

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 3: White Gift and Christmas Cantata Sunday

Sunday, December 17th, 2017 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "What Child Is This?" arr. Noel Rawsthorne

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Come with gladness!

All: We gather with joy!

One: Come with gratitude!

All: We come with thankful hearts.

One: As we embrace this season with wonder and awe,

All: We cannot contain God's Spirit of delight and mystery!

One: Let us celebrate the joy of God at work in our lives as we worship!

*Processional Hymn (59) "Joy to the World"

Prayer (unison)

God of jubilation, Your exuberant joy is bubbling up inside of us as we gather. The excitement causes us to giggle and wiggle with delight. Help us to continue to feel the happiness we are feeling in our hearts as we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus once again into our lives. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting "Candle of Joy"

L. and M. Clubine-Ito

Candle-Lighting Hymn (5) "All Earth is Waiting" vs. 1 & 4

Presenting Our White Gifts "Eva's Place"

Prayer of Thanks

Hymn (69) "Away In a Manger"
(Children leave for classes.)

Listening For God's Word

Gospel Lesson Luke 1:46-55
(Mary's song of praise.)

Responding To God

Offering "From Heaven to Earth I Come" Reinecke

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

Joyful is how we seek to live,

Joyful in what we each can give,

Joyful in what we speak and hear,

And joy in what we offer here.

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

Choir Christmas Cantata

Let Heaven and Nature Sing Gloria!

(Mark Hayes, music, and John Parker, lyrics)
(Audra Parker, narration)

Narrators: Dianne Domelle & Michael Kitagawa

1. Silver Wings
2. Shepherd's Proclamation
3. Tender Rose of God
4. Song of the Wise Men
5. Let Heaven and Nature Sing!

***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 "Good King Wenceslas" arr. Kevin Olson

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Special Thanks to our music director, K. Quinton, and to the choir members for all their efforts in preparing and presenting such a beautiful cantata.

Many Thanks to D. Domelle and M. Kitagawa for narrating the cantata.

Sunday, Dec. 17th, 2017

Head Usher: B. Jackson

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

Scripture Reader: M. Kitagawa

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.

In Advent III, festive poinsettias enhance "The Spirit of Goodness" of the Christmas season. 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. 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**.

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

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!!

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.

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

Sun. Jan. 7th – 11:00 a.m. – Epiphany Sunday

Thurs. Jan. 11th – 7:30 p.m. – Choir practice in the sanctuary. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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

Wed. Jan. 17th – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway. Everyone welcome.

Wed. Jan. 17th - 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting in the narthex.

Sun. Jan. 21st – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
1:00 p.m. – Council meeting in the narthex.

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 will be available for purchase from L. Fujita starting next week. Cost is \$3 per copy.

BUC Prayer Group: 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

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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.

If you want to attend a Christmas Eve Sunday Morning Service, here are two options:
Lansing United Church, December 24th, 10 a.m. 49 Bogert Avenue, or Lawrence Park Community Church, December 24th, 10:30 a.m. 2180 Bayview Avenue.

Next Service, Dec. 24th, 2017

No Service at 11:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service