

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

Hope at Christmastime



The beauty and busyness of Christmas are around us. This week, we ask for Hope to pierce through the noise.

- Many venues and homes welcome Christmas music. Ask God to anoint the message and melodies of hope and promise. Pray for receptive hearts, and inspiration for Christmas carolers and caring neighbours who will bring God's light to our communities.
- As pastors prepare messages for Advent and Christmas, pray for the help of the Holy Spirit and peace and strength for all pastors, that God would help them to pray, hear from him, and rest in him.
- Lift up people of all ages who are lonely, bereaved, or battling with mental illness. Pray for comfort and hope, especially that they would hear of God's love for them and put their trust in him.
- Pray for your next-door-neighbours by name, taking a moment to consider their situation - working parent, youth in high school, new resident in your community, etc. Pray for the year ahead to be one in which God's promises and grace transform their lives.

From [Pray Ottawa](#)

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.

Closed Christmas Eve & Dec. 27

Prayer Requests:

Submit yours [here](#).

(Will be kept strictly confidential.)

Bulletin Announcement Deadline:

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

December 19, 2021 Advent 4



Experiencing, Embodying, and Expressing God's Transforming Love

9 & 11 a.m.

Livestream at 11 a.m.

Rick Hiemstra is speaking on
Nothing Will Be Impossible With God

Christmas Eve and next Sunday:
Kerry Kronberg will be speaking.

WELCOME GUESTS!

Sunnyside'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 \$17,132, of which \$1,095 was for missions.

Year-to-date giving is \$381,046, which is about \$400 less than last year.

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

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.

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](#))

* the church will cover your police record check



This Week's Readings

[Luke 1:46b-55](#) [Micah 5:2-5a](#)
[Hebrews 10:5-10](#) [Luke 1:39-55](#)

A PEOPLE...

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. Today is the last day to donate 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!