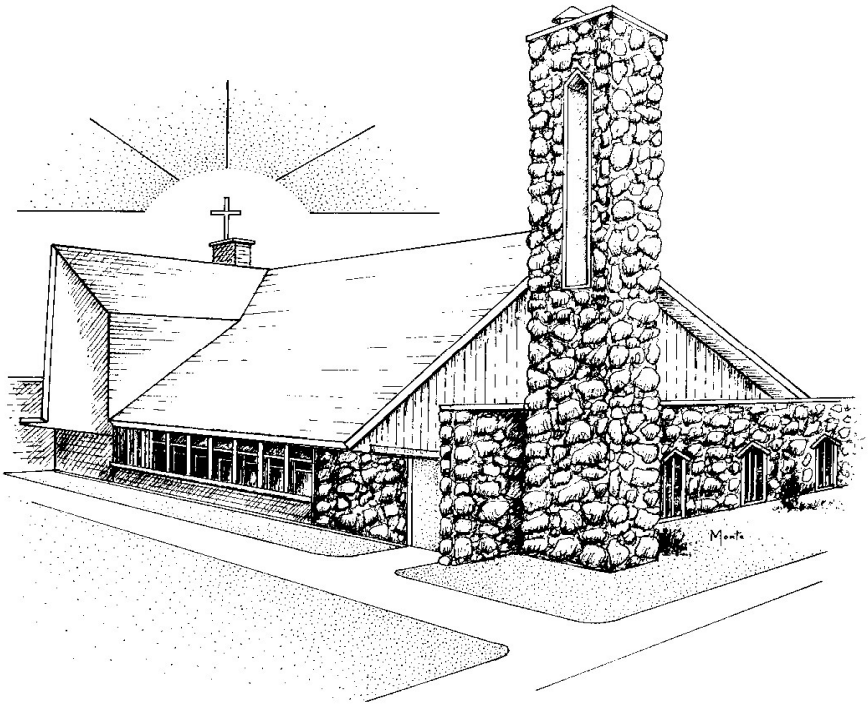


St. James' -Rosemount United Church

171 Sherwood Ave., Kitchener, Ont. N2B 1K2

God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



December 13, 2009

10:30am

2nd Sunday of Advent - Lessons and Carols

Worshipping with Olivet and Grace United Churches

THE APPROACH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ORGAN PRELUDE **O, Come Little Children**

Hymn Tune by J.A.P. Schulz, Setting by John G. Barr

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 30 **Hail to God's Own Anointed** (Tune 421 Lancashire)

THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN **6 A Candle is Burning (vs.3)**

OPENING PRAYERS

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

One: But you, O God...into the hearts of your people

**All: Here steadfast love and faithfulness meet,
righteousness and peace kiss,**

One: faithfulness springs up...from the sky

**All: Your love calls us into healing, into renewal, into
justice, for all people.**

One: May we journey, renewed, across a reshaped land,

**All: that proclaims your presence among us, and
prepares the way of love.**

SILENT PRAYER

One: Forgive us, O God.

All: And grant us Your Peace!

LORD'S PRAYER (said in unison)

CHORUS 22 Wait for the Lord

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE WORD OF GOD

LESSON 1: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

HYMN 9 People, Look East

LESSON 2: Isaiah 35:1-10

CHOIR MV 158 Dream a Dream

LESSON 3: Isaiah 40:1-11

HYMN: 8 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

LESSON 4: Luke 1:5-25

HYMN: 14 To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary

ANTHEM: Sweet Little Jesus Baby

Spiritual for Mixed Chorus and Piano. Arr & Text: Walter Ehret

LESSON 5: Mark 1:1-8

HYMN: 18 **There's a Voice in the Wilderness**

LESSON 6: Luke 1:26-38

CAROL: 62 **Once in Royal David's City**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY **Deck the Halls**
(Welsh traditional; arr. David Willcocks)

*OFFERTORY HYMN 55 **In the Bleak Midwinter**
(verse. 4 only; unison)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

GOING OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 27 **Tomorrow Christ is Coming**
(tune 123 Ellacombe)

SENDING FORTH

One: We go in the daring of God,

All: to bless the world with justice; we go in the
reign of peace,

One: to bless the world... in the intent of God,

All: to bless the world with promise; we go in the longing of God,

One: to bless the world...in the love of God,

All: to bless the world with good news.

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true
Know He 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. Amen

PIANO POSTLUDE A selection by Emily Roe

Large Print Bulletins and **Hearing Devices** are available.
Please ask an usher.

***Please stand where indicated.**

To allow those who wish to remain in the Sanctuary to meditate and pray, we ask others to make their way out quietly. All are invited for conversation and refreshments in the Rainbow Room immediately following the service.

A warm welcome to the congregations of Olivet United and Grace United Please join us for Fellowship in the Rainbow Room, following the worship service.

Thank You to all who participated in today's worship service.

PRAYER CYCLE for the Churches of Hamilton Conference –
Wesley, Welland in Niagara Presbytery

PASSING OF THE PEACE - We kindly ask that you incorporate non-contact greetings when Passing the Peace. A wave, a warm smile, a friendly "Hello, Peace be with you" are all safe, effective ways of greeting one another and are appropriate, responsible reactions to the current H1N1 Pandemic.

THIS WEEK – December 13, 2009

Greeters Joan & Wally Kaehler; Olive Fair, Rose Young
Ushers Terry & Sandra Jardine; Bill & Millie Wilson
Counters Linda & Tom Smith, Terry & Sandra Jardine
Layreader Jan Omand

NEXT WEEK – December 20, 2009

Greeters Marg & Jack Hockney; Luella Crawford
Ushers Bob & Gail Campbell, Cec & Jan Omand
Counters Gail Campbell, Dana & Chris Moore, Ted Youngs
Layreader Don Willcox

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please see hallway bulletin boards for more events)

Rockway Seniors Christmas Concert – TONIGHT Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 7:00 pm in our sanctuary. Join us for a festive evening with this much loved group. Admission: Free Will offering. Proceeds will be shared with the **Out of the Cold** program. Reception will follow.

Chord'n Gordon takes a break from his World Tour! – The Men's Breakfast gathering on Saturday December 19, 2009 at 8:30am will feature, as a special guest, Chord'n Gordon, renowned keyboard artist. Gentlemen, come prepared to participate in the music of this wonderful time of the year. Please contact Art Gibney 519-576-6985 or Dennis Wylie 519-893-8497 to RSVP or for more information.

PRAYING THE PSALMS - a five week Bible Study beginning Wednesday, January 6th, 2010! Join us in the Parlour from 7:00pm-9:00pm to start the New Year off as we delve into God's Word. Study books are available for \$9.50 each. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you're interested. Watch the bulletin for more details or call Jan @ 741-0061.

Variety Night – Please sign the sheet on the board in the narthex if you would like to "perform" in the 2010 SJR Variety Night. The date is Saturday February 6, 2010

Food Bank Needs for December - Canned Fish and Peanut Butter

Book Nook - Punchinell and the Most Marvelous Gift by Max Lucado. Join Punch and his friends as they learn a timeless Christmas lesson that WHY you give is much more important than WHAT you give. DVD#162. Borrow for 1 week. Suitable for all ages.

Sanctuary Christmas Flowers – Deadline today To remember a loved one by contributing to the Christmas Flower Fund. Please fill in your information on the form in the Narthex or on the bulletin board by the church office door and put your donation of \$10.00 in an envelope marked “Christmas Flowers”. Place the envelope on the collection plate. A tax receipt will be issued. Please call Anne Willcox, if you have questions 519-744-5074.

OBSERVER - For \$15.00/year you can receive the latest news/reviews concerning our United Church. You'll receive one issue per month of the oldest continuously published magazine in North America! What a heritage to subscribe to. To order, contact Muriel 519 893 8124 or email rmsteeb@golden.net

Kenya Student Toonie Project – Please return your Toonie Containers to Art Gibney TODAY December 13. Anyone wishing to write a cheque to support our partial students is encouraged to do so. Please specify “Kenya Student” on your cheque. Although we started this project late, we are confident our goal will be achieved.

The Leprosy Mission Stamp Project - Christmas is the best time to obtain used stamps from parcels & cards. A half inch cut around used stamps is ideal for the project. Post cards, especially old (1920 & prior) are also very useful, with or without stamps. Please place all these in the caring bin. Any questions contact Jim Oliver, 893-4092.

In lieu of locally sent Christmas cards, Rev. Paul will be making a donation to the M&S Fund in your honour. Thank you for your Christmas wishes!

PREPARE FOR UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES -

You are invited to read the scriptures. See how God's Living Word will become alive in you: Micah 5:2-5a, Psalm 80: 1-7, Luke 1: 39-45

At this time, **our Moderator Mardi Tindal, is in Copenhagen** with other Church leaders from around the world. They will pray and offer support for this historic United Nations gathering, Dec. 6th-18th. Please see information on the table in the narthex for more on this subject.

350 Bells for Climate Justice – TODAY Sunday December 13 from 2:15 to 3:15 PM at First United Church. The World Council of Churches is calling on all churches around the world to ring their bells 350 times on Dec 13 at 3 pm to coincide with an ecumenical service they are organizing in Copenhagen at the height of the meetings on climate change. They will be having a worship service to celebrate God's Creation and to pray for a just, binding, science-based climate treaty. After the worship, at 3 PM, we are going to walk to Waterloo Square where we hope to meet with other congregations and ring those bells so all can hear.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TONIGHT December 13	Rockway Singers 7:00pm
Saturday December 19	Men's Breakfast 8:30am
Wednesday January 6	Start of Bible Study 7:00pm-9:00pm
Sunday December 27	Committee Reports due for Annual Report

Advent/Christmas Services	
4 th Sunday of Advent	December 20 – Guest Soloists
Christmas Eve	December 24 - Family Service 7:00pm
	Christmas Communion 10:00pm
1 st After Christmas	December 27 at 10:30am

Enjoy beautiful Christmas music with the Waterloo Regional Police Male Chorus and the Synergy Bell Choir. This event to be held at St. Anne's Church, 268 East Ave, Kitchener on Friday December 18, 2009 at 7:30pm. Call Andy at 519-742-4847 or visit Music Plus for tickets.

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