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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 2nd, 2018 11:00 a.m.

(* indicates please stand as you are able)

Praising God

Prelude "Stille Nacht" arr. Max Reger
Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze
Truth & Reconciliation Call to Action 83 D. Domelle
Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: It's Advent!

All: The season of anticipation.

One: The time of hopeful waiting and preparing.

All: But we do not wait and prepare alone.

One: God is with us to help us on our journey.

All: As we worship, let us ready our hearts to receive all the blessings before us this Advent season.

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

Opening Prayer (unison)

We enter, Creator God, into this season of preparation and anticipation, longing to skip ahead and celebrate the coming of Your light into our lives. But in Your wisdom, You slow us down, invite us to breathe deeply and take time to prepare ourselves for Your amazing gift. We know Your Spirit comes to us in unexpected ways, so we pray that we may recognize You at work during this Advent season. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting

R. & A. Graham

Candle-Lighting Hymn (6) "A Candle Is Burning" vs. 1

White Gift Project Na-Me-Res (Native Men's Residence)

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

Hebrew Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

(A descendant of David will be chosen.)

Gospel Lesson Luke 21:25-36

(The Son of God is coming; the parable of the fig tree.)

Anthem “Carol for Advent”

Price/Besig
with L. Fusé, oboe

Sermon “Signs of the Kingdom”

Rev. Cooper

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

Responding to God

Offertory “Arietta”

Edvard Grieg

* **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 "Mary, Did You Know?" arr. Jack Schrader

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Sunday, Dec. 2nd, 2018

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: B. & D. Rivait, P. & T. Takasaki

Scripture Reader: D. Rivait

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 \$3.00 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.

Flowers are in remembrance of dear mother Sally Simpson, born Nov. 24, 1910, and passed Jan.2007. Sally would have been 108 years today. Dearly missed by D. and B. Rivait and family and friends. If you care to donate flowers for a Sunday morning worship service, in memoria or for a special occasion, please contact C. Ichiyen by Wednesday prior to a service.

Please feel free to contact Rev. Cooper anytime, at 416-447-5941 (church office). Thank you.

Call for Christmas Choir Members: Join us for Christmas, and beyond if you wish! All voices are welcome, (particularly sopranos at the moment). Recordings of our music are available and many are on YouTube. Please speak with or email K. Quinton ASAP.

Audio CD of the Service: We can 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.

White Gifts: Our project this year is to support Na-Me-Res (Native Men's Residence) with the following items: men's socks, underwear, pyjamas, men's toiletries, Tim Horton's and Subway gift certificates and monetary donations. Monetary donations will be used to serve the men turkey dinner on

Christmas Day. Gifts may be placed in gift bags or plastic bags and brought to the church on White Gift Sunday, Dec. 16th. They will be collected during the service. Thank you for your support.

Sun. Dec. 2nd – 11:00 a.m. – Advent I Worship Service with Advent candle lighting and the celebration of Holy Communion.

12:30 p.m. - There will be a Sharing Table with items suitable for Christmas. You are welcome to bring in any item you would like to share with the congregation (doesn't have to be Christmas items only). This is a time for all to mingle and have fun choosing a free item to take home.

Mon. Dec. 3rd – 1 p.m. – Bridge Group will meet in the narthex. Everyone is welcome. The Bridge Group meets on the first Monday of each month. Contact J. or J. Bennett.

Sun. Dec. 9th – 11:00 a.m. - Advent II candle lighting and Creating a Tree of Remembrance: during the service you can place blue stars on the Christmas tree in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away over the years.

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

The **Hospitality and Care Team Christmas poinsettias** will be available for presentation on December 9th. Team members, please pick up your poinsettias in the narthex after the worship service. Thank you.

Sun., Dec. 9th - 12:15p.m. -- A catered turkey lunch will follow the service. **Cost is \$20.00** per person and children are free. Tickets are available from L. Fujita, lfujita@gmail.com, and **today is the last day to purchase a ticket** as the lunch is being catered. Tickets will **not** be on sale at the door. So please buy your ticket **today**.

Sunday, December 9th - a unique opportunity to start/finish your Christmas shopping. We have received a very generous donation of several boxes of giftware from the estate of Jamie Ogaki. Items include bowls, plates, Japanese dishes and other items. Many are brand new in boxes. As a fundraiser, we will be selling the items on Sunday, December 9th, so bring your cash and shopping list!! Photos of items may be seen today in narthex before the service or downstairs after the service. For more information, please contact L. Fujita.

Sun. Dec. 16th – 11:00 a.m. – Advent III candle lighting, White Gift and Choir Christmas Cantata.

Sun. Dec. 23rd – 11:00 a.m. – Advent IV with candle lighting and Pre-Christmas Worship Service.

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

If anyone would like to be in the Christmas Eve drama or do any readings in the service, please speak to Rev. Cooper by Dec. 12th.

Sun. Dec. 30th – 11:00 a.m. – New Year's Eve Carol Service
Come and sing your favourite carols.

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. 2nd until Dec. 16th. You are welcome to place

mittens, hats, scarves, and gloves on the tree. The items will be donated to the St. James Food Basket. Thank you.

Lansing United Church (49 Bogert Ave.) Nearly New Shop is now open. They are happy to receive your gently used clothing, toys, kitchenware, shoes, jewelry, baby clothes, bedding, and other linen goods. They cannot accept stuffed toys, appliances, baby furniture or car seats. Items can be dropped off Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and Thursday evenings until 8:30 p.m. Thank you for your support.

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.

Next Sunday, December 9th, 2018

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: J. Nogami, M. Koga, S. & E. Turnbull

Scripture Reader: J. Brooker