

Prelude: Hungry
Welcome

Opening Songs: Open The Eyes Of My
Heart
We Three Kings

Opening Words

The Presentation of Our Offerings
Offertory Song: Come, Thou Long
Expected Jesus

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:21-35

Video: Nunc Dimittis: Story of Simeon

Reflection: Simeon

Prayer

Song: Song of Simeon

Reflection

Contemplative Prayer

Closing Songs: All Glory Be To Christ
In Christ Alone

Blessing

Postlude: Joy To The World



The Story of Simeon

Luke 2:21-35

"I shall not live till I see God. And when I
have seen Him, I shall never die."

John Donne

welcome!

We're glad you're here today. We're a group of people learning what it means to be followers of Jesus. This is a place where **everyone is welcome, nobody's perfect, and** anything is possible. We welcome and encourage you to share your life with us as we journey in faith together.

What can you expect on a Sunday morning? Our worship services aim to be about 70 minutes long, with a mix of praise singing & prayer, and a time of inspiration and learning through the teaching that explores scripture, and issues of everyday life.

We believe that by working together, sharing our faith and our lives, we can accomplish much more than we could individually. **With God's help and the power of** the Holy Spirit, we believe we can transform our community and our world as the hands and feet of Jesus on earth.

If you're ready for us to get to know you, please fill out a "Welcome" card from the pew and bring it to the Connection Point in the foyer after the service. We hope you too will find a place of belonging here, and share your life and faith journey with us.

happenings

New to our church? We would like to get to know you | We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card which is in the pews. Please leave it in the box marked Connect/Reconnect at the exits at the front and back of the sanctuary.

Christmas Hours | The church will be closed on the following dates:
Monday January 1st

Footsteps Library | the library will re-open Sunday January 7, 2018.

Staff Notes | Rev. Orville James will be away from December 26th until January 1st. Rev. Katie Southon is available during this time for any pastoral needs.

Givings Envelopes | Envelopes for 2018 are now available for pickup in the foyer on Sunday, or from the office during the week. *Please destroy any of your unused envelopes at the end of 2017 as your number may have changed from the prior year.*

2017 Offerings will be received until TODAY December 31st. Please ensure that your offering is dated no later than December 31, 2017 or it will be included in your 2018 offerings.

Daily Bible Readings | The Daily Bible Reading Guide for 2018 is now available. Please pick up a copy from the Brochure Stand in the foyer or the office.

happenings cont.

Go tell it on the Mountain...that Jesus Christ is Born!



Thanks all for sharing ways we can spread Good News to others! Here are some great examples:

- Spend time with people who would otherwise be alone during the holidays
- **Model God's Love with how you behave**
- Listen attentively & respond compassionately
- Read the Christmas Story to your grandchildren

Nut-Free Scent-Free | Please note that at Wellington Square we do our best to be a nut-free and scent-free safe space for everyone. Thank you for your contributions to this effort.



reaching out

Thank you much for your generous donations to our Reaching Out initiatives, both during Christmas Joy and through your weekly givings. We hope that you will have the opportunity to read our December newsletter for updates on our recent mission trip to Mexico, the immigration project in Malawi, sponsorship of orphans in Sierra Leone, our contributions to alleviating hunger through Canadian Food Grains Bank and how our "Dot Gow" dolls are used at McMaster's Children's Hospital.

The success of our Angel Wings program for 2017 means that many families and teens in Burlington will have a much more enjoyable Christmas. Again, thank you.

Joseph Brant Hospital Mental Health Consumer Advisory Committee

Presented in Partnership
with:

Friday night
COMMUNITY

Friday January 5, 2018
Friday Night Speakers Series

Phoenix Program:

Early Intervention in Psychosis

Presented by:

Bilal Sabra and Joanne McKinley

Joseph Brant Hospital

FRIDAY JANUARY 5, 2018
PRITCHARD ROOM, WELLINGTON SQ. UNITED CHURCH
2121 CAROLINE STREET, BURLINGTON

Speaker at 7:15PM to 8:30PM

Dinner @ 6pm All Welcome

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**JOSEPH BRANT
HOSPITAL**

Mental Health Consumer
Advisory Committee

A silver kettle with a black handle sits on a wooden table. Next to it is a white bowl filled with cookies. The background is a warm, blurred indoor setting.

KETTLE'S ON

2nd Monday of the month
drop in 1:30-3:00pm
(September-May)

ALL ARE WELCOME!



"Better Together"

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them"

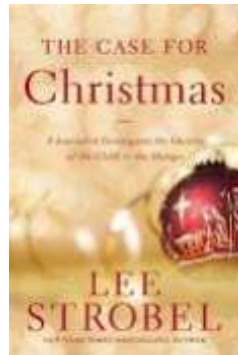
Matthew 18:20

Vision | to have every person in a healthy small group.

Mission | To live out the GREAT COMMANDMENT (Matt. 22: 37-39) and the GREAT COMMISSION (Matt. 28: 19-20).

"THE CASE FOR CHRISTMAS"

by Lee Strobel. A few copies are still available at our CONNECTION TABLE. If able, please contribute a loonie or a toonie to help cover the cost.



NEW TO OUR CHURCH: We encourage you to fill out our WELCOME CARD that is in the pews. Please leave it in the CONNECT/ RECONNECT box located at each entrance to our sanctuary or bring it to our CONNECTION POINT table after worship service. As a THANK-YOU for taking the time to fill out the card, **please accept a copy of "THE CASE FOR CHRISTMAS" which you will find in the CONNECT/RE-CONNECT box where we kindly ask you to leave your completed card.** If you need assistance, please feel free to ask one of our greeters.

FLOWER SMALL GROUP: THANK YOU to Carol Couse & her team (Rene Kraus, Ruth Couldrey, Judy Sovran, Barb Hurst, Carol Braley) for beautifying God's Sanctuary for this HOLY SEASON! It truly does MAGNIFY HIS GREAT NAME!!! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

ADVENT CONSPIRACY -

I would like to thank those who made the commitment to attend our small group study for ADVENT & a very special thank-you to Gary & Alison Brown, Dee Glover & Ana Walber for facilitating. From this study, we are reminded, Christmas can still change the world. My prayer for us all this Christmas is that we all try to:



- WORSHIP FULLY - BECAUSE CHRISTMAS BEGINS & ENDS WITH JESUS
- SPEND LESS - AND FREE RESOURCES FOR THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER
- GIVE MORE - OF OUR PRESENCE: OUR HANDS, OUR WORDS, OUR TIME, OUR HEARTS
- LOVE ALL - THE POOR, THE FORGOTTEN, THE MARGINALIZED, THE SICK, IN WAYS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Christmas Blessings, Joy

Dot Gow: Our next meeting will be Thursday January 4th, 9am-2pm in the Pritchard Rm.

Monday Men: Our next meeting will be Monday January 8th, 11:30am in the McMillan Rm.

JOYFUL SPIRITS: We will resume our study **"THE RED LETTERS" (The words of JESUS for today's world) on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7pm in the Pritchard Rm.**

IDEAS for NEW SMALL GROUPS in 2018: Please contact Joy at the CONNECTION TABLE or jmagwood@wsquare.ca



Friday Community

Friday Night Community would not be possible without our committed and caring volunteers, the financial support as well as the food donations that many of you provide. We celebrate the initiatives that have grown out of a regular community meal including:

- *filling over 165 stockings for the children who are a part of FNC

- ***welcoming friends into the afternoon 'Hub of Kindness and Purpose' to warm up, enjoy** nutritious snacks, put up their feet and rest, colour or draw, knit, play games and most importantly feel safe and supported

- ***hosting our 3rd Ladies' Brunch in December,** where over 80 women shared in friendship, laughed together, supported one another and grew in their faith

- *partnering with the JB Mental Health Consumer Advisory Committee to offer engaging mental health information sessions

- *funding 8 diverse and inspiring families to attend Ryerson Family Camp

- *working together to build 3 gardens that are open for all to tend, share and enjoy

- *providing winter outerwear, household items and haircuts, as well as special assistance to new families to the country and those struggling with difficult physical and mental health challenges

- *completing some much needed upgrades in our small but well used kitchen

- *providing snack bags to help fill lunches for over 60 school aged children each week

As we reflect back on all of the goodness that continues to flow through the Friday Night Community, we give thanks to each of you for allowing us to support and share life with so many amazing friends.

For information contact: fnc@wsquare.ca



GraceLand - **a place full of God's grace...** where children learn the love of Jesus and how to shine His light everyday. Sundays at 9am for Nur to Gr. 6

Participant Forms are required every year for children and youth to ensure safety for all. 2017/18 forms have been mailed to each family to complete and return to our GraceLand Reception Area.

Dec 31 @ 10am: The Little Drummer Boy (Movie and Activities)

January Theme: The Armour of God

Planting Faith Seeds in children is an honour and privilege. A special thank you to all of our GraceLand leaders and helpers for their faithful devotion and servant hearts shared in this ministry. Lovely pic of our nursery below!



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Beginning January 2018 RE-**START**...

In real life, we don't always get it right the first time. What if you could try something again? Exploring areas of life that sometimes call for a 'do-over'

- The Power of Your Schedule: *can change your life for the better*
- Restart Relationships: *insights if you're single or married*
- Restart your Finances: *planning to make money behave*
- Contentment in All Circumstances