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◆ January 22, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. ◆
The Third Sunday after Epiphany
Sacrament of Baptism

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH
◆ Sunday, January 22ND, 2017 ◆
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

★ 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 ◆

◆ **GATHERING** ◆

PRELUDE

INTROIT – *The Lord hath manifested*

G. Thalben-Ball

★ OPENING HYMN – *Arise, Your Light is Come*

VU 79

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: It is in the glow of the Christ that we gather.

All: It is in the glow of the Christ that we find home.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come out of the shadows and into God's light!

**All: We will not play hide and seek,
but will make a pilgrimage to God's heart.**

One: Lay down all which is a burden to you!

**All: We will give our fears to God,
who is our help in every moment.**

One: Follow the One who will lead you to new life!

**All: We long to live in God's presence
every day of our lives.**

OPENING PRAYER (Psalm 27)

**O God, our light and our salvation,
shelter us in your love.**

O God, our stronghold,

protect us from danger.
We come with shouts of joy
to worship you this day.
We come with song and music
to celebrate your love.
We come with longing
to seek your presence.
Be with us now, O God,
as we sing your praises. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

* HYMN – *A Little Child the Saviour Came*

VU 445

SACRAMENT OF INFANT BAPTISM (see coloured insert)
We welcome to our church family: Rosalind Elizabeth Moulton, daughter
of Christopher Moulton and Deborah Powell, sister of Juliet.

◆ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ◆

Reader: Penelope Ferrie

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 27

VU 754

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 4: 12-23

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

* HYMN – *Will you Come and Follow Me?*

VU 56

SERMON – “Keep on Fishing”

ANTHEM – *Laudete Dominum*

W.A. Mozart

solo: A. Stevenson, soprano

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

* OFFERING HYMN – *Worship in the Beauty of Holiness*

(vs. 4) HB 33

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before God, God's glory proclaim
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
These are the offerings we lay at God's shrine.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said together)

**O God,
we have seen your glory,
felt the touch of your love,
and felt your presence with us.
With joyful hearts,
we offer you our gifts.
Having heard your call,
we offer you our lives and our service. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND CONCERN

concluding with a paraphrase of the Prayer of Jesus, VU 916:

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,**

Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice by followed
by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

★ CLOSING HYMN – *O Radiant Christ*

VU 84

★ COMISSIONING AND BLESSING

★ CHORAL RESPONSE – *May God's Sheltering Wings*

MV 214

*May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in her love.*

POSTLUDE

◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

On this fourth Sunday of Epiphany there are two worship opportunities at Melrose. During the Sunday morning service our focus will be on the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew. When Jesus climbs the mountain and begins to preach to the crowd, the scripturally astute reader is expected to make the connection to another teacher (Moses) and to another mountain (Mount Sinai). Jesus, like Moses, offers instruction in righteousness: what we as the people of God's realm should and should not do. Interestingly, though, Jesus does present a list, but not a list of "thou shalts" or "thou shalt nots." The list is in the indicative mood, not the imperative. It is a description, not a prescription. Jesus is not insisting that we become people who starve to see justice done (though that would definitely be a good thing). What he says is that such justice-seeking people are blessed of God. God looks on them with favour. God's eye is on them and they will be happy in the end. This, says Jesus, is how it is. In the afternoon, At 3:00 p.m. there will be a service of Covenanting to mark Philip Gardner's formal period of Interim Ministry at Melrose. The combined choirs of Melrose and Central Presbyterian Church under the direction of Alexander Cann and Paul Grimwood offer a musical opportunity not to be missed!

◆ Flapjack Friday ◆

Plan to join us on **Friday, February 24** at 6:30pm for flapjacks. You bring the toppings - we will have the pancakes. It will be a time of feasting, community, and fun. All are welcome.

◆ Sunday School special request ◆

The Sunday School program is in need of a "helper" each Sunday. Our numbers have increased and Michelle needs a second adult/teenage volunteer to help. For a list of Sundays available and to sign up please contact Sandra W. or Gwyn X. No preparation or direct leadership required.

◆ **Melrose Annual General Meeting** ◆

It's that time of year again! The meeting will be held after worship on **Sunday, February 5**. Please bring your own lunches.

The following motion will be considered at the Annual General meeting on February 5th:

MOTION: That the congregation approve the withdrawal of up to \$50,000 from the capital of the Sustaining Fund to meet the needs of the 2017 operating budget.

◆ **Corner Shoppe Updates** ◆

We are open again!

"Jump Into January" at The Melrose Corner Shoppe! Come on in and see what 'New Treasures' await You & Your Home! All proceeds to the Melrose Roof Repair Fund. The Shoppe is also currently accepting donations of books.

Help Needed!

If you are at the church regularly for an existing commitment and you could spare 20 minutes extra to stock shelves before you leave please contact Claire at 905-525-1888 or leave your name and number at the church office. The more helpers, the lighter the load!! And your support will provide on-going fund-raising for Melrose!

Happy News!

This is a reminder that God works in mysterious and unexpected ways to inspire faith...

Further to the announcement of the missing "Shoppe Funds" last Sunday, a very generous anonymous donation was made to cover the total amount and then some!! We all extend a huge "Thank-you" to the Good Samaritan amongst us!

◆ **Child and Youth Notes** ◆

Sunday School: Every Sunday we learn about the bible, play games and have fun! Children of all ages welcome. The fun begins in the church service and the children are led out to a time just for them about halfway through. Nursery facilities are available.

Thursdays are for fun: join us Thursday evening from 6pm-7pm for a fun open hour of gym time here at the church!

◆ **Thank You...** ◆

...to our January coffee hosts – Denise and Phil Farrauto.



◆ **Upcoming Dates** ◆

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – **Sat., Jan. 28th, 9:30 to 11:30 am.**

The Prayer Shawl group is starting to meet again on the last Saturday of the month. We gather in the parlour of Melrose U. C. beginning at 9:30 am to enjoy a light snack while we work on knitting & crocheting. Supplies and patterns are available. Please drop in at any time Saturday morning to see what is happening. (CONTINUED...)

WOMEN IN TOUCH – **Wednesday, Feb. 8, 6:30 to 9 pm.**

The WIT potluck dinner on Feb. 8th welcomes our guest, Liz Pascual, from the "Active Living - Healthy Aging" programme at the YWCA. The topic is "Ageless Grace".

It is a delicious evening of shared food and fellowship. Come and join the fun!

BIBLE STUDY

A group meets on **Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m.** in the parlour. The current topic is "Women of the Old Testament" followed by "Women of the New Testament ". You are welcome to drop in and see if this interests you.

◆ **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.



◆ **Hello WrapAround Hamilton Supporters** ◆

A request from WrapAround has been received for the following items:

Used vacuum cleaners (3)

microwave oven

toaster

double mattress

phone (landline)

large garbage pail with a lid (safety issue for one family)

If anyone has the item available, if they can call Elske at our WrapAround Hamilton mobile-905-3208373 or office # 905-528-0353 or through our email: elske@shalemnetwork.org or speak to Libby Cook. Thanks for any help you are able to give us.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – January 23

Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
MONTHLY FIRE DRILL	3:00 p.m.	Entire Building
Brownies & Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Auditorium
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Parlour

Tuesday – January 24

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Parlour
Locke St. BIA Mtg.	7:00 p.m.	Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium, Sanctuary

Wednesday – January 25

Duet Club of Hamilton	9:00 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Mindfulness Course	5:15 p.m.	Parlour

Thursday – January 26

Early Years: Newborn	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
Early Years: Family	10:30 a.m.	Parlour
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Thursdays are for Fun!	6:00 p.m.	Parlour, Gym
English Country Dancing	6:45 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel

Friday – January 27

TGIF	6:15 p.m.	Aud., Parl., Kitchen
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Saturday – January 28

Prayer Shawl & Outreach	9:30 a.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
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Sunday – January 29

Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Covenanting Service	3:00 p.m.	Sanctuary, Aud., Kitchen, Chapel