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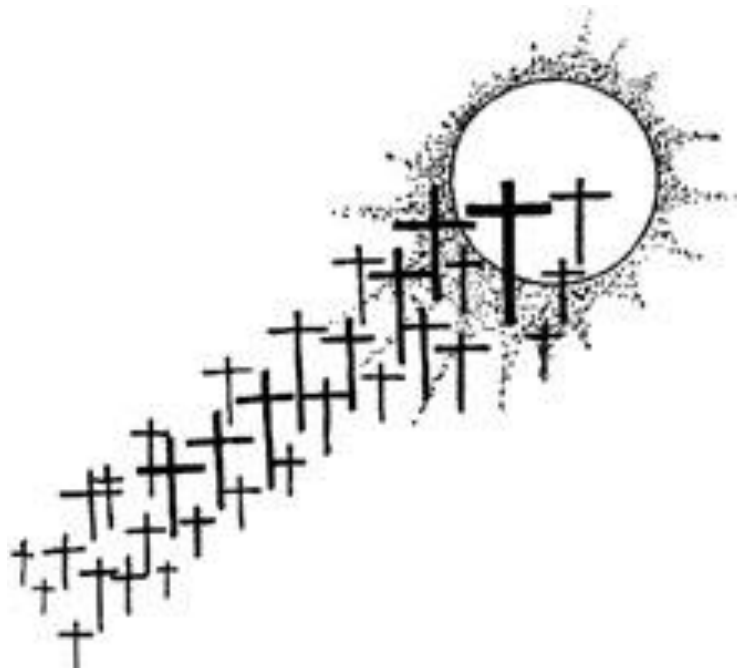
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◆ November 6, 2016 – 10:30 a.m. ◆

All Saints Sunday

MELROSE UNITED CHURCH

◆ Sunday, November 6, 2016 ◆

All Saints Sunday

* 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 – *Festival Fanfare*

D. Blackwell

INTROIT – *Jesu, meine Fruede*

J. S. Bach

* OPENING HYMN – *Holy, Holy, Holy*

VU 315

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: The light of Christ is in this place.

All: The light of Christ shines in our hearts.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

All: Death has no dominion over them.

One: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

All: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

One: For all the saints who went before us,
who have spoken to our hearts
and touched us with your fire,

All: we praise you, O God.

One: For all the saints who live beside us,
whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our
own,

All: we praise you, O God.
One: For all the saints who live beyond us,
who challenge us to change,
to change ourselves and to change the world with them,
All: we praise you, O God.
One: Let your holy, healing energy move among us, God.
All: Draw us into the great circle of witnesses whom we call
the saints and liberate us to love with delight,
to choose with compassion,
and to act with courage.
Remind us that you see, in us,
the possibility for renewed life,
and that you take what we offer to You,
and by Your love, make it enough. Amen.

WELCOME AND LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE CHILD WITHIN US

◆ **REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS** ◆

★ HYMN – *When the Saints Go Marching In*
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in

And when the sun begins to shine
And when the sun begins to shine
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When the sun begins to shine

Oh when we march around the throne
Oh when we march around the throne
Oh Lord I want to be in that number
When we march around the throne

LIGHTING THE CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

One: So many people have gone before us at this church.

All: They enjoyed the times when the church grew and celebrated God's Good News!

One: They mourned during the times when there was strife within and outside the walls of the church.

All: But they remained steadfast, remembering that God was with them in all that they did.

One: Thank you God, for giving us such a multitude of faithful disciples.

All: Following their example, Lord, help us also to be faithful to the work you have placed before us. Amen.

Margaret Elizabeth Ankers (candle lit by John Ankers)

Sylvia Friedt

Hugh & Susan Van Alstyne (candle lit by Claire Van Alstyne)

Lillian Holinaty (candle lit by Sharon Jones)

William Gill Cooper (candle lit by Barbara Cooper & Liane Ormond)

Refrain:

Oh when we march around the throne

Oh when we march around the throne

Oh Lord I want to be in that number

When we march around the throne

◆ SERVICE OF THE WORD ◆

Reader: Margaret Duff

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 149, Refrain 1

VU 873

THE WISDOM OF ISREAL: Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 6: 20-31

One: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY: “Of Saints and Monsters”

ANTHEM – *Non nobis, Domine*

R. Quilter

◆ **RESPONSE** ◆

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

OFFERING

★ OFFERTORY HYMN – *Christ, Be Our Host*, Verses 1-3

VU 465

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (said by all)

**Generous Giver of all that we need,
accept these gifts:**

**the work of our hands,
simple bread, ordinary wine.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus, your holy child,
who sets the table for all people –
a table of rich food and abundant joy. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Gathering in the Circle of the Saints

The Invitation to Communion

One: In the name of the One who said,

“I am the bread of life,”

I invite you to come and eat.

In the name of the One who said, “I am the true vine,”

I invite you to come and drink.

In the name of the One who said,
"Love one another, as I have loved you,"
I invite you to the table of Jesus Christ.

The Peace

Let us greet one another in the name of Christ.
"May the peace of Christ be with you."

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe
we praise you for saints and martyrs,
for the faithful in every age
who have followed your Son
and witnessed to his resurrection.
From every race and tongue
from every people and nation
you have gathered them into your realm.
You have shown them the path of life
and filled them with the joy of your presence.
How glorious is your realm
where the multitude of your saints rejoices with Christ!

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: (singing) *O holy, holy holy God
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
Bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
Creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
And bears your name always!*

MV 203

One: You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.
Sent to be our Saviour,
he took our flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.
His words are true.
His touch brings healing.
To all who follow him,
he gives abundant life.
When evil sought to destroy him,
and he lay in the darkness of death,
you raised him from the grave.
He is our risen Lord forever!

All: (Singing) *Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!*

MV 204

The Words of Institution and Prayer for the Spirit

One: So it is we gather in praise and thanksgiving at this time.
We remember that when Jesus ate with his friends, he
took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he gave it to
them saying: "Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me." Then he took the
cup and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends saying:

“Drink. This cup that is poured out for you is the promise of God made in my blood. Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who share in this loaf and cup may be the body of Christ: light, life, and love in the world.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ, and with all who are joined in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Number us among your saints, O God, and join us with the faithful of every age.

Give us strength to serve you faithfully.

All: (Singing) *Amen, amen, O Holy One!*

MV 205

Hosanna and Amen!

Amen, amen, O Holy One,

Hosanna and Amen!

Intercessions

One: At this time, we also remember all with whom you would have us share your feast. We pray for all who are in sorrow or in pain, all who are ill or alone. We pray for all whose who suffer loss through natural disaster or human wrongdoing, those who are constricted by fear and anxiety. We pray for ourselves and for our church that we may always strive for justice, mercy and peace in the name of the one who taught us to pray together, singing (VU#959)... *Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.*

The Sharing of the Elements

One: The bread of life shared with you.

The cup of the New Covenant shared with you.

Come, for the meal is ready!

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

One: Gracious God, we praise, worship and adore you for the food received at your table. You have sent Your Holy Spirit among us to make our eating and drinking here a true remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: We go from here strengthened, refreshed and empowered by your Spirit to make our living and working, our loving and doing and thinking a joyful remembrance of him.

We look to that day when, with the great company of witnesses that surround us, we may eat and drink and be glad in him in the glory of your realm.

This we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

- ★ CLOSING HYMN – *For the Faithful Who Have Answered* VU 707
- ★ COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION
- ★ CHORAL RESPONSE – *When You Walk from Here* VU 298
*When you walk from here,
When you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
walk with God's humble care.*

POSTLUDE–*Processional*

W. Matthias

◆ Melrose Events ◆

◆ Worship Next Week ◆

Next Sunday we will take the opportunity in word and music to remember and to honour those from our Melrose community and its predecessor congregations (Charlton Avenue Methodist, St. James Presbyterian) who gave their lives in the great wars of the twentieth century. We will also pray for peace in our own time. Thanks to the dedicated hard work of our own multi-talented Ted Lowrey, we will also have a unique opportunity to experience imaginatively what the Second World War was like through letters that flowed back and forth across the ocean between Ted's parents (Ted's father was serving in the air force overseas while Ted's mother kept the home fires burning by providing, despite her immense worry, the happiest and most stable environment she could manage for little "Teddy" in their home on George St.). The letters will be read by Ted himself and by Patti Varey. You won't want to miss it!

◆ Stamps Wanted!!! ◆

Please save all your postage stamps. Hand them to Gwyneth or the church office. We mail them to the leprosy mission of Canada to raise funds for leprosy treatment.

◆ Thank You... ◆

...to our November coffee hosts, Cheryl Evans and Patti Varey.



◆ Upcoming Programming ◆

Thursdays are for fun: Every Thursday from 6-7 pm join us for 30 minutes of fun games in the gym followed by 30 minutes of singing with Alex. All ages welcome – parental accompaniment is required for those under age six.

Sunday School: Plan to join us each Sunday as we learn all about the Superheroes of the Bible! All ages welcome, nursery facilities available.

TGIF: Plan to join us for a wonderful evening of decorating the Christmas tree for the Sanctuary, singing Christmas carols, fellowship and fun.

November 25th @ 6:30p.m. Potluck dinner.

◆ **Men's Breakfast** ◆

Saturday November 19 @ 9:30am - If you are still hungry after Thanksgiving consider the Really Fantastic Men's Breakfast. \$10 per adult. Come for food and fellowship!

◆ **White Gift Sunday** ◆

Collecting for White Gift Sunday will take place **November 26 and December 3rd!** Wesley Urban Ministries is looking for new toys for all ages, gifts of non perishable foods, gift cards to support the families in need in Hamilton at Christmas Time. Please consider purchasing items throughout November and bring them to church November 26 or December 3. Melrose supports Wesley Urban Ministries! By supporting WUM we support our own community.

◆ **Santa's Breakfast** ◆



It's official - Santa is coming! Plan to attend **December 3** at 9 am. Come for great eats, fellowship and Santa is bringing a gift for every child that attends. Tickets cost \$10 per adult, \$5 per child 5-10 and \$3 per child under 5. Last year over 60 people attended so get your tickets early! For more information ask Gwyn or Michelle.

◆ **Brr!!! Hat and Mitten Drive** ◆

It's that time of year! The weather is getting colder and we're pulling out our hats, mittens and scarves. Many of the children at Lake Avenue School need these necessary items. Many of the children in need are Syrian Refugees who arrived when the weather was warmer. The school has a clothing room for students who need items. The Social Justice Committee is asking for your help in collecting warm hats, mittens/gloves and scarves to stock up the school's clothing room. All sizes welcome. Donations can be placed in labeled box in auditorium. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

◆ **Cookies and Christmas: a Melrose Tradition!** ◆



The Mistletoe Bazaar's Cookie Walk needs sweet donations of a dozen (or two) of your favourite homemade cookies. Please include a list of ingredients so that we can alert shoppers with allergies. Questions? Contact Shari: shari_egypt@yahoo.com.

◆ **Acoustic Blend Café--November 12** ◆

This evening will feature one of the hardest working independent musicians on the music scene. **Sarah Smith**, formerly with the group "The Joys", tours almost year round. She will be performing with her acoustic guitar and a few guests. Watch her and you can't help smiling – her music is her gift, and she lives to share it with the world! She is a mesmerizing performer. Tickets are sold out to her CD release party in London, so you can see her here at Acoustic Blend Cafe November 12th right in the Melrose Auditorium. Half of the door money goes to support Melrose United.

For the Open Mic part of the evening, be sure to attend to hear the talents of our own Darcy Feaver – our newest custodial staff member!

◆ **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.



◆ **Glen Solderholm Concert – Central Presbyterian Church** ◆

Glen Solderholm, an accomplished Canadian singer-songwriter, worship leader, speaker, teacher and ordained minister will be performing on **Sunday November 12, 2016** at 7:00pm at Central Presbyterian Church. Admission is free but an offering in support of Presbyterian World Service and Development and the Refugee Aid Program would be appreciated.

MELROSE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday – November 7

OnCourse Tutoring	11:15 a.m.	Auditorium
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Quilting	1:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Brownies, Guides	6:00 p.m.	Gym, Chapel
Big Book	7:00 p.m.	Parlour

Tuesday – November 8

Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	Parlour
OnCourse Tutoring	11:15 a.m.	Auditorium
Bach Elgar Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium, Chapel
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour

Wednesday – November 9

Duet Club of Hamilton	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
OnCourse Tutoring	11:15 a.m.	Auditorium
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area

Thursday – November 10

Film Crew?	TBA	Gym
Early Years – Mother Goose Step 1	9:15 a.m.	Parlour
Early Years – Mother Goose Family	10:30 a.m.	Parlour
OnCourse Tutoring	11:15 a.m.	Auditorium
Carpet Bowling	1:00 p.m.	Bowling Area
Thursdays are for Fun!	6:00 p.m.	Parlour, Gym
English Country Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Tai Chi	7:30 p.m.	Parlour
Melrose Choir Practice	7:30 p.m.	Chapel

Friday – November 11

Film Crew?	TBA	Gym, Auditorium
OnCourse Tutoring	11:15 a.m.	Chapel

Saturday – November 12

Mindful Communication	8:00 a.m.	Parlour, Kitchen
Acoustic Blend Café	7:30 p.m.	Auditorium, Kitchen

Sunday – November 13

Choir Practice	9:40 a.m.	Chapel
Melrose Worship	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Baby Shower	1:00 p.m.	Parlour, Kitchen