

OUR MISSION

The Mission of Sunnyside Wesleyan Church is to be:

A place where we experience God's transforming love through the Holy Spirit, by faith, the Word of God, worship and prayer;

A people being transformed by the love and grace of Jesus as we practice authentic community;

A presence of God's transforming love in Old Ottawa South, across the city and around the world, through acts of generosity, compassion, and outreach.

PRAYER FOCUS

InterVarsity



Carleton U—Please pray for:

- the leadership team as they plan ahead and consider creative ways to be together next semester, especially with the news that Carleton will not be increasing in-person course options in January.
- peace and healing in Jesus for the many students in our fellowship who are struggling with mental health.
- our Christian students not to get sucked into self-preservation mode, but to reach out to their struggling friends and offer God's love and support.

uOttawa—Please pray:

- for community bonding, that people will make the InterVarsity fellowship a place where their faith can grow.
- students discipling other students, and that the whole community will enter into intentional friendships with one another.
- that our international students will be available and excited to participate in a day of Christmas activities. Pray for partnership with community volunteers to plan and host this event, and that this will be an opportunity to solidify relationships in our group and cast vision for its future.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Follow us on [Facebook](#)

[Click here](#) for staff contact info.

Sunday Services:

9 & 11 a.m.

([Click here](#) for livestream at 11)

Office hours:

Mon. Tue. Thu. Fri.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Prayer Requests:

Submit yours [here](#).

(Will be kept strictly confidential.)

Bulletin Announcement Deadline:

[Contact the office](#) by Wednesday noon.



December 12, 2021 Advent 3



Experiencing, Embodying, and Expressing God's Transforming Love

9 & 11 a.m.

Livestream at 11 a.m.

Communion

Nathan Huff is speaking on
John's Uncomfortable Mirror

Next week:

Rick Hiemstra will be speaking.

WELCOME GUESTS!

Pastor Kerry's Weekly Email

If you would like to receive regular updates, including links to online services, updates on in-person gatherings, articles, encouragement, and church news, [click here](#) to join the mailing list.

Connecting

Please pause to fill out a connection card and drop it in the the Communication box in the foyer, or scan the QR code.



YOUR GIVING

The operations and ministries of Sunnyside are made possible as we, from a love response to God, freely offer our time, money, and talent. There are several ways to help support this work we're in together.

- Send a text to 77977 with "swcott" in the text box.
- Go [to our website](#).
- Use an offering envelope and drop it in the Communication box in the foyer. (Donations will be accessed, opened, and counted by two designated people as per our accountability protocol.)

Last week, Sunnyside received received \$10,082, of which \$875 was for missions. Year-to-date giving is \$363,914, which is about the same as last year.

*Thank you for your faithfulness
and generosity in giving!*

Coming Up...

- **Dec. 5-19**—Empathy House Giving Initiative
- **Sun. Dec. 12**—20 to Life Christmas Party
- **Thu. Dec. 16**—Been Theres (9:30 a.m.)
- **Tue. Dec. 21**—Advent Worship (7 p.m.)
- **Fri. Dec. 24**—Christmas Eve Services (4 & 6 p.m.)



A PLACE...

Attending Services In-Person

Please [register here](#) for one of the services, and read the [current guidelines](#) for meeting in the church building. Before your arrival, go to our [website](#) and complete Building Entrance Screening.

This is Communion Sunday. The bread is gluten-free.

20+life **Sunday, Dec. 12** at 1 p.m. all those 20 to 40 are invited to lunch and a Christmas Party in the church basement. We will have an Advent reflection, games, music, photo booth, and gift exchange. Please bring Christmas treats to share and a wrapped gift (under \$10 or gently-used/regifted). [Contact Jesse](#) for more info.

Advent Worship & Prayer Gathering

Join us on **Tuesday, Dec. 21** at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary for a low-key time of worship and reflection, with music, as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas Season. Please [register here](#).



Our Gifts in Action

As we anticipate worshipping together in-person again on Sundays, there are several ways to use your gifts to enhance the services and bless those coming back into our building. Contact these people for more info about your area of interest:

- Sunday school teachers and helpers* ([contact Abe](#))
- greeters and Communion team ([contact Beth](#))
- musicians and audio/visual ([contact Jesse](#))
- small group leaders and hosts ([contact Nate](#))
- Property Mgt. Comm. Chair ([contact Kerry](#))
(Engineering background and team oversight skills helpful)

* the church will cover your police record check

This Week's Readings

[Isaiah 12:2-6](#) [Zephaniah 3:14-20](#)
[Philippians 4:4-7](#) [Luke 3:7-18](#)

A PEOPLE...

The Been Theres

Are you 60+? Grab a coffee and join us via Zoom on **Thursday, Dec. 16** at 9:30 a.m. for fellowship, prayer, and a devotional message by Pastor Kerry. [Contact the office](#) or Jill Davis for the link.



Advent Devotionals

As we journey through the season leading up to Christmas, these daily devotionals (from [Pittsburgh Seminary](#) and [Biola University](#)) can guide us through Scripture and prayer. (If you would prefer a hardcopy to be mailed to you, [contact the office](#).) New *Our Daily Bread* devotional booklets, regular and large print, can also be mailed to you upon request.



Our Church Directory Goes Online

Plans are being made for an online church directory to give the Sunnyside community access to one another's contact information (strictly for personal use, such as planning a visit, checking in with ministry updates, etc.) Please carefully read and fill out [this form](#) to indicate how you would like your information shared. This will ensure that your privacy is protected. (Paper copies of this form are in the church foyer.)

A PRESENCE...

Christmas Giving Initiative

Empathy House is one of Sunnyside's nearest neighbours in Old Ottawa South and offers a healing-focused residential addiction treatment program for women. **Dec. 5 - 19**, we will receive donations toward the purchase of gift cards which Empathy House has requested. Our goal is to bless each of the 10 residents with a \$40 Walmart card and a \$20 Shoppers card. Giving to this initiative can be directed through Sunnyside's Missions fund. Thank you!