
St. James'-Rosemount United Church

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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



Together IN CHRIST

February 4, 2024 – Annual Meeting
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.

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

Lighting the Christ Candle

Link to digital copy of the annual report – type into your browser: tinyurl.com/SJRUC-2023
OR scan this QR code with your cellphone or tablet's camera or QR code reader:



Prelude

Allegretto

(Cornelius Gurlitt)

Call to Worship *adapted from a prayer by Terri*

One: God of life, God of hope, God of all

All: You never tire of us, and we are grateful.

One: Lift us on your love, and allow us to rise above the struggles of this earth.

All: Sustain us, guide us, heal us

One: As we practice here, a vision of how we wish the world would be.

All: Then send us forth into the world with renewed strength.

One: That we may love as you love.
So let us worship together, our Loving God.

Opening of Annual Meeting – Call to Order

Nominations – Chair and Secretary for Meeting

Mission Statement and Opening Prayer

One: We, the community of faith known as St. James'-Rosemount United Church, believe that God is the central focus and motivating force in our lives together. Our mission is to share in ministry in an atmosphere of

equality. We are called upon to acknowledge and proclaim our faith, to trust in God's goodness and grace, to share our gifts, to act with integrity, and to teach others the Good News as revealed in the life of Jesus Christ...so let us pray...

Opening prayer...

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.**

Story Time

Hymn

Worship the Lord v1-3

VU 401

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Motions (Voting, Agenda, Adjournment)

Approval of Minutes - 68th Annual Meeting held Feb 5, 2023

Business Arising from Annual Meeting

Scripture Reading (CEV, adapted) Isaiah 40:28-31

²⁸ Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The Lord is the eternal God, Creator of the earth. God never gets weary or tired; God's wisdom cannot be measured. ²⁹ The Lord gives strength to those who are weary. ³⁰ Even young people get tired, then stumble and fall. ³¹ But those who trust the Lord will find new strength. They will be strong like eagles soaring upward on wings; they will walk and run without getting tired.

Sharing our Joys from last year (highlights from reports)

Motion to approve reports as printed in Annual Report

Congregational Sharing of Joys and Sorrows

Prayer of Gratitude

Hymn **Would You Bless Our Homes and Families** VU 556
verse 1 and 4

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering (Donate online at sjruc.ca)

Thank you to all those who support the ministry of SJR through time, talents, and treasures. As the ushers pass along the offering plates we invite those who give through PAR or Pre-Authorized Remittance and those who give a monthly gift, to please put a card into the plate so we can celebrate your generosity. Information on how to sign up to donate by PAR can be obtained through the office mail@sjruc.ca 519-742-1002.

For those who wish to donate online through Canada Helps, please visit our website sjruc.ca or scan this QR code:



Offertory **There'll Be Peace in the Valley for Me** (Thomas A. Dorsey)
solo: Roland Kessler

*I am tired and weary but I must toil on
Till the Lord come to call me away
Where the morning is bright and the Lamb is the light
And the night is fair as the day*

*There'll be peace in the valley for me some day
There'll be peace in the valley for me
I pray no more sorrow and sadness or trouble will be
There'll be peace in the valley for me*

*There the flow'rs will be blooming, the grass will be green
And the skies will be clear and serene
The sun ever shines, giving one endless beam
And the clouds there will ever be seen*

*No headaches or heartaches or misunderstands
No confusion or trouble won't be
No frowns to defile, just a big endless smile
There'll be peace and contentment for me*

Offering Response **We Bring our Gifts to Share**

***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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Offering our Thanks

Review of 2023 Financial Statements

Motion to Approve the 2023 Financial Statement

Operating Fund - Budget 2024

Motion to Accept 2024 Operating Fund Budget

Mission and Service Commitment for 2024

Prayer of Gratitude

Executive Committee Report

Nominations from the Floor

Motion to accept those elected to the Unified Board of SJR

Chairperson's Comments

Minister's Comments

Other Business

Motion to empower the Executive and Unified Board

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymn

O Breath of Life

VU 202

Sung to tune VU 437 – *The Day You Gavest, God is Ended*

Commissioning

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

Postlude **O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** (arr. John Carter)

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***Don't forget to pick up your 2023 Tax Receipts
located in the Narthex. UCW tax receipts are also in the
box in the Narthex along with the SJRUC tax receipts.***

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The flowers in the church today have been placed by Norma Mosgrove in memory of her husband Jim Mosgrove, and in memory of her loving daughter Diane Mountain.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Feb. 6 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 a.m. SJR Gym
- Feb. 7 **Faith Study "Moses"** (last session) Parlour 1 pm or 7 pm
- Feb. 8 **55+ Exercise Class** 9:30 a.m. SJR Gym
- Feb. 8 **Choir Rehearsal**– Rainbow Room 7:30 pm
- Feb. 11 **Worship Service** 10:30 am
- Feb. 13 **Executive Meeting** Rainbow Room 7 pm
- Feb. 14 **Ash Wednesday Service** Parlour 7 pm

Upcoming dates for Gather, Gab & Mingle: February 18, 2024

Check the bulletin board & the website sjruc.ca for upcoming events.

IN OUR CHURCH

Printed Church Directories are also available in the Narthex - one per family please. (Printed directories & PDF versions are always available throughout the year by request through the church office.) *If your details are incorrect or have changed please contact the office as we keep the most up-to-date information there even if a new copy isn't printed.



Ash Wednesday Service Feb 14th at 1pm and 7 pm in the Parlour. Please join us for this meaningful time, as we consider the prayers we carry, and take steps to offering these to God.

New Year, New Commitment?

As we prepare for our annual meeting on February 4th, this is a time to consider getting involved in the "behind the scenes" work of St. James'~Rosemount. We have several committees that need help (Worship, Christian Education, Community Garden Coordinator) and several more that you're welcome to sit in on if you want to learn more about that particular ministry as we care for our building (Property), care for our people (Membership and Pastoral Care), or care for those beyond our walls (Mission and Outreach).

If you're interested in learning more about the work of our church beyond Sunday morning, please speak to Steve Wardell, Chair of the Unified Board, or Rev. Chris.



Remit #1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization

It has been mentioned a few times from the pulpit about the proposed change to the United Church of Canada, to great fulfill steps toward reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, particularly through Remit #1. At our Unified Board Meeting held on January 9, after discussion, we voted unanimously to support this remit, and discussed some steps SJR might take as we live out our call to right relationship with all God's people.

Special Gifts Fund Allocations: The Special Gifts Fund Committee invites applications for a share of the interest earned from the Special Gifts Fund. The deadline for applying is March 31, 2024. 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 2024. Please send your application to Valerie Hoag at mail@sjruc.ca or mail it to her at the church, by the deadline.

To my SJR Family: During my recent health issues, many of you sent cards, phoned, shared a smile or a kind word, and prayed. I cannot tell you how humbled and deeply touched I was, and am. But of course, this is what families do! Thank-you. Peggy Schott

Thank you for the generous response to the ***Currency for Kids***. It is greatly appreciated! The green donation can, will remain on the table near the office. Thank you from the Waterloo Regional Children & Family Services.

TCOW Sleepover Youth Event: Two Countries One World (TCOW), a United Church service and learning initiative, is excited to host a sleepover event for youth and youth leaders in March 2024. The sleepover will include dinner on Friday, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Events during the sleepover will include youth group games, social time/movie, and on Saturday we'll explore what TCOW is all about through fun group activities before a closing reflection.

When: 6 PM, March 22 to 3 PM, March 23, 2024

Where: Parkminster United Church (275 Erb St E, Wtloo.)

Who: Youth (grades 8-12+) and Youth Leaders

Cost: \$5 to donate to the Foodbank of Waterloo Region

To find out more about TCOW, this event, and how to sign up, visit www.waterlootcow.ca or contact Colleen Usaty or Gord Spence at info@waterlootcow.ca

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If you know of anyone needing a visit, please let Rev. Chris know.



"Next time Pastor Bob asks if you know what the sermon was about, the answer is not 'about three hours.'"