
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



November 27, 2022 – Advent 1
Worship Leader: Rev. Chris Fickling

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

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

Our services are recorded and shared online.

*If you would like to not be recorded,
we ask that you sit near the back of the Sanctuary.*

We acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract,
traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and
Haudenosaunee peoples. We acknowledge their care of the
land and give our thanks for their conservancy.

Welcome & Announcements and Introduction to Advent

Prelude Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming (arr. Cindy Berry)

Entrance of Garlands – *God's Welcome for All People*

* Opening Hymn **Deck the Halls** (repeated if needed!)

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, fa la la la la, la la la la

'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la, la la la la

Don we now our gay apparel, fa la la la la la, la la la

Troll the ancient Yuletide carol, fa la la la la, la la la la

Fast away, the old year passes, fa la la la la, la la la la

Hail the new, ye lads and lasses, fa la la la la, la la la la

Sing we joyous all together, fa la la la la la, la la la

Heedless of the wind and weather, fa la la la la, la la la la

Call to Worship

Lighting our Advent Wreath

Sung Response

Blessing

(Lee Dengler)

Walk in the hope of Jesus,

God's promised Son will come to earth.

Watch for the Bright and Morning Star.

Behold redemption's birth.

Walk in the hope of Jesus;

giving your strength to travel on,

guiding your feet upon the path that leads you to the dawn.

Walk on in hope! Walk on in hope! Amen. Amen.

Christmas Tree - A Symbol of Celebration and Rebirth

When you arrived at church, you were given a Christmas ornament to write the name of someone you're thinking of this Christmas. It could be someone who has passed away, someone you are worried about or thinking about, maybe even yourself. Write name(s) on the Christmas ornament, to hang them on our tree, connecting our prayers with new life. When you are ready, please come forward to help us decorate.

When Youth and Children have hung their ornaments, they can head out to Sunday School!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree *(Elizabeth Poston)*

*The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be,
Compared with Christ the apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel,
By faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see,
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil -
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.*

Readings from the Scriptures (CEB) Matthew 1:1, 16-20a

¹ A record of the ancestors of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham: ¹⁶ Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary—of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Christ. ¹⁷ So there were fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen generations from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen generations from the exile to Babylon to the Christ. ¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn't want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly. ²⁰ As he was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream...

Hymn **Mary, Woman of the Promise** VU 16 v1-3
Tune VU 2, Come. Thou Long Expected Jesus

Reflection on the crèche - *Finding our place at the manger*

Hymn **Joseph, Be our Guide and Pattern** v1-3
Words: Muriel Newton-White, Tune: VU 36 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

*Joseph, be our guide and pattern,
Faithful to your sacred trust,
Strong protector of his promise,
And the infant, Jesus Christ,
Joseph, firm and faithful, guide us,
Joseph, walk the way with us.*

*Faithful to the guiding vision,
List'ning to the angel's word;
Shielding Mary from all slander,
Guarding Christ, both Son and Lord,
Joseph, true and trusting, guide us,
Joseph, walk the way with us.*

*Leading them through many dangers
To the home in Nazareth,
Humbly for their needs providing
In your wise and steadfast faith,
Joseph, brave, obedient, guide us,
Joseph, walk the way with us.*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE



Invitation to Offering (Donate online at sjruc.ca)

* Offering Response **O Little Town of Bethlehem** VU 67 v3

*How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessed gift of heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.*

*Dedication of the Offering

Wreath – *A Symbol of Never Ending Love*

Prayers of the People

Lights – *The Coming Hope of God*

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

* Closing Hymn **People Look East** VU 9

* Commissioning

* Choral Benediction **O Come, All Ye Faithful** VU 60 v1

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

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

Postlude **Sleepers Wake!** (Johann Gottfried Walther)

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***Printed copies of this Sunday's message are available
in the Narthex for you to take home or share.***

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Nov. 28 UCW Meeting – Parlour 7 pm – masks required
- Nov. 30 Faith Study " Faithful" - Parlour 7-9 pm (*masks required*)
- Dec. 1 Choir 7:30 pm - 9 pm
- Dec. 4 Worship Service – 2nd Advent – White Gift Sunday 10:30 am
Gather & Gab and Baked Goods Auction after service
- Dec. 8 Final Day for OneRoof drop off in Parking lot 6- 7:30 pm
- Dec. 18 Congregational Mtg re: Christ the King amalgamation 11:30 a.m.

Check the bulletin boards and visit www.sjruc.ca for upcoming events.

In need of emergency pastoral care? Please contact: Rev. Chris Fickling:
revchris@sjruc.ca Office: 519-742-1002 Cell: 226-989-6400

SJRUC Current Covid Measures

SJR follows Ontario Public Health guidelines: practice good hand hygiene, distance yourself from others if you choose, stay home if you are sick, and stay up to date on vaccinations. If you feel you are seated too close to someone, please feel free to find another spot. We are also **strongly recommend** wearing a mask at this time.

IN OUR CHURCH

Love and Memory Sunday As we prepare for our annual Love and Memory Sunday on December 4th, remembering those who have died in 2022, we are asking for your help. If there is anyone you would like mentioned in the service, please contact the office, or Rev. Chris to ensure we don't miss anyone. Please know that if we miss your loved one's name, we are still keeping you in prayer.

SJRUC ChristmasTreats Auction! December 4th after Gather & Gab.



Gluten free will be available. Proceeds support SJRUC. Bakers: We would like Christmas cookies, loaves, pies, tarts, cupcakes, sweets. **Boxes for putting your baked goods in will be available to pick up today.** Drop off your treats before service on Dec. 4th. For info: mail@sjruc.ca or 519-742-1002.

UCW Meeting: Come join us in the ***Parlour on Monday, November 28th at 7:00pm*** as we gather to be together as women of St. James'-Rosemount! Our own Marjorie Tinklin will share her stories & treasures from her trip this past summer to Sydney, Nova Scotia to celebrate 60 years of UCW with women from across Canada. Unfortunately, coffee and nibbles will not be served. Please bring your own drinks and be prepared to wear a mask.

Sunday School - Coming up in our Advent Journey: December 4: White Gift Sunday in Support of oneRoof Youth Services. In addition to any White Gifts, Children are asked to bring a favourite "stuffie" that we ask can stay at the manger (and then returned after Christmas. Please label your toy well!)

Confirmation Classes We hope to be starting Confirmation classes for youth 12 years old and up with the first meeting in December. Please speak to Rev. Chris or contact the office. We are pleased share in your journey of faith and hope you will make St. James'~Rosemount United Church your home.

Donations, Envelopes, and Tax Receipts: New 2023 donation envelopes are ready to be picked up in the Narthex. If you would like envelopes, please let the office know mail@sjruc.ca or 519-742-1002. Please remember that Dec. 31st is a Saturday this year, so donations need to be received by Dec 25th to be reflected in your 2022 tax receipt.

 **Supporting OneRoof:** Next week is White Gift Sunday for our annual fundraiser for OneRoof Youth Services. The fundraiser ends Thursday evening, December 8th, when a truck will be in the church parking lot from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to collect donated items for delivery. A table is set up in the foyer to collect items, and a OneRoof Wish List will be on the table for you to observe. As the winter approaches items needed include gloves and finger mitts, winter socks, hoodies, sweatshirts (gently used), gift cards, underwear (male & female - new), winter boots (women's size 7 - 10 & men's size 10 and up). Monetary donations are appreciated **and can be dropped off in the church mailbox or with your Sunday offerings until December 8th.**

Looking for a great "Stocking Stuffer"? Grace Alton has the perfect one. Handmade calendars that will appeal to everyone! \$5 each and the proceeds will go to the UCW Mission & Service Fund. She will be selling them before & after church in the Narthex. Be sure to have a look!



UCW Christmas Dinner and Candlelight Communion on Tuesday, Dec. 13th. with a delicious turkey dinner from DeliWorks. Join us at 5:45 pm for dinner & conversation. Candlelight Communion Service will begin at 7:00 pm. All women are welcome! The catered dinner and 60th Anniversary cake – (bring your own dishes and cutlery) - beverages provided will be \$25 per person. Gluten free options available. Please call Muriel or Jan **to book your dinner by December 6th.** Place payment in an envelope marked "UCW Christmas Dinner" and drop it off at the church or call Bernice pay by e-transfer pay-UCW@sjruc.ca. All dinners must be prepaid



Faith Study Join us for "Faithful - Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph", a closed captioned video study **Wednesdays, 7pm to 9pm in the Parlour.** We're not that different from Joseph. He encountered circumstances that he never chose for himself, but he didn't walk away. Joseph provides a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand, faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. If you are interested in joining us call Jan @ 519-741-0061 or contact the office @ 519-742-1002

Annual Committee Reports are due to be received at the SJR Office mail@sjruc.ca no later than **Dec.31, 2022.**





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 and place your donation of \$10.00 in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers on the collection plate by Sun. Dec. 18th. A list of donors will be posted on the bulletin board in the office foyer, as well as printed in the Dec. 25th bulletin. A tax receipt will be issued. Questions? Contact mail@sjruc.ca or 519-742-1002.

Kenya Student Fund In 2023 we will be sponsoring 27 students from Ugunja, Kenya so they can get an education. We have sponsors for all the students; however, we have been informed of fee increases that will affect 2nd Year NYATI technical college students in 2023 and subsequent years. We hope to raise an additional \$500 to help cover these costs. If you can help, please make your donation payable to St. James'-Rosemount United Church - Kenya Student Fund. For more information, please contact Kevin Curtis, Chair, Kenya Student Education Committee. Thank you!



Unified Board Search: The Unified Board will be searching for new members and several committee chairs to begin on the Board effective at our Feb. annual meeting. We are also in need of a Worship committee chair effective Jan. 1, 2023. We are now meeting in person and not on Zoom (except for an occasional Zoom meeting if required). Hopefully this will encourage those of you who don't have (or don't like!) Zoom meetings to volunteer. Please prayerfully consider how you can serve your church in this capacity.



Be a Stamp Saver for the Leprosy Mission! Christmas is a great time to save stamps from parcels & cards. A half inch cut around used stamps is ideal. Post cards, especially old (1920 & prior) are also very useful with or without stamps. Place them in the caring bin in the wooden cabinet in the cloak room behind the narthex. Your stamps make a difference! Questions? Contact Jim Oliver, 519-893-4092.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

The KW Singers, conducted by Jennifer Carter, present A Holly Jolly Holiday Concert: **Dec 2 & 3, 7:30 pm**, at Calvin Presbyterian Church (Westmount Rd. E). \$20 admission at the door Join us for our first in person concert in three years!



Handel's Messiah: Join the Grand Philharmonic Choir for their 100th Anniversary performance of Handel's Messiah with guest conductor Howard Dyck - **Saturday Dec. 10th, 7:30 pm** at Center in the Square. Tickets available at the box office.