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As a diverse and inclusive Christian community, our mission is to empower individuals to connect with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit and equip them to live their faith in just and compassionate ways that will help transform themselves, their neighbourhood and the world.

Advent 1

Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 11:00 a.m.

(* indicates please stand as you are able)

Praising God

Prelude "I Saw Three Ships" arr. Noel Rawsthorne

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Advent!

All: Anticipation.

One: Watching and waiting...

All: with expectant hope!

One: Let us get ready...

All: to be surprised by Christ's presence.

One: Let us worship with a spirit of expectant hope.

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***Processional Hymn (2)** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
(tune:333)

Opening Prayer (unison)

Ever-present God, as we begin the season of Advent, we are actively preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus into our lives. In this time of waiting, help us to remember the gifts Jesus brings to the world. May we come to see and know You better as we begin our Advent journey. Amen.

Candle Lighting The Ariyadasa family and J. Cermak

Candle-Lighting Hymn (5) "All Earth is Waiting" vs. 1, 2

White Gift Project "Eva's Place"

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Invitation

***Hymn (468)** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Eucharistic Prayer

One: God be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift our hearts to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

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

One: Blessed are You, Creator God: You formed the universe in all its wonder, gave us all we could need, and commissioned us as stewards and caretakers of all that You have made.

All: You spoke to Abraham and Sarah: "Go from your country, your family home, to a land I will show you," and so You established a covenant with Israel.

One: You spoke to Moses: "Come, I will send you to Pharaoh to lead my people out of Egypt." And so You delivered Israel from slavery into freedom.

All: Through royalty and revolutionaries, midwives and mediators, wanderers and wonderers, You proclaimed Your gracious way of justice and shalom.

One: In the fullness of time You sent Your beloved child, Jesus, the Anointed One, to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and proclaim that the time of Your favour had come.

All: Through the countryside and in the city Jesus proclaimed Your Holy Will. With signs and wonders, Jesus inaugurated Your gracious reign. With simple acts of love he showed the wonders of Your care.

One: Loving God, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, sanctify these gifts. Pour out Your Spirit upon us all that we, Your people, by Your grace, may remain in faithful covenant with You, with each other and with all the world. So may that day of promise come when we shall feast with You in the banquet spread for all time. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(If able, please come forward to receive the bread to dip in the cup; otherwise the servers will come to you.)

Communion Hymns (480) "Let Us Break Bread Together"
(469) "We Gather Here"
(466) "Eat this Bread" (repeat until all are served)

(to be sung as you come forward for Communion)

Post-Communion Prayer (unison)

We give thanks, O God, that You have refreshed us at Your table. Thank You for touching our deepest needs and for calling us to live in unity and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy so that we may live in a spirit of hope for ourselves and our world. Amen.

(Young people leave for classes.)

Listening to God's Word

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
(In every way, you have been enriched in Christ.)

Gospel Lesson Mark 13:24-37
(Be ready for when the Son of God appears.)

Anthem "Advent Promise" A. Pote
L. Fusé: Oboe

Sermon "Being Prepared with Expectant Hope"

Hymn (626) "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" vs. 1 & 3

Responding to God

Offertory "Old Christmas Carol" César Franck

* **Dedication** (tune: (74) "What Child Is This?")

**Hope in our faith so filled with awe,
Hope in the promise of our God,
Hope for these gifts we offer here,
Use them and us throughout the year.
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

***Prayer**

***Recessional Hymn (633)** "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen** (tune: (48) Hark! the Herald Angels Sing)

**In this Advent time of waiting,
May we serve the Prince of Peace.
Share His love with those around us,
Joy and hope in all increase.
Dream the vision, tell the story,
Healing bring to those in need.
Share the promises once more,
Christ is near, who came before.
Advent comes, the time is here,
Jesus Christ will soon appear.**

Postlude "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Mendelssohn
arr. Berry

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Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 2017

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: L. Hirowatari, D. Honda, J. Bennett,
K. Koyama

Scripture Reader: C. MacLean

Welcome to worship at Bayview United Church. If you are visiting or here for the first time, please sign the guest book located at the main entrance to the sanctuary. Everyone is invited for light refreshments following the service at a cost of \$2.00 per person; children are free. The money raised will go to support the Mission and Service Fund of The United Church of Canada. **Please remember we are a nut-free building.**

Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

Our deepest sympathies to the Robinson family at the passing of Bob on Wednesday, November 29th. Our prayers are with the family during this sad time.

Memorial flowers are placed by the **Kagawa Family**. A 25th year remembrance of dear father, grandfather **Yuji Sasaki**, and 22nd year remembrance of dear mother, grandmother **Sakayo Sasaki**. The lovely Ikebana arrangement is created by **K. Oiye**. If you care to donate flowers for a Sunday morning worship service, in memoriam or for a special occasion, please contact **C. Ichiyen** by Wednesday prior to a service.

Audio CD of the Service: We are able to make an audio copy of the service. If you would like a copy, please speak to B. Kai.

If you would like to obtain a **DVD** of the **Raise the Roof Concert** held on Saturday November 18, 2017, at the church, please contact B. Kai. The cost is \$2.00 for materials.

Hearing Assistance Devices: If you are having trouble hearing the service, we have hearing assistance devices. If you would like to try one, please speak to B. Kai.

Welcomers: Would those individuals who agreed to be welcomers please sign the sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Please wear the special Welcomer nametag. Thank you.

Today, Sun. Dec.3rd – 11:00 a.m. – Advent I Worship Service with Advent candle lighting and the celebration of Holy Communion.

12:30 p.m. – Reiki Session in the library. We are full for this session.

1:00 p.m. – Japanese Language Service in the sanctuary.

Tues. Dec. 5th – 7:30 p.m. – Trustees meeting in the narthex.

Sun. Dec. 10th – 11:00 a.m. - Advent II candle lighting and Creating a Tree of Remembrance: during the service you are invited to place blue stars on the Christmas tree in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away over the years. There will also be a special Christmas presentation by our young people.

12:15p.m. -- A catered turkey lunch will follow the service. **Cost is \$15.00** per person and children are free. Tickets are available from R. Shikaze or L. Fujita and **must be bought by Dec. 3rd** as the lunch is being catered. Tickets will **not** be on sale at the door. Please buy your ticket today.

Sun. Dec. 17th – 11:00 a.m. – Advent III, White Gift Sunday with **Choir Christmas Cantata** and Advent candle lighting.

This year your white gifts will be given to the homeless youth at **Eva's Place**. You can bring new medium sized towels, flat fitted twin size sheets and pillow cases, gift cards from Tim Horton's, Subway or MacDonald's (\$5, \$10, \$15) or money. **Please no white sheets or towels.**

Sun. Dec. 24th – No morning service.

Sun. Dec. 24th – 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Family Service with a Christmas drama, carols, scripture and candle lighting. Come and relive the Christmas story once again!!

Christmas Eve Service: If you can help out by being part of the drama or doing one of the readings, please contact Rev. Cooper as soon as possible.

Sun. Dec. 31st – 11:00 a.m. – New Year's Eve Carol Service
There will be no Sunday school classes.
Please note refreshments will **not** be available following the service.

Japanese Social Services Holiday Drive - We will be accepting cash donations or cheques made out to Bayview United Church marked JSS Holiday Drive. Please place donations in the offering plate. Donations will be accepted until the end of December. Thank you.

Mitten Tree – There will be a mitten tree located in the narthex from Dec. 3rd until Dec. 17th. You are welcome to place mittens, hats, scarves, and gloves on the tree. Thank you.

2018 Directory: We will be issuing a new BUC telephone directory in December.

Winter Coat Drive: We are collecting clean, gently used winter coats again for the Children's Breakfast Club. If you have any, please bring them to the church and advise K. Shikaze or P. Watanabe that you have brought them and we will see that they get to the Children's Breakfast Club for distribution to a child who needs one. **Donate a Coat and Warm a Heart. Thank you.**

BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a friend or even yourself. Please contact B. Marshall or E. Turnbull with your prayer request. Thank you.

Eva's Place: All toiletries, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. are accepted weekly to help the youth at Eva's Place. Please place these items in the **Eva's Place** bin.

Food Bank: On the first and third Sundays of each month, you are invited to bring non-perishable food for the Lansing Food Bank. They especially need items for infants, non-beef soup and canned black beans. Thank you for your support.

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Eyeglasses Project: The Community and Global Team are supporting the Lions Club Sight Program. By recycling old or no longer used eyeglasses and sunglasses, we will be supporting teams of doctors running volunteer eye clinics in many countries. They do not use the cases. **Please leave the glasses in the box at the entrance to the narthex.**

STAMPS: We are collecting used postage stamps for The Leprosy Mission Canada, who sell them to dealers to raise money for medicine, care and rehabilitation for people suffering from leprosy. They prefer that the stamps be cut from the envelopes, leaving about a ¼ inch paper border. The stamps can be left in the **STAMP BOX on the table at the entrance to the narthex.**

Alcoholics Anonymous meets downstairs every Tuesday and Thursday, at 8 p.m. For more information, call our main help line: 416-487-5591. If you have a problem with alcohol, we have the solution.

Next Sunday, Dec. 10th, 2017

Head Usher: M. Kaneko

Ushers: T. & E. Yuan, M. Cruise, D. Fam

Scripture Reader: C. Watanabe