

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

A warm welcome is extended to all.

If you are worshipping with us for the first time or returned after an absence, your presence both enriches us and this time of worship together.

In the midst of the busy-ness of life, God gives us this space as a gift where we reconnect with God and with one another. We seek to discern a life beyond life and behold the larger reality Jesus revealed in his own life, death and resurrection. Our aim is spiritual growth and a deeper faith.

Please note: Sections preceded by a “●” are times when those who are able may stand.

The Organ Chimes call us to prayer and meditation

Organ Prelude

- **Processional Hymn:** “Come, Children, Join To Sing” 345

Welcome, Announcements and Community Life

Minute For Mission “Children’s Rights” read by Dana Kirkham

- **Gathering Hymn:** “It Only Takes A Spark” 289

● Call To Worship:

One: Where there is mercy.

All: There Christ is.

One: Where there is comfort.

All: There the Spirit is.

One: Where there is love.

All: There God is.

One: We gather as witnesses of goodness and grace.

All: And worship the God who gives us life.

Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

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.

Special Presentation “Jakob’s Journey” -Jakob Pugi

Children, youth and teachers are now invited to exit the sanctuary and attend their Sunday morning faith formation programs.

We Listen For God’s Word

Scripture: Matthew 19:13-22 N.T. p.21 read by Judith Barkla

If you would like to follow along, pew Bibles are located beneath each chair.

Sermon: “No Grown-Ups in Heaven?”

Anthem: “Sing! Shout! Alleluia!

J. Martin

We Respond In Faith

The Offering

We of St. Stephen’s on-the-Hill are committed to the life and work of the church.

Weekly offerings, pre-authorized remittance (PAR), sharing time and talent, and reaching out to friend and stranger are but some of the ways we give.

Giving is a gift of the Spirit that enables us to make a difference.

- **Response** 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.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Statement of Faith “A New Creed”

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made

flesh, to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

- **Recessional Hymn:** “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” 149

- **Sending Forth and Blessing**

- **Choral Amen**

Organ Postlude

Welcome!

We welcome you to our Sunday worship. If you are a newcomer we hope you take the time to introduce yourself, sign the guestbook and say hello.

Meetings and Events

February 5	Annual Congregational Meeting	after worship
February 9	Friendship Group	2:00 p.m.

Scheduled for ushering, coffee and counting of the offering next Sunday are Graham and Ruth Hart, Cliff and Sue Harding, Anne Harrison, Victor and Wachindra Inbarajah, Pam Jeffrey, Paul Hawn.

Coffee Order

The Outreach Committee purchased SSOTH personally labeled regular, decaf fair trade coffee and hot chocolate from the Creemore Coffee Company. There are 8 decaf bags left. The price is \$10 and can be purchased from Pat in the church office.

Stamps for Leprosy

A reminder for the congregation that the used stamps (from all those Christmas cards that arrived) can be put to good use. Our congregation collects them for the Leprosy Mission. Please put your stamp donations in the box in the kitchen.

Pastoral Coverage

While Rev. Skinner is away in Israel the following individuals will be available in case of a pastoral emergency. Rev. Neil Young of Erindale United Church at 905-277-3656. Rev. Kathy Toivanen of Erin Mills United Church 905-820-9466. Rev. Blair Corcoran of First United will be available from Feb 14th-20th at 905-278-3714. Pulpit supply is being provided by Mr. Rick Landers on Feb.12 and Rev. Lee Simpson of The United Church Observer on Feb. 19.

Shrove Tuesday Flapjack Flip-out!

Join everyone at the church on Tuesday, February 21st from 6-8pm for food and fun. Start with a Pancake Supper followed by Mardi Gras dancing and a time marking Ash Wednesday. Please add your name to the list in the Narthex.

Lenten Bible Study – The Parables of Jesus in Luke

The season of Lent will soon be here. Why not make this season a time when you seek to expand your knowledge of the Bible and the message of Jesus? This year Rev. Skinner will be leading a Bible study on the parables of Jesus in the gospel of Luke. Throughout Lent we will gather each week to explore the layers of meaning contained in these ancient stories. There will be two separate opportunities each week beginning on Tuesday, February 28th at 11am and Thursday, March 1st at 7pm until we get to Holy Week. Dale will provide written materials as needed. The only “required reading” will be the parables themselves.

Junior Youth Make your own Pizza/games night Sunday Feb 19th 5-7pm

Bangladesh Benefit

On the evening of March 4 at 7pm, Joshua Yun will be leading an evening of music in support of his Interservice Christian club’s mission to Bangladesh. Please come out and give your support with your presence. A free will offering will be received.

You’re Invited! - “Love Grows Here” Progressive Dinner – Saturday February 11th

Everyone welcome for an evening of good food and fun as we gather together for appetizers and “progress” to different houses for dinner and dessert. Call the church office to reserve. \$10.00 per person will be collected on the night of the event.

Articles for the newsletter are always being accepted. The next newsletter will be available at the beginning of Lent. Please give your submissions to Pat in the church office.

Jakob’s Journey

Today we welcome in our time of worship Jakob Pugi. Jakob will be spending some time sharing with us his thoughts and reflections on his journey to Kenya last summer. Jakob received support for his trip from SSOTH including gifts from funds in memory of Rev. Dr. Albion Wright and Chris Parr.

Tax Receipts

Your 2011 official tax receipts are in your mailbox in the Narthex awaiting your pick up. To help save postage, please be a good neighbour and deliver their receipt.

Valentine Senior Men’s Luncheon

It’s our Valentine’s celebration so everyone is welcome on Wednesday, February 8th at noon. After enjoying the usual gourmet soup and sandwiches, our presenter will be St. Stephen’s own Nancy Waite. Dr. Waite is Professor of Pharmacy at Waterloo University. Perhaps particularly significant for seniors, Nancy will discuss current pharmacological issues in Canada. Please indicate your intention to join us by adding your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Ladies welcomed!

Fiesta Guatemala

“Loving Arms” invites you to its annual fundraising gala on Saturday, March 3, at the Credit Valley Golf and Country Club. Featuring the music of Amanda Martinez. For more information visit: www.lovingarms.ca or send an email to lovingarms@me.com.

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