jerome's University, Join us January 24th as St. Jerome's University welcomes two volumes of the Heritage Edition of the Saint John's Bible. From childhood, Donald Jackson, official calligrapher to Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II, dreamed of creating a handwritten, illuminated Bible. An international team of calligraphers & artists created the original 1,165-page manuscript with 160 major illuminations reflecting biblical themes of hospitality, conversion of life, and justice for God's people. Time: 4:30 p.m. - Ecumenical Service in honour of Christian Unity Week. Location: Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome's University. Free of Charge | Free Parking | Wheelchair Accessible | Refreshments. **The Art of moving into a Fulfilling Retirement.** Rev. Dr. Paul Gilroy is facilitating a Wisdom Circle discussion for people anticipating, or adjusting to retirement. His focus is a faster &

smoother transition to this new stage of life for which many are unprepared. **Jan. 29 9:30 am– 4 pm** at Ignatius Retreat Centre, Guelph. \$125 per person; \$200 per couple; or PWYC. Includes lunch and materials. Registration and more detail at newfutures.ca

Scrapbooking Day Saturday Feb 4th at Calvary Memorial United Church. 91 Gruhn St. The goal is to raise \$4000 to purchase shoes for marginalized folks served by the Community Ministry Program. Registration \$25 before Jan. 16 (\$30 after). Includes lunch & refreshments. Hourly draws; a prize for the most unusual pair of shoes worn, 50/50 draw, draw for those who donate gently worn walking shoes or a non-perishable food item, a door prize valued over \$100. Contact Marion Schmitt 519-884-2292

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- ☐ Jan. 23 **SJR Reads Parlour** 1 p.m.
- ☐ Jan. 25 **Video Bible Study – “The Call”** – Parlour 7 p.m.
- ☐ Jan. 30 **UCW Meeting** - Parlour 7:30
- ☐ Feb. 5 **Annual General Meeting** - 11:30 a.m.
- ☐ Feb. 18 **Stay for Lunch!**

Please check the bulletin boards & www.sjruc.ca for more upcoming events.

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