

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.

New Year's Eve Carol Service

Sunday, December 31st, 2017 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "When a Child is Born" (Soleado) Zacar & Fred Jay

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Last Sunday we celebrated the birth of Jesus into our world.

All: Today we remember the end of one year and tomorrow we embark on a whole new year.

One: God's call to us today and every day is to serve and honour every ending and every beginning.

All: Let us remember that each day is a gift and we have the choice of how we will live it.

One: As we worship, may we celebrate the gift of Christ's birth and the gift of a New Year!

*Carol (36) "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy God, in this season of longest nights and deepest darkness, we celebrate the Light of the World and the birth of new beginnings. May the Christ of Christmas shape our lives until God's promises are fulfilled in us. Lead us hopefully and confidently into this New Year, and guide our choices to bring joy and love to our world. Amen.

Carols

Congregational Choices

Christmas Prayer (in unison)

God of stable birth, help us to see and feel the wonder of Christmas. Help us see the wonder we knew as children when we could hardly wait, the wonder of Mary and Joseph as they felt the power of Your love, the wonder of the shepherds who heard the great news, the wonder of the magi who bowed and humbly gave, the wonder through all the ages that God would come in such a simple birth. Help us this Christmas season to take time to wonder and celebrate Jesus' birth into our lives and world once again. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

(A time for everything.)

Gospel Lesson Luke 2:21-33; 39-40

(Jesus is named and presented in the temple.)

Reflection "The Gift of Time"

Rev. Cooper

Responding to God

Offering "The Christmas Waltz" Jule Styne & Sammy Cahn

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

Love fills our hearts and overflows,
Love fills our lives, expands and grows,
Loving is how we're called to live.
Loving is how each one can give.

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

Carols

Congregational Choices

Christmas Creed from Latin America (together)

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the power of the gospel, which began in Bethlehem.

I believe in the One Whose Spirit glorified a small village, of Whose coming the shepherds saw the sign, and for Whom there was no room at the inn.

I believe in the One Whose life changed the course of history, over Whom the kings of the earth had no power, and Who was not understood by the proud.

I believe in the One to Whom the poor, the oppressed, the discouraged, the afflicted, the sick, the blind, the leprous gave welcome, and Whom they accepted as Lord and Saviour.

I believe in the One Who, with love, changed the hearts of the proud, and with His life showed that it is more important to serve, than to be served, and that the greatest joy is giving your life for others.

I believe in peace, which is not the absence of war, but justice among all people and nations, and love among all.

I believe in reconciliation, forgiveness, and the transforming power of the gospel.

I believe that Christmas is strength and power, and that this world can change if, with humility and faith, we kneel before the manger.

I believe that I must be the first one to do so.

Anonymous, translated by Joyce Hill

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen (43)** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Postlude "The Christmas Song" Mel Torme & Robert Wells

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Sunday, December 31, 2017

Head Usher: S. Hu

Ushers: H. & I. Kagawa, M. Murakami

Scripture Reader: L. Fusé

Our special thanks to J. Brooker for being willing to play the piano for our service today. You always play so beautifully.

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. **Please note we are not having refreshments after the service today.**

Starting in January, the cost for refreshments after the service will be \$2.50 per person due to the increased cost of Fair Trade coffee.

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

Thank you to everyone who placed flowers or donated towards our flower fund in the past year. Happy Healthy New Year to you and your family. 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.

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. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

1:00 p.m. - Women's Fellowship Circle, General Meeting in Fellowship Hall. Once again we will have R. Luginbuehl, who came last March to speak to us about honey bees & displayed her works as a textile artist. R. Luginbuehle will offer a presentation about art therapy with the Inuit population up north. A foreign-trained physician, she is an art therapist

working in private practice and teaching Medical Art Therapy at the Toronto Art Therapy Institute.

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.

Church Cancellation Notification Procedure: In the event of bad weather conditions it may become necessary to cancel the Sunday worship service. - Here is how the decision will be made and how you will be notified: Rev. Cooper and C. MacLean (alternate K. Shikaze) will have a conversation before 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning and will decide whether or not to cancel the service that day. Those who are on the email list will be notified by 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning, if in fact the service is going to be cancelled. - So, if the weather is bad, please check your email before heading off to church. Others will be notified by telephone by 8:30 a.m., or shortly thereafter.

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.

2018 Directory will be available for purchase from L. Fujita starting Sunday, December 31st. Cost is \$3 per copy.

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 at 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 Service, January 7, 2018

Head Usher: S. Hu

Ushers: J. Nogami & M. Koga, K. Shikaze, R. Bloor

Scripture Reader: B. Haddock