



SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



ADVENT 3- JOY
Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald

DECEMBER 13, 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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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

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME & MINUTE FOR MISSION

CENTRING MUSIC

CALL OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

Three candles of our Advent Wreath burn brightly-
calling us to Hope, Peace and Joy

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



VU 6

ADVENT INTROIT

“A Candle is Burning” ~ Away in a Manger

Verse 3

3 A candle is burning, a candle of joy,
a candle to welcome brave Mary’s new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

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ADVENT PRAYER OF JOY

Come, Christ, come and show us joy
that acknowledges and then lifts sorrow.
Come, Christ, come and share with us joy
that faces and overcomes anxiety.
Come Christ, come and spread joy among us
that we may show your joy in our faces;
share your joy in our circles;
and spread your joy far and wide. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE



HYMN VU 5

All Earth is Waiting

Verses 1, 2

- 1 All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows await the seed of God.
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.
- 2 Thus says the prophet to those of Israel,
“A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel.”
One whose name is “God with us,” our Saviour shall be,
through whom hope will blossom once more
within our hearts.

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD



SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-56



SHARED REFLECTION

Elizabeth Macdonald and Michael Fenn



SPECIAL MUSIC

HYMN VU 472

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

Verses 1, 4

- 1 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,
the fount of life, the light of all
from every bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

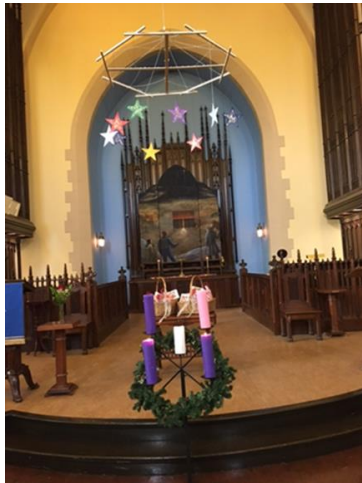
- 4 O Jesus, ever with us stay;
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the bleak night of sin away;
shed o'er the world your holy light.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

GIFTS OF THE SEASON- *Prayer Shawls*

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 prayer shawls, and the people who will wrap themselves in the warmth and love these shawls will provide. We thank you for the creativity of the Prayer Shawl Team who have knit 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?

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

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

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

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

A joyful song of offering and dedication.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN VU 28



Herald! Sound the Note of Gladness

Verses 1,3

- 1** Herald! Sound the note of gladness!
Tell the news that Christ is here;
make a pathway through the desert
for the one who brings God near.
Sound the trumpet!
Tell the message!
Christ the Saving One has come!

- 3** Herald! Sound the note of pardon!
Those repenting are forgiven;
God receives these wayward children,
and to all new life is given.
Sound the trumpet!
Tell the message!
Christ the Saving One has come!

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COMMISSIONING



SUNG BENEDICTION

~ F.R.C. Clarke



POSTLUDE

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Music Director & Organist

Michael Fenn

Worship Leader

Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald

With recordings by
The SSUC Choir

Our thanks to those offering spoken leadership today:

SSUC Outreach Committee, Peter Goheen,
Lay Reader Catherine Purcell,
Prayer Shawl Co-ordinator, Sue Doerksen

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.**

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.

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.



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



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