

# Bayview United Church

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## Worship Service

### Zoom Audio Call

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## Advent III: Candle of Joy

### Blue Christmas Remembrance

Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:00 a.m.

#### Moment of Silent Reflection:

**Excellence** is giving our very best to any task we do and any relationship we have. Within us are many possibilities. Excellence hones our talents and turns them into gifts for the world. Excellence requires us to practice humility by learning from mistakes. Each time we do something, we seek to improve it, to keep raising the bar. Excellence is effort guided by a noble purpose. It is ongoing mastery. It flows when we are doing what we love. The perfection of a seed is the fruit that grows from it. Excellence in our lives brings our gifts to fruition. (The Virtues Project)

## Page 2 Praising God

**Prelude** "Joy to the World" Isaac Watts  
arr. N. & R. Faber A. Graham, piano



### Words of Welcome

#### Call to Worship

This is the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

Happiness comes and goes...  
as quickly as a change of clothes.  
But joy is everlasting, bubbling up...  
like a spring that cannot be contained.  
So, let us rejoice and give thanks...  
for it is God who is the source of our joy!

In this sacred time of worship...  
we remember our loved ones...  
no longer physically with us.  
May God's presence bring us comfort and healing...  
hope and peace in our hearts.  
Let us celebrate God's majestic presence...  
as we worship with joy in our hearts!

**Opening Prayer (together)**

God of hope, peace and joy, You break forth into our darkness, giving us joy in our sorrow and comfort in our loneliness. Your exuberant joy bubbles up inside of us as we gather. The excitement causes us to giggle and wiggle with delight. Help us to continue to feel the happiness we are feeling in our hearts as we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Amen.

**Hymn (1)** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs.1,2,6,7

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lowly exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.**
- 2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
who orders all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go. **R**
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, from on high,  
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight. **R**
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind;  
O bid our sad divisions cease,  
and be for us the Prince of Peace. **R**

**Advent Candle Lighting** "Candle of Joy"  
R. and A. Graham



**Candle Hymn (6)** "A Candle is Burning" vs. 1,2,3

- 1 A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,  
a candle of hope in December's dark night.  
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,  
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.
- 2 A candle is burning, a candle of peace,  
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:  
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;  
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.
- 3 A candle is burning, a candle of joy,  
a candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.  
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow  
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

**Prayer for Grace (together)**

**Compassionate and wise Counselor, happiness comes and goes as quickly as a change of clothes, yet Your joy and delight in creation is everlasting. Help us find joy among the challenges we face each day. Keep us mindful of the good things in our lives and help us to believe**

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in delights yet to come. Give us reason to leap for joy in this season of miracles. Amen.

**Assurance of Grace**

God gives us the wisdom and energy we need to find inner joy in our hearts each day. Let us rejoice in God's light with us. Amen.

**Hebrew Lesson** Zephaniah 3:14-20 C. MacLean  
(Sing, people of Israel, God will bring you home.)

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 1:39-45 C. MacLean  
(Mary visits Elizabeth.)

**Anthem** "People Look East" E. Farjeon, arr. V. Ryan  
BUC choir (2019)

**Sermon** "Leaping for Joy" Rev. Cooper

**Solo** "I Wonder as I Wander" John Jacob Niles  
arr. Amy Potter L. Lazar, soprano

**Responding to God**

**Candles and Stars of Remembrance**

(You are invited to light a candle, real or battery, or write names of loved ones on the blue star.)



**Prayer of Remembrance**

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**Hymn (494)** "Those Hearts That We Have Treasured"

1 Those hearts that we have treasured, vs. 1  
those lives that we have shared,  
those loves that walked beside us,  
those friends for whom we've cared,  
their blessing rests upon us,  
their life is memory,  
their suffering is over,  
their spirits are set free.

**Minute for Mission**

D. Domelle

**Hymn (59)** "Joy to the World" vs. 1, 2

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:  
let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

**Commissioning and Benediction**

Do not fear, for God is with you;  
Do not be dismayed, for our God  
Will strengthen you and help you;  
God will uphold you with a righteous right hand  
And give you peace. (Isaiah 41:10)  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.

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**Choral Amen** (tune: 48 Hark! the Herald...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** "The Wexford Carol" trad. Irish carol  
arr. for piano & orchestra by Joseph Martin

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**Thank you** for joining our Zoom audio and video worship service today. We hope you found the worship service a meaningful experience.

**White Gift Project:** On **White Gift Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**, you are invited to give a financial contribution to support projects at the Fred Victor Centre. Fred Victor Centre is a social service charitable organization that fosters long-lasting and positive change in the lives of homeless and low-income people living across Toronto. Every day, more than 3,000 people use their programs and services. Please send a donation to BUC and we will forward one donation on behalf of the church to the Centre. Thank you for your support!

**Many thanks** to B. Kai, J. Brooker and R. Kunihiro for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service.

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Thanks to R. and A. Graham for reading our Advent Candle liturgy. Thanks to C. MacLean for reading our scriptures. Thank you to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

**Special thanks** to A. Graham for playing the prelude this morning. It is always lovely to hear you play the piano.

**Today, Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, Advent III**, the candle of **Joy** will be lit and **Blue Christmas Service**. You are invited to write the names of your loved ones who have passed away over the years on a blue star from the newsletter or bulletin or you can light a candle (battery or real) in their memory.

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, Advent IV**, the candle of **Love, Pre-Christmas Service with special music and celebration of White Gift**. Our White Gift money donations will go to support Fred Victor Centre. Thank you for your support.

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Family Service with carols, solos, scriptures, a Christmas dramatic reading and Christ candle lighting**. Let's celebrate the joy and magic of the Christmas story together!!

**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, Please note: We will not have a service.**

**Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – Zoom Christmas Jeopardy Night**. If you enjoy watching Jeopardy, you might like to play Rev. Cooper and Rev. Prebble's version. Test your Christmas trivia

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knowledge from your own home by using our Sunday morning Zoom link. Play individually or as a household. If you email or call Rev. Cooper, she will email or mail a worksheet to write your answers on.

**Zoom in and join the fun!**

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, Epiphany Sunday.** We celebrate the arrival of the Magi who visited Jesus.

**Japanese Social Services Holiday Drive.** If you would like to support the Holiday Drive, please send a donation to Japanese Social Services (Holiday Drive), 6 Garamond Ct #235, North York, ON M3C 1Z5. Thank you.

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

**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 Rev. Cooper or R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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**God bless you**, stay well, and we hope you join in next week...same day, same time, same Zoom number and video link.



**Have a blessed day!!**



(You can write the names of loved ones on the star.)