



SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



ADVENT 2- PEACE
Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald

DECEMBER 6, 2020
10:30 am

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land. In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Song Books: VU Voices United MV More Voices

At this time we do not have a minister for the congregation.

If you have a pastoral care concern, please contact Marylil Megginson at 613-544-9420



CHURCH

Sydenham Street United Church as an Affirming Congregation seeks to be a vital faith community within The United Church of Canada engaged in spirituality, justice and creativity, informed by Jesus Christ and the Bible, and discerning the call of the Trinity as we celebrate diversity, inclusivity and abundant life.

OFFICE HOURS

The Spire/SSUC Office: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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Rentals/Room Bookings @ The Spire: [613-542-9616 x 201](tel:613-542-9616)

Web: www.sydenhamstreet.ca

Online Sunday Services: www.youtube.com/user/SydenhamStreet

Bold Text indicates the parts that everyone reads together

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY



PRELUDE

Minuet in G Minor

J.S Bach

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTRING MUSIC

CALL OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(for those joining from home, we invite you to light two Advent candles)

This first and second candles of our Advent Wreath burn brightly-
calling us to Hope and Peace.

**God of Peace , come to us again this Advent
that we may worship and work together in peace ...
that we may live in peace!**



VU 6

ADVENT INTROIT

“A Candle is Burning” ~ Away in a Manger

Verse 2

2 A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

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ADVENT PRAYER OF PEACE

Come, Christ, into the world
bringing peace that ends fear and violence.
Come, Christ, into our midst,
bringing peace that establishes right relationship.
Come, Christ, into our hearts,
bringing peace that creates trust in you and
compassion for one another. Come, Christ, come. Amen -

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE



HYMN VU 7

Hope is a Star

Verses 1, 2

1 Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.

**When God is a child there's joy in our song
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.**

2 Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.

**When God is a child there's joy in our song
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.**

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD



SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-24



SERMON



SPECIAL MUSIC

Come, I Pray Thee
W.H Anderson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

GIFTS OF THE SEASON-

Christmas cake and cards

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Gracious and Generous God. We are ever grateful for all you have given us. Today we are especially mindful of those in our community who are with us in spirit, but who are no longer able to be as physically present or active in church life. We ask you to bless these gifts of Christmas cake and cards, and to bless the people who will deliver these gifts on our behalf. We thank you for the creativity of Beth, Barb and David who have made these gifts that we, in turn, may give them to others. May the gifts we offer and the gifts we receive be expressions of our shared gratitude for your gifts to us and our shared desire to be generous and compassionate as you are. Amen.



MV 191

SUNG RESPONSE

OFFERING AND THANKSGIVING

191 What Can I Do?

J = 88

G C G

What can I do? What can I bring?

What? What can I do? What can I bring?

D G

What can I say? What can I sing? I'll sing with

What can I say? What can I sing?

C G

joy. (I'll sing with joy.) I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my

I'll say a prayer.

D D⁷ G G

love. I'll do my share. share.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. share. I'll do my share.

Repeats *Last time*

A joyful song of offering and dedication.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN COMMISSIONING

VU 1



O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Verses 1,7

1 O come, O come Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
and be for us the Prince of Peace.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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SUNG BENEDICTION

~ F.R.C. Clarke



POSTLUDE

Bourée
G.F Handel

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Organist: Michael Fenn

Choristers: Barb Carr
Donna Delyea
Marilyn Huffman
Bruce Hutchinson
Beth Leake

Worship Leader: Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald

Thanks to Meikle Turner, Lay Reader and Co-ordinator of the
Kingston East Circle of Companionship

WE COMMIT TO THE FUTURE

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Offerings are gratefully received.
They may be left on the plate near the front door as you exit the
sanctuary or received online through:

Canada Helps <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/sydenham-street-united-church/>

or **e-transfers** to givingssuc@kos.net
or **Canada Post.**

NOTICES

The 2020 Christmas Basket Campaign

Like most things during Covid-19 the 2020 Christmas Basket Campaign will look a lot different this year. Due to the number of people required to collect, pack and deliver food items, it is not possible to do these tasks safely. For that reason and the uncertainty of further restrictions due to Covid-19, the members of the voucher team have decided that, instead of collecting and purchasing food, we will be supporting needy families in our community with food cards for local grocery stores. This is consistent with other organizations like the Salvation Army who this year has decided to go with gift cards for their Christmas Hamper and Toy Drive.

You can support this important Sydenham Street outreach program by donating money to purchase food gift cards. This can be done

- By sending donations to the church through Canada Post
- By using Christmas Basket envelopes found in the pews
- By e-transfer to givingssuc@kos.net
- By donating through Canada Helps

However you contribute to this year's campaign, please indicate "for Christmas Basket Campaign" on your donation.

Gifts with Vision from The United Church of Canada

Are you trying to find a gift for a member of your family who has enough "stuff"? Check out Gifts with Vision!! Pick a meaningful gift from the Gifts with Vision catalogue. Gifts range from sending a child to camp in Canada to helping women entrepreneurs in Sri Lanka. Talk with children in your family about what project they would like to support.

Search on-line for "Gifts with Vision – United Church!!!
<https://giftswithvision.ca>

For more information, call Bruce Hutchinson at 613-328-3093



2020 SSUC STAR CAMPAIGN

During Advent, SSUC will conduct its 9th annual Star Campaign. You are encouraged to make a Star Gift by placing a message of remembrance, of thanks, of joy or sorrow in a list and also by making a financial donation to Sydenham Street United Church which will go to our General Revenues to help us start the New Year off in a healthier financial position. For each Star Gift made, a bright star will be hung in the Sanctuary.

Please use the enclosed form which will explain how to go about making your Star Gift. Let's see how many Stars we can see hanging in our church by the end of the Advent season.

December 8th : The Two Church Lunch and Learn Group will meet by ZOOM on December 8th , gathering at 1:00 for announcements and chat, with the speaker starting at 1:15. Our speaker will be Kim Garrison, member of Princess Street United Church and chair of the Board of Trustees until earlier this year. The title of Kim's talk is "Tearing off the Band-aid" about the transformation at Princess St United Church. Everyone from Sydenham St. and Chalmers and your friends are invited to attend. If you wish to attend this event, please contact Meikle Turner at 613-542-7744 or meikle_irish@yahoo.com. This session is being held on Zoom and the event will obviously not include lunch. Please let Meikle know if you plan to attend. Meikle will send you the link to the Zoom session shortly before December 8th. There will be no charge for attending this Lunch & Learn session.

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Our next Lunch and Learn meeting will be on January 12, 2021. Topic is "Basic Income Guarantee".

Important: Rules We *Must* Follow When We're in the Church!

When Arriving:

1. When you enter the Sanctuary, please go directly to the seat the usher has indicated for you. Please *don't* stop anywhere to talk with anyone who's seated or move along an empty pew to visit with someone.
2. Please remain seated after you've removed your coat and hat.
3. Unless you're speaking at a lectern in the service, you *must* keep your mask on at all times

During the Service:

4. If you need to leave the Sanctuary for any reason, please move to the aisle nearest you and walk along it to the front of the Sanctuary. Exit by the right-hand door beyond the piano. When you return, please retrace this route, distancing yourself from others. You *must* keep your mask on.

After the Service:

5. You will leave through the front doors. People in the *rear* rows will exit *first*. If you have mobility challenges, you'll be helped to leave via William Street. Please put on your coat at your seat during the Postlude, so that you can move directly to the exit.
6. Please *do not stop* until you have left the building – not in the aisle, not in the doorway, not on the steps or ramp. Maintain the safe distance from others and help them to exit by leaving as efficiently and swiftly as you are able. Conversations are welcome – at a distance – once you're outside.

Thank you for obeying these rules every Sunday. We hope to maintain the privilege of attending church in the Sanctuary, and to do so we must behave safely. Then, we'll each feel safe when we're at Sydenham Street.