

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 1 Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, December 1st, 2019 11:00 a.m.

(* indicates please stand as you are able)

Praising God

Prelude "Silent Night" arr. Max Reger
Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean
Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Advent!

All: Anticipation.

One: Watching and waiting...

All: with expectant hope!

One: Let us get ready...

All: to be surprised by Christ's presence.

One: As we worship, let us sing great praises to God who enriches our faith with hope.

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

Opening Prayer (unison)

Ever-present God, as we begin the season of Advent, we are actively preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus into our lives. In this time of waiting, help us to remember the gifts Jesus brings to the world. May we come to see and know You better as we begin our Advent journey. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting "Candle of Hope"

P., P., and V. Watanabe

Candle-Lighting Hymn "Give Us Hope for the World"

(tune: Give Us Oil)

Give us hope for the world, while we're waiting,
Give us hope for ourselves, we pray,
Give us hope for Your love and Your healing,
Give us hope for a brand new day.

Chorus: Light a candle, light a candle

Light a candle while we wait and pray.

Light a candle, light a candle,

Light a candle of God's hope.

White Gift Project Lansing Food Bank

Young People's Music Group "Sing for Peace" D. Gagne

Celebrate Advent

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 at 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 Isaiah 2:1-5
(Let us walk in the light of God.)

Gospel Lesson Matthew 24:36-44
(No one knows the hour.)

Anthem "Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?" Robert Lau

Sermon "Advent Surprises" Rev. Cooper

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

Responding to God

Offertory "A Music Box Gift" Vladimir Rebikov

* **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 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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Today, December 1st, 2019

Head Usher: E. Turnbull

Ushers: H. & I. Kagawa, S. Turnbull, D. Fam

Scripture Reader: M. Kitagawa

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 in Fellowship Hall 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 As we journey into the Advent Season, may the spirit of Christmas bring peace on earth to you and your families and friends. This morning's poinsettias are placed by D. Domelle and R. and K. Shikaze.

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.

If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please send them to M. Leone at office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca or call 416-447-5941 by Wednesday.

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

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.

Sun. Dec. 1st – 11:00 a.m. – Advent I Worship Service with Advent candle lighting and the celebration of Holy Communion.

The Youth Class will meet on December 1st.

12:30 p.m. - Sharing Table with a Christmas theme.

Everyone is welcome to participate and have fun choosing a free item to take home.

12:45 p.m. – Joint Trustees and Property and Administration Team meeting in the narthex.

Sun. Dec. 8th – 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.

12:15 p.m. -- A catered turkey lunch will follow the service.

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

Tues. Dec 10th - 1:00 p.m. - BUC Book Club will meet in the narthex. Free choice of subject. We welcome new people to join us. For further information contact B. Marshall.

Sun. Dec. 15th – 11:00 a.m. – Advent III candle lighting, White Gift and Special Choir Music.

Sun. Dec. 22nd – 11:00 a.m. – Advent IV candle lighting. Pre-Christmas Service.

12:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve drama rehearsal.

Tues. 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. 29th – 11:00 a.m. – Carol Service. Come and sing your favourite carols.

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

Sun. Jan. 5th – 11:00 a.m. – Epiphany Sunday

Christmas Eve Service: 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. 8th.

Our annual turkey lunch will be held on Sunday, December 8th. Catered by Ian James Catering with music by R. Finney and M. Loo. Tickets are now available and must be purchased before December 2. Cost is \$20 per person and children under 12 are free. Takeout is also available. For tickets, please contact L. Fujita or call the church office to reserve.

Our caterer, Chef Ian, is selling smoked-cheese boards and is making them available to BUC members at a discounted price. These are great ideas for Christmas shopping. There are a variety of options available. You can purchase a full-size cherrywood cheese board with smoked Cheddar cheese, smoked Manchego cheese, crostini, olive oil, candied pecans and smoked almonds, or create your own combination. For further information or to place an order, please contact L. Fujita. Orders must be placed by December 8th and delivery will be made in mid-December.

Children's Breakfast Club Winter Coat Drive

Again this year we are collecting winter clothing for the Children's Breakfast Club. They are accepting for children and adults (clean, warm, good quality, new or gently used):

- COATS
- SWEATERS

Please bring any items to the church and place them in the area outside the upstairs washroom.

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: You are invited to bring mittens, hats and scarves to place on the Christmas tree or in the box below the Christmas tree between Sun. Dec. 1st and Sun. Dec.15th. The items collected will go to support people in need at the St. James Food Basket.

The choir needs YOU!!!

All congregation members who have time and enjoy singing are invited to join the choir. A long commitment is not essential. Special recordings of our music are sent to you for practice, and YouTube videos are available for many anthems online, if you are not able to come to Thursday evening (7:30) practice. Some of our members have always participated in this way. We are flexible, friendly, helpful, and every voice type is welcome. Please speak with K. Quinton.

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 close friend or yourself. Please contact M. Sakamoto or E. Turnbull at 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 8th, 2019

Head Usher: E. Turnbull

Ushers: D. Honda, L. Hirowatari, S. Turnbull, M. Kaneko,

Scripture Reader: R. Bloor