



SYDENHAM STREET UNITED CHURCH



EPIPHANY

Rev. Elizabeth Macdonald

January 3, 2020

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

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

If you have a pastoral care concern, please contact Nan Hudson at 613-539-3751



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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTRING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like the Wise Ones who followed the Star in search of the Christ Child

We too have been journeying through long nights and cold days . . .

Without detailed maps and full of questions, in spite of all that seems empty and doubtful

We too have been searching the Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love ...

In surprising ways at unexpected times, Love appears as a Guiding Star . . .

Beckoning us onward to ... Revealing to us the Way to the Light that is Life

GATHERING PRAYER

(86 Voices United)

**Radiant God, light of all people and all places,
by the guidance of a star you led the Magi
to worship the Christ Child.**

**By the light of faith
lead us to worship You in peace and love
and continue to guide us in Your Way.
We pray in the name of Christ,
Light of the World. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE



HYMN VU 71

Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Verses 1,3

1 Twas in the moon of wintertime,
when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitchi Manitou
sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:

**Jesus your king is born,
Jesus is born,
in excelsis gloria.**

3 The earliest moon of wintertime
is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on
the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt. **R**

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR ALL OUR OFFERINGS

Gracious and Generous God. We are ever grateful for all you have given us. We are glad for all the ways you inspire, equip and invite us to share our gifts. Bless, we pray, our offerings of time, talent and treasure. May all that we give and all that 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN VU 79



Arise Your Light Has Come

Verses 1,4

- 1** Arise your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.

- 4** Arise your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

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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 Martha Clarke who told the story of the Magi

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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



2020 SSUC STAR CAMPAIGN

"The 2020 Advent Star Campaign at SSUC is now officially over. We received **38 Star Gifts** and raised **\$14,187.50** which will go into our General Revenue. The list of Star Gift donors and their messages can be seen in the weekly SSUC e-newsletter and on the SSUC website. Thank you to everyone who helped make this Star Campaign a huge success."



Thank You

This year the **Christmas Basket Campaign** looked a lot different than it has in the past. Gone were the dozens of volunteers shopping, packing and delivering food baskets to needy individuals and families in our community. This year, due to the restrictions around Covid-19, our traditional food baskets were replaced with gift cards to local grocery stores. This important outreach program was possible due to the generous cash donations by the congregations of Sydenham Street United and Princess Street United Churches.

This year the donations of cash to purchase food cards exceeded the amount raised last year and allowed us to give 22 families, who struggle to put food on the table, a little extra towards a traditional Christmas dinner. The Tuesday Morning Voucher group also applied on behalf of several families to receive gift cards to purchase toys through the Salvation Army for the children in their households. On behalf of the Social Justice and Outreach Committee and the Tuesday Morning Voucher Group at Sydenham Street United Church, I would like to thank all those who donated to help provide a better Christmas for needy families in our community.

Kirby Ruthven
2020 Christmas Basket Coordinator

January 12th 2021 : The Two Church Lunch and Learn Group will meet by ZOOM on January 12th , gathering at 1:00 for announcements and chat, with the speaker starting at 1:15. Our speaker will be Jamie Swift from the Basic Income Advocacy Group. The title of Jamie's talk is **“The Role of Basic Income in Pandemic Recovery”**. 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 January 12th . There will be no charge for attending this Lunch & Learn session.

Our next Lunch and Learn meeting will be on February 9, 2021. The topic is “Racism” with Stephany Simpson, Associate VP (Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion) as our speaker