

Bayview United Church

2609 Bayview Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M2L 1B5
416-447-5941

Website: www.bayviewunitedchurch.ca

Email: info@bayviewunitedchurch.ca

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol Service

Monday, December 24th, 2018 7:00 p.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "In the Bleak Midwinter/Away in a Manger"
arr. Phil Perkins

Welcome C. MacLean

Musical Interlude

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 C. MacLean
Carol (64) "O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 1 & 2

Call to Worship

One: God of angel songs and shepherd surprises.

All: God of bright stars and stable warmth.

One: Shine through our hearts,

All: And sing through our lives.

One: Surprise us with joy and wonder,

All: As we come to worship the newborn King!

***Carol (60)** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs. 1, 3, 4

Opening Prayer (unison)

O God of Wonder, tonight is a Holy Night of memories and mystery. Our prayers, like search lights, comb the starry

winter skies. Like the shepherds and sheep, we too come to Bethlehem for a blessing. Fill this night with the promises of hope and love so that our faith may lighten any dark places of our lives. Transform our old dreams which have not come to pass into new dreams which find a birthing place this night. And together let us proclaim, "Peace and goodwill to all!" Amen.

First Lesson Matthew 1:18-23 I. Kagawa
Trio "Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella" Old French Carol
arr. Hawley Ades
Soloists: L. Lazar, B. Haddock, P. Cookson

Second Lesson Luke 2:1-7 H. Kagawa
Carol (69) "Away in a Manger" vs. 1 & 2

Third Lesson Luke 2:8-18 D. Rivait
Solo "O Holy Night" Adolphe Adam
Soloist: M. Butler

Fourth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11 B. Rivait
Carol (91) "The First Nowell" vs. 1 & 3

Story "A Christmas Recruit" by Patrick Matthews
Told by Rev. Cooper

Offering "Swiss Noël" Louis-Claude Daquin

* **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!**

*** Offering Prayer**

Carol (38) "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Christmas Drama "The Broadcast" By Michael Tatum
Adapted by Rev. Cooper & presented by the Drama Group

Christ Candle Lighting D. Domelle

Carol (67) "Silent Night, Holy Night"
(Please be very careful as you light & hold your candle.)

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen (59) "Joy to the World" vs. 1, 2 & 4

Postlude "Christians, Awake" arr. Noel Rawsthorne

We welcome everyone to the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. May the Spirit of Christmas warm your hearts this night. Please join us for light refreshments following the service.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the service: those in the drama, those reading, the soloists and those helping with refreshments. Thank you for giving of your time during this busy season of the year!

Ushers: B. and D. Rivait

There will be a Carol Service on Sunday, December 30th, at 11:00 a.m., to celebrate the season of Christmas.

**Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year!**