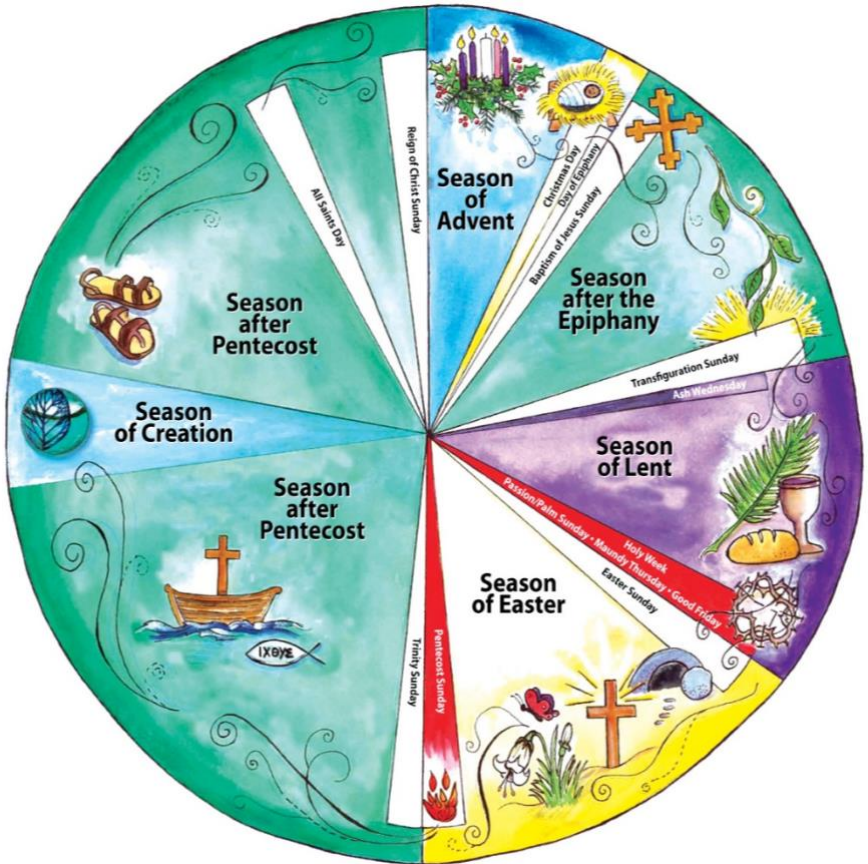

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



November 21, 2021 – Reign of Christ Sunday
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

*Welcome to worship!
We're glad you're here!*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

Please remain seated for all of service, as you are able.

*We acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract,
traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and
Haudenosaunee peoples.*

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

One: Throughout the church year, God accompanies us,

All: Leading us through challenge, celebrating with us, hearing our prayers.

One: As we follow the seasons of the church we hear the stories of our faith,

All: Stories of Jesus and the prophets, stories of the early church,

One: We hear stories of our ancestors of faith,

All: stories of success and failure, times of devotion to God and times of breaking our covenant to God

One: We hear the stories of people just like us,

All: These are our stories, providing wisdom, direction and reason to celebrate through worship!

Opening Prayer

One: Holy God, as we celebrate the year that has been, preparing for the year to come, remind us that it is this moment that we have given, it is this moment in which we can participate, it is this moment that we can offer to you. May we hear your voice in all our countless moments and may we embrace the opportunities you bestow each one. We pray using these words:

Lord's Prayer (read/prayed slowly)

**All: 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.**

Hymn

A Light is Gleaming

VU 82

*Refrain A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.*

- 1** *When light comes pouring into the darkest place,
it hurts our eyes to see the glow.
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,
our memories and tears. Refrain*
- 2** *When night is round us and every shadow grows,
a star is there to light our way.
It tells a story of Jesus who came near to say:
'God's light will ever stay.' Refrain*
- 3** *And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.
He showed us things we hadn't seen.
Now we, like Jesus, can help creation shine,
and this will be a sign: Refrain*
- 4** *So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n,
and let us rise to see the dawn.
We trust that God is here as a spark and ablaze,
- warming all our days. Refrain*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Readings from the Scriptures - Christmas

(CEB) **Matthew 1:18-23**

Anthem **Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending**

(David Hogan)

*Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favor'd sinners slain!
Thousand, thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Christ the Lord returns to reign.*

*Ev'ry eye shall now behold him,
robed in glorious majesty;
those who set at nought and sold him,
pierced, and him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall their true Messiah see.*

*Those tokens of his Passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers.
With what rapture, with what rapture,
On those glorious scars!*

*Yea! Amen! Let all adore you,
high on your eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom as your own:
Alleluia, alleluia,
You shall reign, and you alone!*

Reflection and Scripture Reading - **Easter**

(CEB) **Mark 15:16-18, 22-24; 16:1-8**

Reflection and Scripture Reading - **Pentecost**

(CEB) **Acts 2:1-4, 14/16, 17-21**

Hymn

I Danced in the Morning VU 352

**1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

Refrain **Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. Refrain**

**3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. Refrain**

**4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. Refrain**

**5 They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. Refrain**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

(Donate online at sjruc.ca)

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 **Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

VU 375

Refrain **Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

**1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.**

Refrain

**2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes.**

Refrain

**3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush
of the wind. *Refrain***

**4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain***

Commissioning

* Choral Benediction **Go Now in Peace**

*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)

*Please remain seated in silence as
we conclude our service with the postlude.*

Postlude

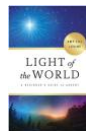
Upcoming Worship

Indoor Worship: We have returned to indoor services! Registration, masks, & distancing are required. Register at <https://rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9> or on our website: sjruc.ca Sign up your “bubble” - register as one group & sit together. Phone registration is available through the office. Note that there is a separate registration for Sunday School (children will be dropped off at the door near the fenced playground upon arrival - do not include Sunday School children for attending in the Sanctuary.) If the up list for the Worship Service is full, please sign up on the “Wait List” option. You will hear from the church office as spaces become available. **Starting December 5th we will be asking for proof of vaccination to attend worship in person.** For those who have chosen to be unvaccinated, please join us online or in print.

Announcements

Christian Education: Drop your children off at the door near the fenced playground at 10:20 a.m. on Sundays for story time, worship, crafts, and play (indoor & outdoor). We will be in the downstairs Sunday School Room. Masks & distancing required. Pre-register your children online at rsvp.church/r/C1yBpTR9
Can you volunteer to assist with the activity centers? (no requirement to teach or know content). If you can help, contact Mearle M at ce@sjruc.ca or Rev. Chris revchris@sjruc.ca

Faith Study In *Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent*, author Amy-Jill Levine guides us through the stories of Zechariah & Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the Magi. Explore connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in Jewish culture, Mary's visitation, the implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census, the stable, the star of Bethlehem... Join us for this 4-week study Wed 7 pm – 9 pm on zoom. Contact Rev. Chris or sign up on sjruc.ca



Sanctuary Christmas Flowers: To remember a loved one by contributing to the Christmas Flower Fund, please add your name to the form in the Narthex or on bulletin board by the church office. Put your donation of \$10.00 in an envelope marked “Christmas Flowers” and place it on the collection plate by Sun. Dec. 12. A tax receipt will be issued. Questions? Contact Anne Willcox



OneRoof Youth Services – We're supporting OneRoof Youth Services again leading up to a collection in our parking lot on December 7th from 6-7:30 pm. As youth homelessness is increasing, OneRoof needs particular items to help their clients: pens (don't need to be new, just need to work!) garbage bins, hardware items: scraps of wood, nuts, bolts, screws, wood nails, nails, sanders, hammers, screwdrivers, cordless drill, brooms, rakes, extension cords, power bars, cellphone chargers, flashlights. *(full wish list posted by the boxes in hall).*

Special Gifts Allocations - The Special Gifts Committee invites applications for a share of any interest earned from the Special Gifts Fund. The deadline is March 31, 2022. Please ensure that your application is in writing, is supported by the appropriate church committee, and that you indicate that you will spend any allocation by the end of 2022. *Please send your application to Valerie H at mail@sjruc.ca or mail it to her at the church, by the deadline.*



Turkey Trot Christmas is coming so we're organizing a Turkey Trot Saturday, **December 11th!** Teaming up with DeliWorks for a take-out dinner in the SJR parking lot. Complete turkey dinner (mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, cranberries, vegetables, & a delicious dessert) ready to heat or freeze for Christmas dinner. Order early - pre-orders are limited. **\$22 per meal.** Call Muriel or Ellen or order on-line at sjruc.ca **by Friday, Dec.4th.** Pay by cheque (made out to SJR UCW); send or drop it off at church. If you cannot mail or drop off payment by Dec. 4th, please let Muriel or Ellen know and it will be picked up. All dinners must be prepaid.

Cleaning out your closets? Downsizing? Canadian Food for Children is a registered charity, completely volunteer operated, which provides clothing, food, medical & educational supplies to the poor in Third World countries. We accept clean clothing in good shape for every age and season, unbreakable housewares, bedding, fabric and sewing supplies, school supplies. We are at 843 Guelph St. in Kitchener - open 12:30 to 3 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information, please contact Muriel S. For a copy of our "Wish List", email pinn@golden.net



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