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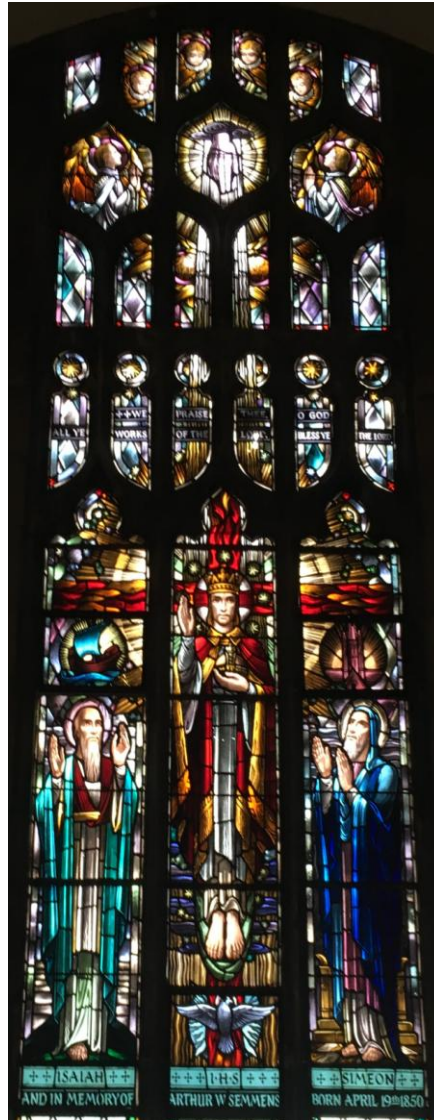
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◆ **Sunday, November 24, 2019**
Reign of Christ Sunday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019** ◆
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

* indicates a time to stand, if you are able
congregational responses are in boldface type

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT - Unbounded Spirit, Breath of God

* OPENING HYMN - *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

VU 213

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: As the church year comes to a close, we get closer to Advent,
our nights are getting longer and cooler.

**All: The snows begin to fall and clouds seem to blanket the
sky.**

One: We look for a light to brighten our day.

All: the light of Christ shines around and in our hearts.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gather in to know the one who is both lamb and shepherd.

**All: We gather in to serve the one who preaches a way that's
narrow and has a love that reaches wide.**

OPENING PRAYER (said by all)

Great and Glorious God,

You continually create and recreate us,

You mend when shame shreds us,

You seek to deepen our awareness of being your disciples,

You desire to stretch our capacity to be the person you planted in us.

Great and Glorious God,

Let every affirmation and confession strengthen

The sacred within us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

* HYMN – *Fairest Lord Jesus*

VU 341

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

Reader: Eric Windhorst

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 46

VU 770, Response 1

THE WISDOM OF ISRAEL: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 23: 33-43

One: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

* HYMN – *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

VU 512

SERMON: “*A Mission Brought to Fruition*”

ANTHEM – *Thou Life of Our Life*

P. Chesnokov

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

* OFFERING HYMN – *Our God, Creation’s Loving Source* VU 490 v. 3

*Desire and tenderness and joy are holy gifts,
and ours to share in love that's giving, faithful,
kind and grows in mutual love and care.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

Life is full of sorrow, full of joy.

May you bless these gifts we offer, O God,

As dances of joy amidst our sorrow,

As shouts of thanksgiving amidst sacrifice,

As songs of celebration amidst tragedy,

As signs of Jesus embodied amidst us all

From cross to resurrection. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(concluding with the Prayer of Jesus, said together)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who

trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

★ CLOSING HYMN - *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

VU 326

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE

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The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

POSTLUDE

◆ Melrose Vision ◆

To respond to God's call by being a people of faith who open our hearts and minds to the true power and love of Jesus Christ. To live our faith by providing within our changing community a welcoming environment which encourages all people to care for and accept one another.

◆ Newcomers and Visitors ◆

Welcome to Melrose United Church!

Please feel free to fill in the form in the guest book in the narthex. After service we join together in the church parlour for refreshments and fellowship. Kids are welcome to hang out in the Children's corner at the front of the church during service and join the children's programming in the auditorium after Children's Time.

Children are also always welcome to stay in the sanctuary for the entire service if they choose.

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

Next week is the First Sunday in Advent. The theme is Hope. We are to get ready for the in-breaking of Christ and the radical counter-cultural messages he brings. The Christmas story begins with Jesus, born to Mary, as a humble baby, in a dirty stable surrounded by animals and worshipped by shepherds and Magi who seek out this new "king."

The meaning of the season is almost obscured by the tinsel and commercial flavor of the worldly view of Christmas, but we, as Christians, must dig deeper and allow ourselves to experience the mystique and excitement of that first glorious birth. If we let it shape our lives and live in the Way of Jesus, we step outside the chaos of today's culture and become people who reflect the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Come join with us and feel the warmth of the beautiful Christmas Carols and the Greatest Story ever told.

◆ **White Gift Sunday** ◆

Collecting for White Gift Sunday will take place TODAY **November 24** and the NEXT week **December 1st**! Wesley Urban Ministries is looking for new toys for all ages, gifts of non perishable foods, gift cards to support the families in need in Hamilton at Christmas Time. By supporting WUM we support our own community. For more info on the Wesley Christmas program and Christmas Store please see the takeaway flyer in the bulletin today.

◆ **WrapAround Announcement** ◆

Wraparound Hamilton is looking for donations of bus tickets and grocery gift cards to help our families. Please contact Libby Cook if you are able to help.

◆ **Mitten Tree** ◆

In the coming weeks we will be collecting hats, mittens and scarves for ADULTS in need here in Hamilton. Donations will be accepted and hung on the mitten tree until December 8th. That week the Social Justice Committee will distribute the items to local outreach groups.

◆ **Treasurer Update** ◆

There have been several positive aspects to our financial performance over the first ten months of the year. Donations received for our operations have been over \$6,000 higher than for this period in 2018, and rental income has been over \$5,000 higher. Special events income has been about \$1,000 higher (after related expenses). On the expenses side, payroll costs for our staff have been about \$10,000 lower than in 2018, due to the period without a full-time Minister. Utilities costs have been \$4,000 lower. The one area that has experienced costs higher than anticipated has been maintenance of the building, which is likely to be \$7,000 over the yearly budget.

While the overall financial information is positive, it is likely that we will have a deficit for the year in the range of \$25,000 to \$30,000. The 2019 budget had anticipated a deficit of \$40,000.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Saturday November 30th at 9:30 in the church parlour.

Come & join us. Wool, knitting needles, crochet hooks and patterns supplied.

Coffee, tea & a light snack

◆ Social Justice Outreach Committee ◆

The Social Justice Outreach Committee is sponsoring the Christmas needs of senior citizens at the Dundas Retirement Home.

We are in need of the following: Men's Medium Underwear, Medium and Large Long Men's Underwear, Size 9 and 10 Women's Winter Boots, 3 bed covers or blankets for single size beds, Gently Used or New Large, Extra Large Men's Pullover and Medium and Large Ladies Pullovers and Sweaters. Please bring to the church office by December 8th. Thanks in advance for your help!

◆ Thank you... ◆

Thank you to coffee hosts today – Barb and Keith Mann

◆ Hamilton Presbytery Resource Centre Christmas Shopping ◆

Retail location at Emmanuel United Church, 871 Upper Ottawa St. Resource Centre will be open Saturday December 7th from 9 to Noon. Please drop-in for hot cider and cookies and do some shopping -- we have a good selection of Christmas resources, including children's books for Christmas.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR		
Monday – November 25		
Bowling Brownies, Guides	1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Bowling Alley Auditorium, Gym
Tuesday – November 26		
Bible Study Bach Elgar Rehearsal Tai Chi	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Parlour Auditorium Bowling Alley
Wednesday – November 27		
Duet Club of Hamilton Rehearsal Pilates Melrose Official Board Pickup Basketball	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	Parlour N. S. Room Parlour Gym
Thursday – November 28		
Early ON Reg. Classes R.S.D.C.S. Class Bowling English Country Dancing Yoga Evening Group Melrose Choir Practice Tai Chi	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Parlour N.S. Room Bowling Alley Auditorium N.S. Room Chapel Bowling Alley
Friday – November 29		
Saturday – November 30		
Ward 1 COH Booking Prayer Shawl and Outreach Min. Tom Schilling: Master Class	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Auditorium, Norman Slater, Nursery Parlour Chapel
Sunday – December 1		
Melrose Choir Practice Melrose Worship Advent Prayer Walk	9:50 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Chapel Sanctuary Community Event

Melrose United Church

86 Homewood Ave

Breakfast -with- Santa!

Saturday Dec. 7th 9:00am - 11:00am



Adults \$10

Children 5-13 \$7

Children under 5 - \$5

To register, please email Meg Chalmers by Friday, Nov 29th at mucfamilyministries@gmail.com or visit the Church Office.

E-transfer option available.

Please include names and ages of all children.

All children receive a gift from Santa

LOCKE STREET CHURCHES INVITE YOU TO

ADVENT prayer walk



SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 7PM

STARTS AT ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

TRAVELS TO MELROSE UNITED, BLESSINGS CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND WILL END AT ST. JOSEPH'S
WITH REFRESHMENTS

PRAYERS, CANDLES, CAROLS

COME HELP US BRING LIGHT TO THIS DARK TIME OF THE YEAR

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Please join us for
**Candlelight
Carol Service**



Sunday, December 15, 2019
7:30 p.m.

*Join us for a special evening of
carol music led by the Melrose
Chancel Choir and Music
Director Alexander Cann*

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CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY STORE

DONATION NEEDS

Donations of new or gently used hats, mitts, socks, Christmas stockings and plastic or re-usable bags for shoppers are always needed.

Note: We can typically use any non-perishable items that are in individual or family sizes. Please ensure food has a 2019 or later expiry date.

*Baby Food & Formula	*Tea & Coffee
*Dried Lentils & Beans	Tetra & Powdered Milk
Dried Soup Mixes	Cooking oil - 1 litre
Juice	Canned hummus
Canned Meat	Peanut Butter
Canned Soup	Jam
Canned Stew	Ketchup
Canned Vegetables	Mustard
Cereal	Relish
Cookies	Couscous
Flour & Sugar	Hygiene Items
Granola Bars	Pet food & Items for pets

Babies & Toddlers

Examples: Diapers, New Clothing, Educational Toys, Gift Certificates (Walmart, Toys 'R' Us)

Children, ages 5-12

Examples: Dolls, Arts & Crafts, Cars & Trucks, Board Games, Gift Certificates (Walmart, Toys 'R' Us)

Youth, ages 13-18

Example: Sports Equipment, Hair Appliances, Hygiene Sets, Gift Certificates (Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart, Tim Hortons)

Adults

Examples: Small Kitchen Appliances, Towel & Linens, Hygiene Sets, Gift Certificates (Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart, Tim Hortons)

*Most needed food items

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