

ST. JOHN'S  
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY  
CHURCH

JUBILATION SERVICE

“PROCLAIMING CHRIST . . .  
TRANSFORMING LIVES . . .  
BUILDING COMMUNITY . . .”

DECEMBER 4, 2016  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
9:00 AM

The Rev. R. David Smith  
*Interim Pastor*

The Rev. Carlton D.M. Rutherford  
*Pastor for Congregational Care*

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Prelude:

Advent Candle Lighting:

From light comes life. Deep in expectant earth, a seed stretches. Through the fire-start of imagination, an idea take root. In a passionate flash, love glows with infant intensity. Safe in the Womb, a child senses its season turning and stirs. It is Advent, something coming, vulnerable in its unstoppable desire...God, unquenchable light, may they grow—the seed, the love, the idea, the child.

One: In the settle and stir of a burnt orange sunrise, in the lilting laughter around a table full of friends, in the flash of clarity that turns on the light of insight and leads us towards wisdom, we find the peace that passes all understanding.

**Many: But there are things we need to understand. Help us hear you in the stories of those who struggle.**

One: Peace is what the prophets foretold. Peace is what is sacrificed when profit takes precedence. We light a candle for peace and pray for the courage to stand up for it.

**Many: In this second week of Advent, as the waiting and expectation heighten, deepen our desire for peace. Like the prophets old and new, may we cry out for its coming. We light a candle for peace, may it light the way.**

\*\*The Processional Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

The Welcome:

The Passing of the Peace:

The Call to Prayer: “Instruments of Peace”

The Pastoral Prayer:

The Prayer Jesus Taught Us: (In Unison)  
**Our Creator, Who Art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Your Dominion come, Your will be done,  
On earth, as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day, our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For This is the Dominion and the power and the Glory  
forever. Amen.**

The Scripture Reading: Genesis 29:10-35

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

**All: Come, Holy Spirit.**

One: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

**All: Glory to You, O God.**

(Reading of the Scripture)

One: This is Good News about God, for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*\*The Gloria: “Gloria In Excelsis Deo”

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

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The Resurrection Message: Rev. R. David Smith  
“When Morning Came, It Was Leah!”

The Giving Of Our Tithes And Offerings:

Change 4 Change Offering:

The Offertory Response: “We Are An Offering”

The Holy Eucharist:

*The Holy Eucharist is open to all. Out of respect for those who are in recovery, grape juice is served at all stations.*

The Invitation to the Table:

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: (Responsively)

One: God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to our God.**

One: Let us give God thanks and praise.

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

One: These elements of the earth made by human hands become blessed and holy by the power of God's Spirit and in them we find the source of life and strength for our spiritual journey.

**All: Amen.**

The Words of Institution:

The Mystery of Our Faith: (Responsively)

One: As we prepare to participate in the sharing of the bread and the cup, we celebrate once again the gift of life we have been given and experience together the wonder of God's love as we proclaim again the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ is here!  
Christ will come again!**

The Sharing of the Sacrament:

*You are invited, as the ushers direct, to receive the gifts of bread and fruit of the vine by simple intinction. We request that you observe the sacredness of this time, as others receive the Eucharist, through silent prayer and meditation*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

\*\*The Closing Song: "Dona Nobis Pacem"

Postlude:

\*\* Please Rise As You Are Able

# St. John's Metropolitan Community Church

A **SPOTLIGHT** on Upcoming Events, Activities, and Special  
Announcements

## This Week at St. John's MCC

Sunday, December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilation Service	9:00 am
	Tool Time At Ten	10:00 am
	Celebration Service	11:00 am
	Year-End Congregational Forum	After 11
	Board of Directors Meeting	After Forum
Tuesday, Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6:30 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Potter's Hour Mid-Week Service	7:00 pm
Sunday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jubilation Service	9:00 am
	Tool Time At Ten	10:00 am
	Celebration Service	11:00 am
	Year-End Congregational Meeting	After 11

## Mark Your Calendars Today for These Upcoming Events

December 18, 2016	Transformation Chew & Chat	After 11
December 21, 2016	Special Service of Carols	6:30 pm
December 25, 2016	One Combined Service	10:00 am
January 1, 2017	One Combined Service	10:00 am



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## *Convenient Information to Keep In Mind*

### Rest Rooms:

Two rest rooms are located off the hallway, just before the rear entrance into the worship space. An additional rest room equipped with a changing table is located in the Junior Saints Room.

### Parking for First Time Guests:

Our First Time Guests are cordially invited to park in the spaces specifically provided for them at the Maywood Avenue entrance to, as well as any other available spaces on our Ministry Center property. Additional parking is also available on both sides of Maywood Avenue. We also request that you do not block the entrances to the adjacent business located on either side of the Ministry Center or our neighbor's access to it.

### Parking for Members, Regular Attenders, Choir Members, Leaders and Staff:

St. John's MCC is committed to ensuring that our First Time Guests are treated with the utmost care and attention from the moment they arrive at our Ministry Center. We respectfully request that our members, regular attenders, choir members, leaders and staff, assist us in this vital ministry of welcome by leaving the parking spaces in our on-site parking lot for them during our worship services.

### Always Play It Safe:

While at our Ministry Facility, we strongly encourage you to make sure that you put away and secure any valuables that you may have in your vehicle and lock your vehicle before leaving it.

### Smoking Area:

The smoking area is located at the end of the sidewalk on the left side of the Ministry Center. Please use the ashtray provided. Smoking in the building or near the door entrances is prohibited. Thank you!

# St. John's Metropolitan Community Church

## Church Leadership and Ministry Team

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**Worship Ministry Team Lead:**

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**Fellowship Ministry Team Lead:**

If you are interested in joining of our affinity groups or planning a fellowship opportunity, please see:  
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**Discipleship Ministry Team Lead:**

If you are interested in going deeper in your relationship with God, embody the teachings of Christ and modeling the Christ way of life through one of our Bible studies, please see:  
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**Stewardship Ministry Team Lead:**

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**Church Office Hours:**

**Tuesday : 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday: 3:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

**Thursday: 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

**Meetings with the Pastor(s) can be scheduled  
by contacting the Church Office.**

St. John's MCC is part of the global movement of Metropolitan Community Churches. Together, we are compelled by an unfinished calling and a prophetic destiny. We are a global movement of spiritually and sexually diverse people who are full awake to God's enduring love. Following the example of Jesus and empowered by the Spirit, we seek to build leading-edge church communities that demand, proclaim, and do justice in the world. Learn more about MCC at [www.mccchurch.org](http://www.mccchurch.org)

**Proclaiming Christ by Celebrating . . .**

. . . the joys of a Christian life and the experiences of diversity in worship;

**Transforming Lives by Growing . . .**

. . . in God's grace, equipping people for spiritual living, enhancing interpersonal relationships and developing a thriving diverse community of faith, and;

**Building Community by Serving . . .**

. . . God's church and community, where everyone is equally valued and loved by God and has the ability and responsibility to serve.