

Rosedale Presbyterian Church

A Member of the St. James Town Ecumenical Coalition



The Voice of the Lord by J. James Tissot (19th century, French painter and illustrator)

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2018 – 10:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Trio* (from 'Miniature Suite') - Healey Willan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #174 *Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*
(The Book of Praise, navy blue book)

CALL TO WORSHIP (*standing*)

Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous deeds among all people.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (*standing and in unison*)

God of majesty and light,
we offer our praise and worship in this season of Epiphany:
Christ made manifest.
Open our hearts to the presence of your Spirit
and our minds to your wisdom.
Reveal your good news in Jesus the Christ.
Fill all creation with that Word again,
so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations,
we may become one living body,
your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION (*seated*)

Let us now with a sincere heart and humble voice,
seek the forgiveness of God
Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ have mercy upon us
Lord have mercy upon us
O God, make clean our hearts within us
And let thy Holy Spirit dwell in us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*seated*)

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR QUIET PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*seated and in unison*)

Lord God,
may your Word be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path,
in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT I Samuel 3:1-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSIVE PSALM 139:1-12 (*burgundy book, Refrain 1*)

HYMN #570 *I have decided to follow Jesus*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *There shall a star come out of David (from Christus)*
- F. Mendelssohn

*There shall a star come out of Jacob,
And a scepter shall rise out of Israel,
With might destroying princes and cities.
As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation.
Thy Word, O Lord, radiance darting, Truth imparting, gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!*

GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-23

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

HYMN #442 *Speak, Lord, in the stillness*

SERMON *A Call in the Night*

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM *The Journey - S. Lole (EAS p. 36)*

*With gold and frankincense and myrrh, because the Lord was born.
God sent a star to guide them and sent a dream to warn.*

*My life is like their journey, their star is like God's book,
I must be like those good wise men with heav'nward heart and look,
But shall I give no gifts to God, What precious gifts they took.*

*Lord I will give my love to Thee, than gold more costlier,
More sweet to thee than frankincense, more priz'd to thee than myrrh,
Lord, make me dearer day by day, by day holier.*

*Nearer and nearer day by day, 'til I my voice unite,
And sing my 'Glory, Glory' with angels clad in white,
All 'Glory, Glory' through all the angel height.*

- Christina Rossetti

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING (*standing – Book of Praise #830*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*standing and in unison*)

Generous God,
all that is in the heavens and in the earth are yours.
Receive these offerings as an expression
of our love and gratitude,
and transform them into a source of life,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE DISMISSAL

HYMN #172 *As with gladness men of old*

THE COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION (*standing*)

CHORAL AMEN *Amen for Epiphany - C. Dawes*

POSTLUDE *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star, BWV 739
- J.S. Bach*



We invite you to remain in the sanctuary following the Benediction to listen to the Postlude. If you wish to leave, we invite you to do so quietly.
Refreshments will be served in the Great Hall.

Reader: *Anne Donaldson-Page* Greeter: *Kathie Spence*

Last Week's Offering	\$5,677
Operating	\$3,699
Presbyterians Sharing	\$ 882
Other	\$1,096
Last Sunday's attendance	68

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning have been given by Brenda Reid in memory of the birthday of her husband, George (Tway) Reid.

Coffee Hour Please consider signing up to provide and serve Coffee Hour cookies and squares. Do it yourself, or sign up with a partner. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Lounge.

Church Offering Envelopes for 2018 are now available for pick up on the table outside the Church Library. If you do not have a set of Offering Envelopes, and would like envelopes for 2018, please contact Norm Creen (ncreen@rogers.com).

January 14, 21, 28 Food Drive for the Lourdes Food Bank Much needed items are packs or bags of white rice, tuna, and large tins of chunky soup. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please use the third line of your offering envelope and mark it for **Lourdes Food Bank**.

The Globe and Faith considering current events in the light of our Christian faith will meet on Wednesday, January 17th at 10:30 am. Please feel welcome to participate in this group when you're available, even if you're unable to attend regularly. For more information, please contact Wes Denyer who will be facilitating this conversation each week.

Evangel Hall Community Dinner On Sunday, January 21st we will be preparing and serving dinner at Evangel Hall for over 100 people. We are looking for the following assistance:

- 10 servers to be at the Hall from 5:15 until 7;
- 10 more cooks to make the delicious beef stew recipe at home and deliver it to the church by Friday Jan. 19th;
- 3 more workers at Evangel Hall at 3 pm to peel potatoes, assemble the stew ingredients for cooking, assemble the salad, and cut the pies and butter the rolls.

The Bridge and Scrabble Group will meet on Thursday, January 25th. This is a casual, friendly group which welcomes newcomers. Tea and coffee will be served at 12:30 pm. Play begins at 1:00 pm and ends at 3:15 pm. Please feel welcome to participate in this group when you're available, even if you're unable to attend regularly.

Movie Night on Friday, February 2nd at 6:30 pm featuring the film "Victoria and Abdul." Abdul Karim arrives from India to participate in Queen Victoria's golden jubilee. The young clerk is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself. As Victoria questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner circle try to destroy. As their friendship deepens, the Queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes, joyfully reclaiming her humanity. There will be a showing at 4:30 pm in the Lounge followed by dinner and discussion. We will have a Pizza Night (\$5 per person), and we invite you to bring a salad or a dessert. Sign-up sheets for dinner, or to borrow the DVD are available at Coffee Hour.

—~— Upcoming Events —~—

The Globe and Faith

Messy Church

Evangel Hall Dinner

Bridge and Scrabble

Why We Tell Stories

Movie Night

Victoria and Abdul

Wed, January 17, 10:30 am

Sat, January 20, 3:30 pm

Sun, January 21

Thurs, January 25, 12:30 pm

Sun, January 28, 1:00 pm

Fri February 2

4:30 pm - Movie Showing

6:30 pm - Dinner

MUSIC

In his sermon today Wes may well draw a comparison between God's call to three Magi from eastern countries to an auspicious birth foretold by science, prophecy or some combination of both — and that made in today's Old Testament reading to the boy Samuel. Samuel heard something he could barely make out or understand, but it turned out to be God's call to him. Just as God provided the boy encouragement and guidance through the wise Eli when facing uncertainty, so too did God provide a star to guide the symbolic Gentiles to Bethlehem — and an angelic visit to send them safely home again, avoiding the tyrant Herod.

The often forgotten depth of cataclysm and upheaval the gift of the Messiah would represent to the world, even as it saved God's people and ultimately birthed the Church, is chronicled in the single Chorus surviving from an unfinished oratorio, *Christus*, by Mendelssohn. It notes the foretold star of Bethlehem, not for its twinkling beauty, nor for the foreigners it would summon to the birth of Jesus, but for the havoc and destruction it would wreak upon sinful earth. Yet Mendelssohn closes the Chorus by quoting the hymn "How brightly beams the Morning Star" — a melody resplendent in its comfort and joy.

Whether our kings fall in homage or in defeat before our infant King, may the revelation of His birth enlighten our eyes and inspire our ways in this newborn year.



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Our Mission *We witness to Christ in our spiritual vitality and in our social involvement by nurturing all in the Christian life, communicating the gospel to our community, and inspiring faithful devotion & service*

Our Vision *We seek to be a vital, growing community of faith, with a glad and generous heart, that shares the blessings of the Christian life.*
