

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.

First Sunday After Christmas Carol Service

Sunday, December 30th, 2018 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "The Coventry Carol" with "Away in a Manger"
arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome & Announcements
Musical Interlude K. Shikaze

Call to Worship

One: Like Joseph, we are called to listen for the voice of God.

All: Like Mary, we are called to birth a blessing.

One: Like the angels, we are called to sing God's good news.

All: Like the shepherds, we are called to gather around the Christ Child.

One: Like Jesus, we are called to live out God's purpose for our lives.

All: Today we rejoice at the good news.

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One: Come let us celebrate the birth of Jesus, who is our Light of the World!

***Carol (35)** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" vs. 1 & 2

Opening Prayer (unison)

Great Musician, Composer, and Conductor of creation's symphony, we sing to You our praises. Help us in our worship to create harmonies that unite us as Your people. Guide our lives with rhythms and melodies that carry us forward in a spirit of joy and awe this day. As our Singer and our Song, serenade us with Your music of hope and beauty for ourselves and for 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 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
(God blesses the boy Samuel.)

Gospel Lesson Luke 2:41-52
(Jesus as a boy learns in the temple.)

Solo "I'll Be Home for Christmas" Kim Gannon/ Walter Kent
Soloist: P. Tibbles

Carols: "Good King Wenceslas" Rev. Cooper
"Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"
"Rudolph, The Red Nosed Reindeer"

Responding to God

Offering "Pifa" George Frederic Handel

* **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**

***Carol (48)** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Postlude "O, How Joyfully" with "Joy to the World"
C. Berry

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Sunday, December 30th, 2018

Ushers: J. Bennett, M. Griffiths, M. Kitagawa

Scripture Reader: R. Bloor

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.**

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 memoria or for a special occasion, please contact **C. Ichiyen** by Wednesday prior to a service.

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

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

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. 30th – 11:00 a.m. – Carol Service
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.

Thurs. Jan. 24th – 2:00 p.m. – Worship Service at Momiji. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. Jan. 27th – 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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

Sunday January 6th, 2019

Ushers: L. Hirowatari, M. Kaneko,
H. and C. Ichiyen

Scripture Reader: H. Ichyen