

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 16th, 2018 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "The Holly and the Ivy" 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"

The Takasaki Family

Candle-Lighting Hymn (6) "A Candle Is Burning" vs. 1,2,3

Presenting Our White Gifts "Na-Me-Res"

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 "A Music Box Gift" Vladimir Rebikov

* 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

**A New Birth, A New Beginning:
A Christmas Cantata Celebrating
God's Promise Fulfilled**
by John Purifoy

Narrators: R. Graham & M. Kitagawa

Prelude
A New Birth, A New Beginning
Servant of the Lord
And the Glory of the Lord
Song of the Shepherds
O Holy Night
Baby's Born, Hallelu!
In a Stable of Straw
A New Birth, A New Beginning Reprise

*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 "Rise Up, Shepherds, and Follow" arr. Mark Hayes

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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 R. Graham and M. Kitagawa for narrating the cantata.

Sunday, December 16th, 2018

Head Usher: B. Jackson

Ushers: B. & D. Rivait, T. & E. Yuan

Scripture Reader: B. 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.

Poinsettias are placed by M. Sakamoto in fond memories of her loved family. 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.

The offering envelopes for 2019 will be available for pick-up from the table set up in the narthex.

Call for Choir Members: All voices are welcome, (particularly sopranos at the moment). Recordings of our music are available and many are on YouTube. Please contact K. Quinton.

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.

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

White Gifts: Our project this year is to support Na-Me-Res (Native Men's Residence). Thank you for your support.

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

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

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!!

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

Please note refreshments will **not** be available following the service.

Sun. Jan. 6th – 11:00 a.m. – Epiphany Sunday

Sun. Jan. 13th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
1:00 p.m. – Japanese Language Service in the sanctuary.

Wed. Jan. 16th – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome to attend.

7:00 p.m. – Worship team meeting in the narthex.

Sun. Jan. 20th – 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 – Today is the last day to give gifts for the mitten tree located in the narthex. 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 close friend or 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.

Sunday, December 23rd, 2018

Head Usher: B. Jackson

Ushers: M. Cruise, C. MacLean, P. Widgery, P. Watanabe

Scripture Reader: P. Tibbles