

# Bayview United Church

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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 2: Stars of Remembrance

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 11:00 a.m.

(\*congregation stands as able)

### Praising God

Prelude "The Lord's Prayer" A. Malotte

Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: As we come to this sacred space, may we take time to remember our loved ones who are no longer with us.

**All: May God's presence bring us comfort, healing and peace in our lives.**

One: May we also be like John the Baptist, who calls us to prepare for Christ's coming.

**All: As we follow the Advent road, there are times to remember the past and times to focus on the future.**

One: May our worship support and guide our Advent journey.

\*Processional Hymn (1) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Prayer (unison)

God of Advent promise, we gather to hear Your call for calm and peace in our hearts. Help us to open ourselves to receive Your grace and love wherever we go. May we hear the voice of the angels guiding us to see and experience God's love that came to us in Christ's birth. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting

R. & A. Graham

Candle-Lighting Hymn (5) "All Earth is Waiting" vs. 1 & 3

Christmas Story Created and filmed by the young people

Children's Choir "Happy Birthday, Baby Jesus"  
(Young people leave for classes.)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

God of Hope and Peace, we are waiting for Your Word to be made flesh among us. John the Baptist came to challenge us to prepare the way of Christ. Our preparations can seem overwhelming and difficult at times. Give us the wisdom and determination we need to be open to the mystery of this season. Amen.

Sung Assurance (400) "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"  
(repeat once)

### Listening For God's Word

Hebrew Reading Isaiah 40:1-11  
(Isaiah proclaims the coming of the Lord.)

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:1-8  
(John the Baptist proclaims that someone greater than he is coming)

**Solo** "The Little Road to Bethlehem" Michael Head  
Soloist: P. Cookson

**Sermon** "The Road to Christmas"

**Responding To God**

**Offering** "Swiss Noël" Louis-Claude Daquin

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

**Peace is our hope for all the earth,  
Peace in the promise of new birth,  
Peace now for those both far and near,  
Peace now and all 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**

**Creating a Tree of Remembrance**

(You are invited to bring a star forward and place it on the tree.)

**Prayer of Remembrance**

\***Recessional Hymn (44)** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

\***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** "Christians, Awake!" arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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**Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Head Usher: M. Kaneko**

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

**Scripture Reader: C. Watanabe**

**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 Turkey Lunch following the service.

**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.

In celebration of Advent II, festive poinsettias are presented by **R. & K. Shikaze**. 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.

**The offering envelopes for 2018** will be available for pick-up from the table set up in the narthex.

**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. 10<sup>th</sup> – 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.

**Poinsettia/Gift Volunteers:** please pick up your poinsettias/other gifts in the narthex following the worship service. Bags and boxes are available. If you have any questions please see E. Turnbull. The H&C Team extends heartfelt thanks to D. Domelle and volunteers for their kindness to our shut-ins.

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

**12:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve drama** rehearsal in the sanctuary.

**This year your white gifts** will be given to the homeless youth at **Eva's Place**. You can bring new medium-size 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. 24<sup>th</sup> – No morning service.**

**Sun. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 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 doing one of the readings, please contact Rev. Cooper as soon as possible.

**Sun. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – 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.

**Fri. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 p.m. – Community & Global** ministry team lunch and meeting at I. Kagawa's home.

**Sun. Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Epiphany Sunday**

**Sun. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service**  
**1:00 p.m. – Japanese Language Service** in the sanctuary.

**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. 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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**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.

**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. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Head Usher: B. Jackson**

**Ushers:** J. Takahashi, M. Kitagawa, C. Masuda & P. Widgery

**Scripture Reader:** P. Watanabe