

Order of Service

Prelude

V.U.#49 "No Crowded Eastern Street"

Welcome and Announcements

Song 10,000 Reasons

Song V.U.# 59 "Joy to the World"

Baptism "Riley David James"

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSV)

Offering

Offering Song

V.U.#68 "All Poor Ones and Humble"

Sermon "Hard & Bitter Agony"

Song

VU#81 "As With Gladness Men of Old"

(vs. 1,3,4)

Song

VU#91 "The First Noel"

(vs. 1,2,3,5)

Blessing – Orville

Meeting Intro

Congregational meeting

wellington
square



Sunday December 30, 2018

Hard & Bitter Agony

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. --Matthew 2:9 NRSV

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. --Matthew 2:12 NRSV

*"All this was a long time ago,
I remember, And I would do it again,
But set down this,
This set down:
This: were we led all that way
For Birth or Death?
There was a Birth certainly;
We had evidence and no doubt.
I had seen birth and death,
But had thought they were different;
This Birth was Hard and bitter agony
for us, like Death;
Our death."*

"The Journey of the Magi (Wise Men)"
by T.S. Eliot

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

*Today we celebrate the
Baptism and Blessing of*

Riley David James
Child of Eric and Sarah James

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 or at the Connection Point table. As a THANK-YOU for taking the time to fill out the **card, please accept a copy of "CASE FOR CHRIST". If you need assistance, please feel free to ask one of our greeters.**

Sunday January 6 Worship at 10am with Communion

Offerings for 2018 MUST be received by Monday December 31st in order to be included in your 2018 tax receipt.

Offering Envelopes | Envelopes for 2019 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 2018 as your number may have changed from the prior year.

Office/Church Holiday Hours | We will be open Dec 31 9am-12pm. Closed January 1. Regular office hours will resume Wed Jan 2.

GraceLand Participant Forms are required every year for children and youth to ensure safety for all. 2019 forms will be emailed out to families and can also be completed on-line by going to www.wsquare.ca/children-and-family/events-forms/. Please complete and return to our GraceLand Reception Area. Thank you for supporting our Plan 2 Protect Procedures.

ROCKPILE + UP – Harry Potter Marathon– Thurs Jan 3rd -\$4 for dinner - Gr 7 and up

Calling ALL Youth to come relax, bring a blanket and pillow, and \$4 for dinner (or simply e-mail Adam if finances are an issue!) and SETTLE in for a day of everyone's favourite wizard! We'll have video games going and get comfy in the Pritchard room as we marathon the first 3 films in the Harry Potter Series!

PLEASE JOIN US
FOR A
Retirement
PARTY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6th
10 am Celebration Service
(lunch to follow)
at Wellington Square United

Do you have a fond memory, funny story, pictures, or testimony about Orville that you'd like to share?

Please RSVP if you plan to attend, have stories, best wishes or short videos to:
orvilleretires2019@gmail.com

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND DROP RSVP OFF WHEN YOU EXIT SANCTUARY OR GIVE TO OFFICE

Please Drop off as
you leave Sanctuary
or Give to Office

Orville's Retirement Luncheon - RSVP

I (we) plan on attending on January 6th

Family Name _____ Number Attending _____

Joint Search Committee

On Monday December 3, 2018 Wellington Square was informed that our Joint Needs Assessment Report was officially accepted by Halton Presbytery, allowing us to move forward with creating a Joint Search Committee.

As with the Joint Needs Assessment Committee, a criteria list was established for the Joint Search Committee members.

- They have a mature faith.
- They have the gift of thoughtful discernment.
- They are someone who has held an active servant leader role within the church.
- They possess a specific type of gift (skill, experience, etc.) that will assist the committee.
- They have proven to be a positive team player.

It is the responsibility of the Joint Search Committee to follow the mandate of our Joint Needs Assessment Report for the purpose of hiring a new Lead Minister.

The congregation must vote to approve this committee so please join us on Sunday December 30th, 2018 for a very short meeting.

There will only be one 10 a.m. service that Sunday and this meeting will take place immediately following the service.

Joint Search Committee Members



Ryan Millar

I have been a member at Wellington Square since I was 16. I have served in the music ministry for many of those years, including leading worship and playing whatever instrument I could get my hands on. I also served on the Worship Planning Committee for several years, helping to pick themes for worship services and participate in long-term planning. In my capacity at Wellington Square, I have led worship conference sessions, done music ministry consultation for other area churches and traveled to Mexico to build houses in Ensenada. More recently, my (now) wife Lauren and I got married at Wellington in 2017, with many of my Wellington friends and family actively participating in the ceremony. It has been a true blessing to be a part of this church community!



John Crusoe

My wife Kari and our 4 children have been members of Wellington Square United Church for 18 years. Kari volunteered **with the Children's Ministry** Prep Team when our children were younger and 3 of our children became classroom leaders in their early teens. I am currently fulfilling the role of Chair for the Ministry and Personnel Committee, a position that I held for 10 years prior to rejoining the Committee earlier this year. We thoroughly enjoy and feel very fortunate being a part of this church family!



Nancianne Chin

Nancianne became a part of the Wellington Square family 3 years ago after moving from a church in Toronto. You would see her at an 11am service which she attends, and sometimes participates as Greeter with her husband, Mo. They chose this church based on the warmth of the congregation, the outreach opportunities, and because of the small groups. Nancianne considers the small groups paramount to learning about and growing with God. She has participated in serving at Wellington including giving a church testimony, leading a Youth Alpha group in 2017, volunteering in the summer at Friday Community, Ribfest and knitting blanket squares for children in Malawi.



Sam Hickerson

I've been part of the wellington square family for the last 11 years, starting through the Sunday school programs and participating in various youth events. Over **the last few years, I've** had the opportunity to take more of a leadership roll in Graceland, with everything from actions **during children's ministry, to organization of youth events for our church's young people. I** work with the Friday night Community to help clean up during and after the dinner. Wellington Square has been a huge part of my life, and I would love to continue to further this connection!

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Wendy Alexopoulos

I've been attending

Wellington Square United Church for about 11 years now, coming over from Burlington Baptist Church where I attended with my parents. I found the church to be warm and inviting and enjoyed the contemporary 9 am service right from the start. I immediately joined

small group studies and did a number with the same group of people, and still continue to take part in various studies as they come up. I also did my first Mexico Mission about a year after coming to Wellington. I have been involved in working with the Sierra Leone Outreach and help at the Friday Night Community Dinner whenever I have a chance. Recently I have become part of the WSU Greeters and help with the offering as needed. Katie has also asked me to help with our program involving visiting some of the elderly we have at the various retirement & long term care homes. **I'm blessed to have Wellington and its wonderful family as part of my life.**



Lynn Kasprzyk

When I first started attending Wellington Square I felt drawn to this church and church community. I became a member about seventeen years ago and joined my first small group. Since then I have been involved in many small groups and ministries over the years, including for the last 10 years prayer ministry

and Friday Night Community. God has richly blessed me by giving me the opportunity to be a part of this church family at Wellington Square.



Tony Wilson

My wife Janet and I have been members at Wellington Square for 19+ years. I have served on M&P and Stewardship in the past and I'm currently entering my 3rd year of service on the Board of Directors. I have led small groups in money management using the

Ramsey Financial Peace University material as well as the Christians Against Poverty Budgeting course. I currently volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program in Burlington delivering hot meals to seniors and shut-ins on Wednesdays. After entering the world of "retirement" six years ago, I also became active putting my money management and organizational talents to use serving on the Ministry in Motion Planning Team and on the Board of Directors for the charitable organization Cruxifusion Inc. Cruxifusion's goal and focus is to support, inspire and connect Christ-centered leaders and congregations in the United Church of Canada. During my 5+ year association with "Crux", I've come to know a great number of tremendous United Church ministers from coast-to-coast. Coupled with my recent service on the Joint Needs Assessment Committee, I believe my association with the Cruxifusion organization positions me well to serve on the Search Committee who will collectively search out our next Lead Minister.

Joint Search Committee Members



Noel Henderson

Joan and I have been members of this church since 1977. We have never considered a change. I have served in many capacities over the years. Currently I am chair of the Foodgrains committee, a member of the Reach Out committee, a volunteer with the Friday Night Community and the

Property Committee. We cherish our association with Wellington Square



Jennifer Kiers

My husband Alvin and I have been members of Wellington Square United Church since 1999. We have three children; Megan is a leader in the Nursery, and William and Nathan attend Graceland. I have been a leader in Graceland and with VBC for more than 10 years. I coordinated and led the

Moms 'n Tots group for

about six years. I was co-chair of the Outreach Team for a number of years, and continue to be involved with this group. I have also served on a Discernment Team for a Ministry Candidate. We feel truly blessed to be a part of our Wellington Square community.

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