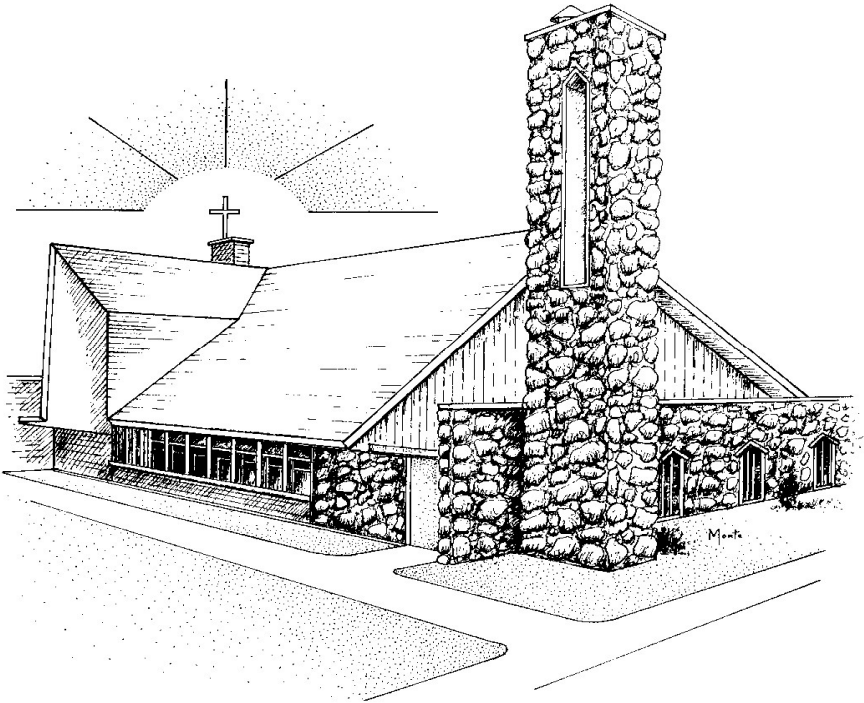


St. James' - Rosemount United Church

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

God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



JANUARY 3, 2010
Epiphany

10:30AM

THE APPROACH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE **Now Tell Us, Gentle Mary**
Cesar Franck

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 91 **The First Nowell**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From close and far away, we have come seeking
the Light of God.

**All: Let us enter into worship on bended knee,
grateful for the gift of the Manger Child.**

One: We have come to praise God and offer ourselves
as gifts to God's great gift to humankind,
Jesus Christ.

**All: Let us sing praises to God, bow before God in
prayer, and open our hearts to God's Word!**

OPENING PRAYERS

**Radiant God, light for all people and all places, by the
guidance of the star you led the Magi to worship the Christ
Child. By the light of faith, lead us to worship You in peace
and in love, guiding us in Your Way. We pray in the name of
Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (said in unison)

THE WORD OF GOD

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60: 1-6

RESPONSIVE PSALM **72** VU790 Parts One & Two

CHILDREN'S HYMN

The Wise May Bring Their Learning

The wise may bring their learning
The rich may bring their wealth,
And some may bring their greatness
And some bring strength and health;
We, too, would bring our treasures
To offer to the King;
We have no wealth or learning;
What shall we children bring?

We'll bring Him hearts that love Him;
We'll bring Him thankful praise,
And young souls meekly striving
To walk in holy ways;
And these shall be the treasures
We offer to the King,
And these are gifts that even
The poorest child may bring.

We'll bring the little duties
We have to do each day;
We'll try our best to please Him,
At home, at school, at play;
And better are these treasures
To offer to our King,
Than richest gifts without them;
Yet these a child may bring.

CHILDREN'S TIME

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12

ANTHEM

467 **One Bread, One Body**

Words & Music by: John B. Foley, S.J. 1978

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

We Three Kings
John Henry Hopkins

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..**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**This day, God, we do not bring You gifts of gold,
frankincense or myrrh, but we bring what we are able:
hearts that love You, minds that strive to know You better,
and wills receptive to Your will. Accept us as we are, we
pray, and may our material gifts be used to further Your love
in the world You have given us to nurture. We pray this in
Jesus' name. Amen.**

*HYMN 35 **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

REFLECTION

THE RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 87 **I Am the Light of the World**

*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

Swiss Noel
Louis-Claude Daquin

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

***Please stand, as able, when 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 –
Applewood, Mississauga 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 – January 3, 2010

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

NEXT WEEK – January 10, 2010

Counters	Gail Campbell, Herb & Linda Barnaby, Marge Costin
Greeters	TBA
Ushers	Grace Alton, Collin Ebel, Wally & Joan Kaehler
Layreader	TBA

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)

A warm welcome and thank you to our Guest Music Leader, Carol Ditner-Wilson.

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.

Reel Theology - Tuesday, January 19, 2010. Join us for supper at 6pm, movie at approx 6:45pm. We'll be watching "for the BIBLE tells me so". This award-winning documentary brilliantly reconciles homosexuality and Biblical scripture, and reveals that much of the religious anti-gay bias is based almost solely on misinterpretation of the Bible. *Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, or online.* There will be a nominal fee for supper.

Prayer Shawls - join us for a good ole' fashion stitching session on **Saturday, January 23, 2010 @ 10:00AM,** 111 Dooley Drive, Kitchener. This quiet ministry continues to spread God's love through the creation, blessing and distribution of shawls -tangible hugs from God! Skill level is not important! We have plenty of donated yarn, needles/hooks, patterns so why not join us for a chat, a coffee and a stitch or two. For more information call Teresa Carse, 519-894-5757

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 January – Peanut Butter and Canned Beans

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