

NEWSLETTER

November 21, 2025



SUNDAY WORSHIP DATES AT MELROSE

- November 23, 2025
- November 30, 2025
- December 7, 2025
- December 14, 2025

GREETINGS!

In the name of the One who loves us and holds us dear

We are an inclusive community on Locke Street, dedicated to seeking justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God. We are a progressive church with traditional elements to

our service and quite a lot of music. We welcome people who are questioning. We dress informally and understand that children often run around and make noise.

A Message from the Board

Thursday, December 11th ~ Official Board Meeting @7:30

All are welcome at any board meeting! If you would like to attend, please contact the office for more information, melrose@melroseunited.ca

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Upcoming Services At Melrose!

Sunday, November 23 ~ Worship Service with Margaret Duff

Sunday, November 30 ~ Advent I Service with Rev Margo Feyerer

Sunday, November 30 ~ Candlelight Carol Service @7:30pm

Sunday, December 7 ~ Advent II Service with Rev Margot Feyerer

Sunday, December 14 ~ Advent III Service with Rev Brenna Baker

Sunday, December 21 ~ Advent IV Service

Wednesday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve 10:30pm with Rev Brenna Baker



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Mistletoe Bazaar ~ Saturday, November 22nd 9am to noon



The Mistletoe Bazaar is **TOMORROW!** Saturday, November 22nd 9am to noon.

Volunteers are still needed on the day of the Bazaar! If you can help please email Gwyn! gwynxag@gmail.com

The online store is now closed! Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered their sweet treats! Please be sure to pick up your order at the Bazaar! Don't forget your order number!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT MELROSE



November 30th @7:30pm ~ CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

A beautiful service of carols and readings for the beginning of the Advent season

December 14th @ 10:30am ~ CHRISTMAS GIVING SUNDAY

Help us spread the joy of Christmas. If you are able, please bring gifts for Wesley Urban Centre (gloves and socks) and Operation Santa Claus (toys).

December 21st @ 10:30am ~ FAMILY CHRISMAS

Calling all sheep, shepherds and angels! Join us for our Christmas pageant – everyone is welcome to participate (even the adults)! No rehearsals necessary!

December 24th @10:30pm ~ CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

A beautiful service of carols and readings to celebrate the birth of Jesus and the promise of peace, hope, joy and love. All are welcome to take Communion.

December 28th @10:30am ~ JAZZ CAROLS

And now for something completely different! Join us for an informal service in the church parlour.



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Your Help is Needed!

Sweet treats are needed for the reception following the Candlelight Carol Service on November 30th. Assistance is also required with setting up the parlour at 5pm and serving during the event. Please contact Libby if you can help!

Can You Help?

Do you have unwanted gently used blankets (single or double) and gently used ladies coats that you no longer need? Willows place needs blankets for their ladies in residence. Please bring in your donations by December 1st. Drop off at the church office or give to Libby or Gwyn.

A Public Service Announcement From Our Healthcare Workers!



Remember to get your vaccines! Influenza and RSV will start to take off in December, and covid is with us year-round. Almost everyone should have a flu vaccine and covid vaccine every fall, and some people should have a covid vaccine in the spring, as well. These are available without a prescription in pharmacies. The RSV vaccine is a relatively new vaccine that shown to be safe and effective at keeping people out of hospital. If you've had it, you don't need to have it again. If you haven't had it, it is covered for the first time this year for people over 75 years, and some high-risk people over 60 years. There is a new pneumonia vaccine in the last year, called Prevnar-20; one dose for everyone over 65 years, and for people at high risk of any age. If you've had the older pneumonia vaccine, you should still get this new one. Finally, shingles vaccine, Shingrix, is useful at any age, if you haven't had it. It is publicly funded for people between age 65 to 70 years, and available at cost (around \$200 * 2 doses) for anyone. If you've had two doses of this, you don't need to have it again. If you have allergies to any vaccine components, discuss vaccines with your family doctor.



Looking Ahead!

Mistletoe Bazaar

Saturday, November 22nd, 9am to noon

This year's Mistletoe Bazaar promises to be the best ever! Enjoy this year's vendors, bake table, cookie walk and tea room! **Our online store is now closed.** Pick up your orders at the Bazaar, don't forget your order number!



The Bach Elgar Choir Presents ~

The Choral Masterworks of Henry Purcell: A Concert for St Cecilia's Day



Saturday, November 22nd @7:30pm at Central Presbyterian

Experience the life and works of Henry Purcell through his most celebrated odes and operas. This concert celebrates the rise of concert music as public phenomenon art freed from court and church. Featuring Sheila Dietrich, Daniel Cabena, Bud Roach, Giles Tomkins and the Hamilton Philharmonic. Tickets available at <https://bachelgar.ca/2025-26-concerts-performances/>



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McMaster University Choir Presents ~ This Must Be the Place

Saturday, November 29th @2pm and 5pm ~ Join the McMaster University Choir here at Melrose for two shows as they explore conflict and coexistence using mythic thunder, train rides and tug-of-war. Conductor Melanie Teilez, Accompanist Phillip Daley, Percussion Julia Araiche. Tickets \$10-\$25 at the door.



The Duet Club Presents ~ Christmas Time Is Here!



Sunday November 30th @ 2:30pm ~ Join Women of Song here at Melrose and kick-start the holiday season with a delightful afternoon of beautiful music. Women of Song will be joined by special guest Dave Sivers and other local musicians. Ticket Prices, Adults - \$25, Students / Seniors - \$20, Children 12 and under are free. To reserve tickets, please send an e-transfer to theduetclub@gmail.com. Please include the attendee names in the message field. Tickets will be available at the door by cash or debit card.

Candlelight Carol Service

Sunday, November 30th ~ Candlelight Carol Service @7:30

Join us for our annual Candlelight Carol Service with Rev Margo Feyerer. A service of beautiful carols and meaningful scripture for Advent. There will be a reception to follow.



Community Knitting and Crochet

Saturday, December 6th ~ 9:30am - 11:30am ~ Bring your current project and materials, beginners welcome! Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided. Please enter through the doors off of the Stanley Ave parking lot.

A la Mode Choir Presents ~ Made in Canada, A Choral Concert From Coast to Coast

Saturday, December 6th @7:30pm ~ come join A La Mode Choir here at Melrose for a magnificent evening of choral music in celebration of our great country, Canada. This program is as diverse as our nation, including songs from well-known Canadian singers and songwriters, Indigenous works, and folk tunes that span from coast to coast. In the usual ALM fashion, be prepared to laugh, to cry, to be awestruck, to dance, and to sing along! Tickets are available with cash at the door, \$30 for adults, children under 12 are free. Please visit our website www.alamodechoir.com for more information and to pre-order your tickets.



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Canadian Orpheus Male Choir Annual Christmas Concert



Sunday, December 14th @ 3:00pm ~ Enjoy the Canadian Orpheus Male Choir's Christmas Concert here at Melrose featuring Gabrysia Kowalik, soprano, Emmanuel Dye, baritone, Richard Cunningham, Music Director and Trevor Price, accompanist. Tickets are \$25 before November 30th by email tickets@comc.ca or by phone 905-581-1461. After November or at the door, tickets are \$30.

Christmas Movie Party!

Friday, December 12th @ 5:30pm ~ Bring your family and friends and enjoy a Christmas Movie! Enjoy crafts, cookies and hot chocolate! A very special guest will be joining us! Speak to Sally for more information.



Boards Games

Sunday, December 14th @ 1:00pm ~ Come on out and enjoy your favourite board or card game! There is a \$5 entry fee, Children up to grade 1 get in for free! Bring along your favourite board or card game! Refreshments will be available.

Social Media at Melrose

Did you know? Melrose has an active social media presence on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)! Check out our pages for information on Melrose events, the wider church and for messages of inspiration!



A Message From the Office

Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm. Please be sure to submit your items for the bulletin or newsletter by the beginning of each week. Kindly email melrose@melroseunited.ca. Thank you!



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