

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 Special Christmas Music by the Choir

Sunday, December 15th, 2019 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "Christ Was Born on Christmas Day"

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Happiness comes and goes as quickly as a change of clothes.

All: But joy is everlasting, bubbling up like a spring that cannot be contained.

One: So, let us rejoice and give thanks,

All: For it is God who is the source of our joy!

One: Let us celebrate the joy of God as we prepare to welcome the Christ Child once again into our lives!

***Processional Hymn (59)** "Joy to the World"

Prayer (unison)

God of exuberant Joy, You break forth into our darkness, giving us joy in our sorrow and comfort in our loneliness. Fill us with Your eternal joy that will enable our hearts to overflow with jubilation this day. Help us to continue to experience this joy, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus once again into our lives. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting

"Candle of Joy"

The Cermak and Ariyadasa Family

Candle-Lighting Hymn "Give Us Joy for Our World"

(tune: Give Us Oil)

Give us joy for our world, we are aching,

Give us joy for ourselves, we pray,

Give us joy for the wonder of living,

Give us joy in living life Your Way.

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 joy.

The Story of White Gift

Presenting Our White Gifts

"Lansing Food Bank"

Prayer of Thanks

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

(Children leave for classes.)

Responding to God

Offering "Whence Comes This Rush of Wings?"

César Franck

* **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

Special Choir Christmas Music

First Reading Luke 1:26-33; 38

"Ave Maria" Bach/Gounod
P. Watanabe, soloist

Second Reading Luke 2:1-7

"No Room!" Beall/Althouse

Third Reading Luke 2:8-14

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
James Montgomery/Otto Abel

"Le Sommeil de l'Enfant Jésus"
harmonized by Raymond Daveluy

Translation of "Le Sommeil de l'Enfant Jésus"

Between the cow and the donkey
**sleeps the little boy. A thousand divine angels, a thousand
seraphim fly around this great God of Love.**
Between the roses and the lilies...
Between the pretty little shepherd children...

"Sure on this Shining Night"
Agee/ Lauridsen

"Christmas Day" (medley of Christmas songs)
Gustav Holst

***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 "Good King Wenceslas" arr. Kevin Olson

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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 beautiful Christmas music.

Thank you P. Watanabe for singing such a beautiful solo today.

Today, December 15th, 2019

Head Usher: K. Koyama

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

Scripture Reader: D. 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 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.

Festive Poinsettias lift our spirits as we celebrated Advent. 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. 15th – 11:00 a.m. – Advent III candle lighting, White Gift and Special Choir Music.

This year your white gifts will be given to **Lansing Food Bank**, to support people in the community in need of support. **Thank you for your generosity to this important cause.**
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.

Wed. Jan. 15th – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome.

Sun. Jan. 19th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

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: Thank you for your generous support. 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

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Ushers: H. & K. Nagata, K. Saito, G. Omoto

Scripture Reader: B. Rivait