

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.

Epiphany Sunday

Sunday, January 5th, 2020 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "We Three Kings of Orient Are" J.H. Hopkins Jr.
arr. Noel Rawsthorne

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze
Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Last week we gathered around the manger to peer at the Holy Child.

All: We saw in the Christ Child the opportunity for new promise and possibility.

One: Today as we put the final pieces of the story into place,

All: We welcome the Magi with their regal gifts.

One: May their presence and gifts enlighten our lives and inspire our worship.

***Processional (81)** "As With Gladness Men of Old" vs. 1-3

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, in the dignity and wisdom of the Magi, we too open the secret chambers of our hearts, the locked boxes of our possessions, and present the Christ Child with gifts. We offer gold of gladness, frankincense of faithfulness, and myrrh of mercy. May light from the ancient East gladden our hearts, brighten our way, and bring us joy through the Bethlehem of new birth. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6

(Arise and shine, for the glory of the Lord is shining on you.)

*Hymn "Follow the Star" vs. 1 & 2 Fred Joblin

(Tune: 412) "This is the Day"
Follow the star, follow the star
To Bethlehem, to Bethlehem,
Look for the One, look for the One,
Who will bring us peace, Who will bring us peace.
His light will shine for the world to see.
His light will shine for the world to see.
Follow the star, follow the star,
To Bethlehem.

There He is now, there He is now
In His mother's arms, in His mother's arms.
There are the kings, there are the kings
With their gifts so fine, with their gifts so fine.
We bring our love and our praise to sing.
We bring our love and our praise to sing.
There He is now, there He is now.
In His mother's arms.

Sharing and Learning Together

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (unison) V.U. pg. 921

***Hymn** "Follow the Star" vs. 3

Thanks be to God, thanks be to God
For this baby boy, for this baby boy.
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God
For this time of joy, for this time of joy.
His love will shine through you and me.
His love will shine through you and me.
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God
For this baby boy.

(Young people leave for classes.)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Dawning Light, we emerge from the dark long nights of winter, into Your promise of a new day. Yet we are sorry that so often we let Your light grow dim within us. Each day can seem ordinary – the same food, the same television shows, the same activities. We can approach each day as if we are watching the same old movie. Bring us new energy and light, O God, for each new day. Enlighten us with new ways to experience our daily lives. And help us follow Your star to brighter days. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: The Light shines in our darkness.

All: The darkness has never been able to put the Light out.

One: Arise and shine,

All: For we can walk in the light of God's grace. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Psalm 72:1-8

(Kings are called to rule with justice and righteousness.)

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

(The journey of the Wise Men searching for the new-born king.)

Anthem "Do You See a Star?" John Parker/Larry Shackley

Sermon "Epiphany Moments" Rev. Cooper

***Hymn (92)** "In the Darkness Shines the Splendour" vs. 1, 4

Responding to God

Offertory "The Christmas Tree", Op. 36 #2 Niels Gade

*** 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**

Prayers of the People

***Recessional Hymn (91)** "The First Nowell" vs. 1 – 5

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen** (tune: (48) Hark the Herald Angels Sing)

**Now our waiting time is over,
now we greet the Prince of Peace,
Blessed be His Holy presence,
may His joy in all increase.
Now the promises of ages,
are fulfilled before our eyes.
Sing God's praise forevermore;
Christ is here who came before.
Join with angels' praise sublime,
Christ is here at New Year's time.**

Postlude "Joy to the World" Handel, arr. Mark Hayes

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Today, January 5th, 2020.

Head Usher: S. Hu

Ushers: T. and E. Yuan, J. Bennett, T. Takasaki

Scripture Reader: J. Bennett

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.

Altar Flowers are placed by D. Yamashita and the Liddle family. A twelfth year remembrance of a dear wife, mother and grandmother, Kikue [Kay nee Konishi] Yamashita.

The beautiful orchid plant is presented by J. Maikawa and family. A first year remembrance of Tom, dear husband, father, and "Papa".

Kay and Tom are forever in the hearts of their families.

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.

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.

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

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. 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
1:00 p.m. – Council meeting in the narthex.

Thurs. Jan. 23rd – 2:00 p.m. – Worship Service at Momiji. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. Jan. 26th – 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.

Sun. Feb. 2nd – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service with the celebration of Holy Communion.

Tues. Feb. 4 – 7:15p.m. - M&P meeting at in the narthex.

Annual Reports for 2019 are due on Feb. 2nd. Please send reports to church office, office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sun. March 1st, 2020.

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 contact 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, January 12th, 2020.

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: H. & K. Nagata, M. Griffiths, M. Kitagawa

Scripture Reader: C. MacLean