

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 2: Stars of Remembrance

Sunday, December 8th, 2019 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "The Shepherds at the Manger" Franz Liszt

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: As we come to this sacred space, may we take time to remember our loved ones who are no longer with us.

All: May God's presence bring us comfort, healing and peace in our lives.

One: May we also be like John the Baptist, who calls us to prepare for Christ's coming.

All: As we follow the Advent road, there are times to remember the past and times to focus on the future.

One: May our worship support and guide our Advent journey.

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***Processional Hymn (5)** "All Earth Is Waiting"

Prayer (unison)

God of Peace, John the Baptist came out of the wilderness calling the people to prepare the way of the Lord. We too are in the wilderness, waiting to be called out by name.

Call us, O God, into a loving and fulfilling relationship with You and one another. Help us to prepare our lives and hearts for Your coming once again into our world. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting "Candle of Peace"
The Takasaki Family

Candle Lighting Hymn "Give Us Peace for Our World"
(tune: Give Us Oil)

Give us peace for our world, while we're waiting,
Give us peace for ourselves, we pray,
Give us peace from our fears and from worry,
Give us peace 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 peace.

Creating a Tree of Remembrance
(you are invited to bring a star forward and place it on the tree.)

Prayer of Remembrance

Hymn (278) "In the Quiet Curve of Evening" vs. 1 & 3
(Young people leave for classes.)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Transforming God, You know as we journey in Advent that we live in a world filled with chaos and upheaval, a world where there are people who do not value human life and

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Today, December 8th, 2019

Head Usher: E. Turnbull

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

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. Everyone is invited for Turkey Lunch following the service. **Our special thanks to Chef Ian** for cooking the Turkey Lunch for us today. Delicious as always!

Please remember we are a nut-free building.

We extend a warm welcome and thank you to R. Finney and M. Loo for singing and playing guitars for our postlude and during our turkey lunch. Thank you both for coming and sharing your gift and love of music with us.

Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

This morning's poinsettias are placed by K. Saito in fond memory of her very good friend Vera.

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.

H&C Team and presenters: please pick up your poinsettias in the narthex after the worship service/luncheon. Bags and boxes will be provided. Many thanks to D. Domelle and to the H&C Team and friends for presenting poinsettias to our shut-ins.

H&C is having a **second Sharing Table on December 15th**, due to low attendance on Dec. 1st.

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.

This year your white gifts will be given to **Lansing Food Bank**, to support people in the community in need of support. You can give canned and boxed foods along with hair shampoo, soaps, deodorants, tooth paste and brushes, toilet paper, house cleaners such laundry soap, dish soap, etc. Cooking oil is also in demand. Baby needs are very minimal. On White Gift Sunday, Dec. 15th, you are invited to donate items or give a financial donation to support the Food Bank. **Thank you for your generosity to this important cause.**

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 call B. Marshall.

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

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.

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

Sun. Jan. 12th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

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

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 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 email 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 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 15th, 2019

Head Usher: K. Koyama

Ushers: J. Nogami, M. Koga, K. Shikaze, T. Takasaki

Scripture Reader: D. Rivait