

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.

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 7th, 2018 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "We Three Kings of Orient Are" arr. Noel Rawsthorne

Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: The magi came from many places, following a star.

All: The star sheds light on our world and lives.

One: The magi brought gifts to offer the Christ Child.

All: We too bring gifts—ourselves, our hopes, and our dreams.

One: Shepherds and magi, the meek and the mighty, all were welcomed by the Christ Child in Bethlehem.

All: We too come this day to worship the Christ Child and return home rejoicing.

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***Processional Hymn (91)** "The First Nowell" vs. 1 - 5

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, by the light of a star, You led the magi from the East to worship the Bethlehem child. Hundreds of years later, Your light is continuing to burn brightly in our world. May we take the time to follow Your light and to be inspired by Your presence beaming within and around us. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6

(Arise and shine, for the glory of the Lord is shining on you.)

***Hymn** "Follow the Star" vs. 1 & 2 Fred Joblin

(Tune: 412) "This is the Day"

Follow the star, follow the star

To Bethlehem, to Bethlehem,

Look for the One, look for the One,

Who will bring us peace, Who will bring us peace.

His light will shine for the world to see.

His light will shine for the world to see.

Follow the star, follow the star,

To Bethlehem.

There He is now, there He is now

In His mother's arms, in His mother's arms.

There are the kings, there are the kings

With their gifts so fine, with their gifts so fine.

We bring our love and our praise to sing.

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There He is now, there He is now.

In His mother's arms.

Sharing and Learning Together

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (unison) V.U. pg. 921

***Hymn** "Follow the Star" vs. 3
 Thanks be to God, thanks be to God
 For this baby boy, for this baby boy.
 Thanks be to God, thanks be to God
 For this time of joy, for this time of joy.
 His love will shine through you and me.
 His love will shine through you and me.
 Thanks be to God, thanks be to God
 For this baby boy.
 (Young people leave for classes.)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Like the wise men who followed the star, help us find the guiding principles that will direct our lives to a greater Truth. When we drift aimlessly, or let Your light grow dim within us, inspire us by the example of others. When we see only stars, call us to the deeper understanding of wise ones, until we, too, see signs of Your presence and discover the Way. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: The Light shines in our darkness.
All: The darkness has never been able to put the Light out.
 One: Arise and shine,
All: For we can walk in the light of God's grace. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Psalm 72:1-8
 (Kings are called to rule with justice and righteousness.)

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12
 (The journey of the wise men searching for the new-born king.)

Trio "Lullaby of the Dove" Don Besig/Nancy Price
 Soloists: B. Haddock, E. Scott, J. Brooker

Sermon "God Calling" Rev. Cooper

***Hymn (74)** "What Child Is This" vs. 1, 3

Responding to God

Offertory "Let Us Go to Bethlehem" Bela Bartok

*** 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**

***Recessional Hymn (71)** "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen (298)** "When You Walk from Here" (repeat)

**When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
 Walk with justice, walk with mercy
 and with God's humble care. (repeat)**

Postlude "Rustic Serenade to the Virgin Mary" Hector Berlioz

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Sunday, January 7, 2018

Head Usher: S. Hu

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

Scripture Reader: B. Haddock

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 \$2.50 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.

Flowers in the winter season brightens one's day. 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.

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. 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. She will offer a presentation about art therapy with the Inuit population up north. A foreign-trained physician, R. Luginbuehl 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 is welcome.

Tues. Jan. 16th - 1:00 p.m. - BUC Book Club will meet in the narthex. Free choice of subject or a book you may have received for Christmas. Everyone is welcome. For further information contact D. Worth.

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.

Thurs. Jan. 25th - 2:00 p.m. - BUC Worship Service at Momiji. Everyone is welcome.

Sun. Jan. 28th – 11:00 a.m. – Mission Sunday led by the Community and Global Partnership Team. Following the service there will be a soup lunch. The cost for soup is \$7.00 per person; children are free.

Sun. Feb. 4th -11:00 a.m. – Black History Worship Service with the celebration of **Holy Communion.**

Tuesday, Feb. 6 – 7:15 p.m. – M&P Committee meets in the narthex.

Sat. Feb. 10th - Women's Fellowship Circle Daybreak to be held at Momiji Seniors Centre. All women are welcome. Registration \$10 payable to R. Shikaze. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. Session is from 10:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. **The guest speaker is Rev. J. Toward,** a spiritual intuitive, clairvoyant, and spiritual healer. She will share some

of her story with us and offer individual readings to anyone who would like to receive one. Rev. Toward will tune into your energy field and offer insights into your life.

Sun. Feb. 11th – 11:00 a.m. – Ash Wednesday Worship Service followed by a pancake lunch provided by the men of the church. Cost \$7.00. Children are free.

Annual Reports for 2017 are due on Jan. 28th. Please send reports to the church office at office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sun. Feb. 25, 2018

2018 Address Directory will be available for purchase from L. Fujita. Cost is \$3 per copy.

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.

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.

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.

Amadeus Choir Fundraiser, Songs from a Celtic Heart held on Sat. Feb. 3rd at 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. The choir will perform several well-loved pieces from Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Cape Breton. Location: Jubilee United Church, 40 Underhill Drive, Toronto (DVP/Lawrence). Cost: \$50/40/25 and \$5 off if bought before Jan. 15th. Tickets available from J. Brooker.

Next Sunday, January 14, 2018

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: M. Sakamoto, H. & K. Nagata, C. MacLean

Scripture Reader: J. Brooker