

# ◆ MELROSE UNITED CHURCH ◆

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The Reign of Christ

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◆ November 26, 2017 ◆

THE REIGN OF CHRIST

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

◆ All are welcome for coffee and conversation in  
the parlour after worship ◆

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## ◆ GATHERING ◆

PRELUDE -- *Prelude*

C. Saint-Saëns

INTROIT -- *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

J.D. Bower

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove, with all thy quickening powers,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love, in these cold hearts of ours.*

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

VU 213

\* LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

**All: the light that the deepest night has never overcome.**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us worship the King of kings, the Lord of Lords.

**All: When he was born, the angels sang. He is the Wonderful  
Counsellor, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords,**

One: the Prince of Peace.

**All: Through his teaching and life we have learned how to live,**

One: and we have learned how to love God.

**All: Let us come rejoicing! Hallelujah!**

OPENING PRAYER

**Tender, comforting Shepherd,  
your steadfast love is present in this place**

and resides within each of us.  
But sometimes it is hard, so very hard,  
to open ourselves to your love.  
We feel like scattered sheep,  
frightened and alone.  
Help us as your gathered community  
to know your loving presence.  
Enlighten our hearts,  
that we may know the hope  
to which we have been called. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

\* HYMN – *You Who Watch the Highest Heavens*

MV 152

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Joanne Hannaford

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 100

VU 824 (Refrain 2)

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

One: The Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 31-46

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

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

\* HYMN – *This is My Body*

MV 177

SERMON - "Good News for the Sheepish"

ANTHEM - *Climbin' Up the Mountain*

Moses Hogan

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERING HYMN

VU 541

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Good Shepherd, who leads and guides us  
through all the trials and tribulations of our lives,  
we bring these gifts to celebrate  
the ministries of justice and hope  
in which our church is involved.  
Be with us and cause us to grow in our faith  
and in our service. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

(concluding with the Prayer of Jesus)

**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, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

★ CLOSING HYMN – *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

VU 211

★ COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

★ CHORAL RESPONSE

VU 423 Vs. 1

*God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again!*

SOLO – *Let the Bright Seraphim*

G.F. Handel

Allana Stevenson, soprano

## ◆ Melrose Events ◆

### ◆ Worship Next Week ◆

Next Sunday marks the beginning of the Advent season (New Year's Day in the Christian Calendar!). Appropriately, we will honour the coming of a new church year with the celebration of Holy Communion, our church family meal, at the 10:30 service. Another opportunity to welcome this new year will occur at 7:30 p.m. when we experience a longstanding Melrose tradition: the annual Candlelight Carol Service. You won't want to miss this chance both to see our gorgeous sanctuary robed in its festive finest and to hear the equally gorgeous Melrose Chancel Choir and soloists under the direction of Alexander Cann as they faithfully lead us, through word and music, into a wondrous time of hope and expectation.

### ◆ Thank you ◆

...to our November coffee hosts – Cheryl Evans and Patti Varey



## ◆ Advent ◆

Advent I begins next week with Communion, and the theme is Hope. Do you know someone who may enjoy coming to one of our Advent or Christmas services or events? Stop by the office or contact Michelle for copies of our Advent flyer.



## ◆ Mistletoe Bazaar update! ◆

This year's total is in! We raised \$6212.30! Well done everyone! A special thank you to all of the volunteers who prepared and ran their tables this year and to all of those who joined us and shopped. Well done everyone! There are still frozen turkey pies available if anyone is interested. See Patti for more information.

## ◆ White Gift Sunday ◆

Collecting for White Gift Sunday will take place TODAY **November 26** and NEXT WEEK **December 3rd**! 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. These items are used in the Wesley Christmas program and Christmas Store. For more info on the Wesley Christmas program and Christmas Store please see the flyers on the Wesley bulletin board.

## ◆ Family Ministries Events ◆

**Breakfast with Santa December 9<sup>th</sup> – Tickets on sale now!**

Tickets are now on sale for our Breakfast with Santa event. The last day to purchase tickets is November 30<sup>th</sup>

## ◆ From the Archives... ◆

...You may notice a change to our lovely chancel in the next couple of weeks. The beautiful reredos curtain has been badly damaged along the bottom hem through both age and use. We will be removing the curtain to have some repair and restoration done so that we can preserve it for many years to come. At this point, we do not know how long the work may take. We are also looking into cleaning the curtain, but are unsure if it will

survive that process. It is coming up to ninety years old and has never been cleaned. We will update the congregation as we proceed. So for the time it is away, celebrate the wonderful wood panelling and the carved wood reredos valance.

◆ **Melrose Men's Breakfast Fundraising** ◆

Over the past year those who met for Men's Breakfast have raised \$410.00 for Wesley Urban Ministries. During our last service dinner it was discovered that Wesley was short on trays to serve food on for those who were attending. The social justice committee at Melrose has contributed an additional \$100 so that Wesley is able to purchase approx. 40 new serving trays! Wesley Urban Ministries sends huge thanks. Way to go Men's Breakfast!

◆ **Worship Committee Meeting** ◆

Reminder: There is a Worship Committee Meeting **TODAY** in the auditorium directly after worship.

◆ **Help Wanted!** ◆

After the Candlelight Carol Service on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, we will be holding a reception. If you can contribute a few Christmas Cookies, please leave them in the kitchen, clearly labelled for the Candlelight Carol Service. Also, please consider volunteering to help set up or clean up afterwards. Speak to Kathy Ross for more information about this event.

◆ **Melrose Corner Shoppe...** ◆

Stop in and check out all kinds of goodies. Shoppe is stocked regularly throughout the week as items are sold. There are always used and new treasures available! All proceeds go to stained glass window repairs.

◆ **The Prayer Bear Ministry...** ◆

... at Melrose is sponsored through a generous gift in loving memory of Easton Carter Strongman, the infant son of Adam and Jessica Strongman, who died in 2013. If you know of anyone in need of some Prayer Bear



cheer, you are invited to take one of the bears from the table near the south (right hand) sanctuary door. Please fill in the Prayer Bear registry book also located on the table so that we have some information about the bear's new home.



## MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday – November 27

Film Crew - Lunch Room	10:00 a.m.	Auditorium
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Parlour
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room, Gym Auditorium
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	

### Tuesday - November 28

<b>Melrose Bible Study</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Yoga Class	7:00 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Locke Street B.I.A.	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

### Wednesday - November 29

Duet Club Rehearsal	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Pilates	6:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
Property Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

### Thursday - November 30

Early Years Workshop	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
Early Years Workshop	10:30 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
RSCDS Dancing	1:30 p.m.	Norman Slater Room
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
West Hamilton U12 Soccer	7:30 p.m.	Gymnasium

### Friday – December 1

Private Event	6:00 p.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
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### Saturday - December 2

Poinsettias: Bach Elgar	9:00 a.m.	Auditorium
<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>

### Sunday – December 3

<b>Melrose Choir Practice</b>	<b>9:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>Melrose Worship</b>	<b>10:30a.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>Melrose Candlelight Carol Service</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>