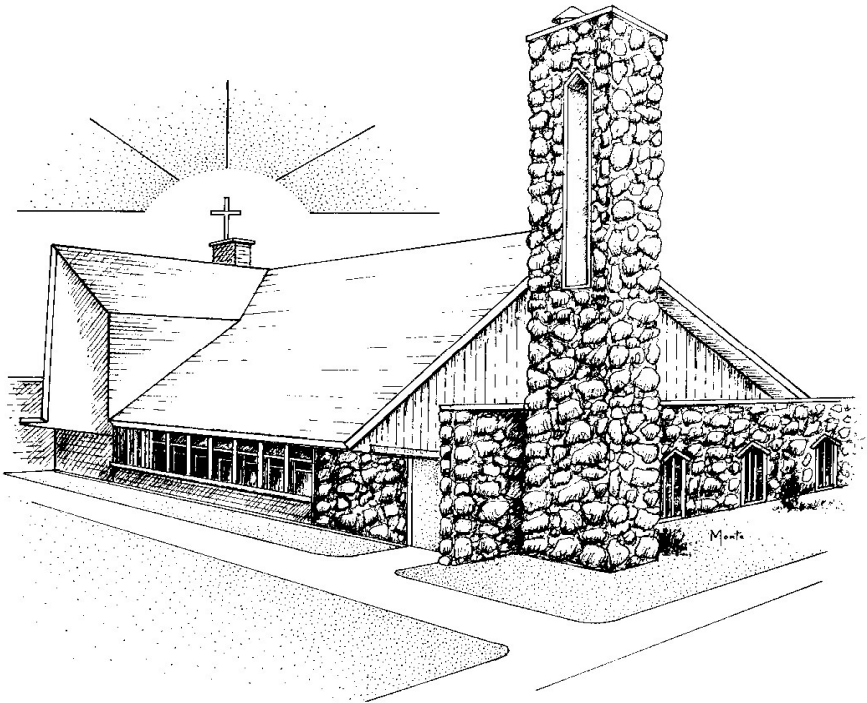


# St. James' -Rosemount United Church

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

God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



December 27, 2009  
1<sup>st</sup> after Christmas

10:30am



**\*OFFERTORY HYMN 81 As With Gladness Men of Old (vs.3)**

**As they offered gifts most rare,  
at that manger rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sins alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to you, our heavenly King..**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SERMON**                      **Christmas Reflections**

**THE RESPONSE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**                      **48 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

**\*COMMISSIONING**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*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*

**POSTLUDE**                      **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

*VENI EMMANUEL*

*Arr: John Carter*

**Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Devices** are available.

Please ask an usher.

**\*Please stand where indicated by the \*.**

**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.**

**PRAYER CYCLE for the Churches of Hamilton Conference –  
West Plains, Burlington in Halton 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 27, 2009

Greeters	Norma & Jim Mosgrove
Ushers	Bob Morrow, Lois Chambers, Wally & Joan Kaehler
Counters	Keith Schott, Bob & Joan Sanders
Layreader	Joan Bird

NEXT WEEK – January 3, 2010

Counters	Linda & Tom Smith; Gord Ambrose, Grace Baer
Greeters	TBA
Ushers	Gordon & Rosemary Ambrose; Dale & Lorie Schiek

**There will be a modified Sunday School programme during the Christmas Holidays.** An open session of quiet games, or a video will be available for children ages 3 - 8 on Sunday December 27th and Sunday January 3rd. Regular classes will begin again on Sunday January 10th.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(Please see hallway bulletin boards for more events)**

**REMINDER TO THE BOARD** – Committee Reports for the 2009 Annual Report are due TODAY! Please drop them off in the Secretary mailbox or e-mail them to [mail@sjruc.ca](mailto:mail@sjruc.ca). Thanks!

**PRAYING THE PSALMS** - The psalms are acts of relating to God. In the intense language of poetry, they address God with frankness and urgency. The psalms offer us the gifts of expression, courage and celebration - and the gift of raw honesty. The psalms do not attempt to be “nice” or “polite” or even “theologically correct.” Instead, they give us permission to talk to God without holding back and to be exactly where we are and who we are with God. Please join us for the first five Wednesday evenings in the New Year (January 6th to February 3rd) in the Parlour from 7:00 till 9:00pm as we seek the gifts of honesty, expression, courage and celebration the psalms offer. Bring new depth and vitality to your relationship with God! Please sign the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend or call Jan @ 741-0061. Books are available for \$9.50.

**New members and Baptism** will be celebrated on Sunday, January 10, 2010. Anyone wishing to join SJR, or interested in infant/adult baptism, please speak to Rev. Wendy or Rev. Paul as soon as possible.

**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** – No videos, CD’s or DVD’s available today. May the blessings of Christmas abide with you.

### **From the Office**

- Just a reminder that announcements are due by Wednesday at noon for each week’s bulletin
- NEW HOURS for the church office are:  
Tuesday-Friday 9:30am-4:00pm
- The Church Office will be closed from 12:00pm Dec. 24, 2009 until 9:30am January 5, 2010

Happy New Year! Linda Thompson

**Nursery** – We are most grateful to Margaret Shoesmith who has offered to take on the duties of the Nursery each Sunday morning. Margaret has been in our Church Family only a short time and we appreciate this gift of ministry. Anyone wishing to be a standby for Sundays when Margaret is not free should contact Rev. Wendy MacFadzean.

### **PREPARE FOR UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES -**

You are invited to read the scriptures. See how God’s Living Word will become alive in you: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14; Matthew 2: 1-12

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Sun., December 27, 2009      Committee Reports due for Annual Report  
Tues., January 5, 2010      Board Executive, 7:00pm  
Wed., January 6, 2010      Bible Study 7:00pm-9:00pm  
NO UNIFIED BOARD MEETING IN JANUARY 2010

### **Upcoming Services**

2 <sup>nd</sup> After Christmas	January 3 at 10:30am - Epiphany
1 <sup>st</sup> after Epiphany	January 10 at 10:30am
2 <sup>nd</sup> after Epiphany	January 17 at 10:30am
3 <sup>rd</sup> after Epiphany	January 24 at 10:30am
Rev. Jeff Crittenden	January 31 at 10:30am

The Waterloo Regional Police Male Chorus is holding a **New Member Open House**. We invite men who like to sing to join us for an open house/rehearsal on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 7:15pm at Olivet United Church, 47 Onward Ave, Kitchener. For more information visit [www.wrps.on.ca/volunteers/male-chorus.htm](http://www.wrps.on.ca/volunteers/male-chorus.htm) If planning to attend, please call Douglas at (519)650-1020. Please leave a message if necessary.

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