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Worship Service

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Advent IV: Pre-Christmas Service with Special Music and White Gift Sunday

Sunday, December 18th, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.” — **Martin Luther King Jr.**

“’Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all.”— **Alfred Lord Tennyson**

“When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they can seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it--always.”— **Mahatma Gandhi**

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude "Once in Royal David's City" Cecil F. Alexander/Henry J. Gauntlett, arr. Rodney Abriol



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

The God of Love is with us as foretold by the prophets...

...as seen in the story of Joseph and Mary

...as heard in the song of the angels to the shepherds

...as seen in the star leading the wise men.

We believe God is with us when our hearts are moved with the wonder of God's love.

Let us show God is with us through our words of love and acts of caring.

May we celebrate God is with us in our worship.

Opening Prayer (together)

God of the coming One, Your labour of love has begun. Soon the earth will be in the throes of new birth. You have promised a child leaping in the world's womb will exceed our hopes and expel our fears. May we, like Mary, celebrate Your promise of new life. Help us support one another as we open our hearts to feel the love and mystery of this season. Amen.

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

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**

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 Love"

T. and R. Takasaki
P. and T. Takasaki



Candle Hymn (6) "A Candle is Burning" vs. 1,2,3,4

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.

4 A candle is burning, a candle of love,
a candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

White Gift Offering Massey Centre

Prayer of Thanks

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Carol (48) "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" vs. 1 & 3

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King!'**

3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. **R**

Celebrating God's Love in Word & Song

Hebrew Reading Isaiah 7:10-16 J. Brooker
(The people ask for a sign, and God promises the
birth of Immanuel.)

Anthem "Sounds of Advent" Lee Dengler
BUC choir (Dec. 2022)

Gospel Lesson Luke 1:39-45 J. Brooker
(Mary visits Elizabeth.)

Anthem "Call the Baby Jesus"
Michael Barrett/Joseph Martin (Dec. 2016)

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Story "A Brother like That" Don Clark
Read by Rev. Cooper

Anthem "Away in a Manger" (medley) Mark Hayes
BUC Choir (Dec. 2022)

Story "Taffy Twist" Sandra J. Payne
Read by Rev. Cooper

Solo "When A Child is Born"
Zoe Birkett instrumental style version
P. Watanabe, contralto

Story "The Happy Parasite" Read by Rev. Cooper

Anthem "Calypso Carol" Michael Perry
BUC Choir (Nov. 2022)

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.
(Irish blessing)

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 "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy"
(Nutcracker Suite) - Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

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 18th**, you are invited to give a financial contribution to the church and say it is for Massey Centre.

Massey Centre is a client-centered infant and early childhood mental health organization which supports pregnant and parenting girls and women, aged 13-25. They believe in the dignity, value and potential of each young woman and baby served. With donors' support, each young mom has access to prenatal and postnatal care, learns how to care for her baby, completes her education, and develops the skills needed to build a successful life and relationship with her baby. Thank you for your support!

Many thanks to J. Brooker, R. Kunihiro and B. Kai for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to the Takasaki family for reading our Advent Candle liturgy. Thanks to J. Brooker for reading our scriptures. Thank you to K. Quinton and L. Lazar for inspiring us with their music.

Special thanks to P. Watanabe for your solo this morning. It is always lovely to hear you sing.

Many thanks to our choir for recording Advent and Christmas anthems for this year. It is so nice to hear you all together again.

Today, Sunday, December 18th, 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 Massey Centre. Thank you for your support.

Saturday, December 24th, 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 25th, Please note: We will not have a service.

Sunday, January 1st, 2023, Please note: We will not have a service.

Sunday, January 8th, Epiphany Sunday. We celebrate the arrival of the Magi who visited Jesus.

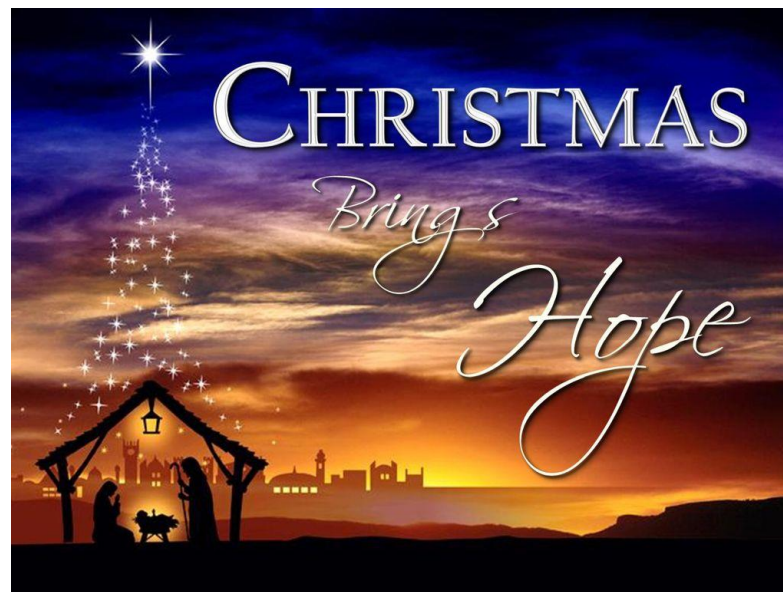
Japanese Social Services Holiday Drive. If you would like to support the Holiday Drive, please send a donation to Japanese Social Services (Holiday Drive), 6 Garamond Ct #235, North York, ON M3C 1Z5. Thank you.

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 email Rev. Cooper or call R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

You can support Bayview United Church using **e-transfer** from your bank. Decide the amount you wish to donate, follow your bank's instructions & email to: office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca. In the comments section, indicate where you would like your donation to go, for example Local, Mission and Service, Easter, Memorial, etc. If you do not use e-transfer you can always mail your cheque to the church. Thank you for your support of BUC.

God bless you and we hope you join in on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m.



Have a blessed day!!