

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

The downtown church for a diverse city

For thousands of years this land has been the traditional home of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. It is still home to Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We are grateful to work, live and worship on this land.



Sunday, November 25, 2018
Reign of Christ

*We hope that you will find in the Worship Service food for faith and a doorway to God. Metropolitan is an **Affirming Congregation**. We welcome people of all sexual orientations to worship and minister among us.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

CARILLON PRELUDE 10:30 a.m. outside, ending with

Prelude on "The King's Majesty"

Milford Myhre

ORGAN PRELUDE AND CANDLELIGHTING

Prelude in E-flat Major

Trio on "All Glory Be to God on High"

Johann Sebastian Bach

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN #512 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

Abbot's Leigh

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (Opening liturgy is adapted from Psalm 68)

One: Sing to God. Sing praises to the sacred name. Lift up your voice to the one who rules on the earth like a giant, and plays among clouds like a child.

All: **God gives a home to the desolate, and leads those imprisoned to prosperity. You restored your heritage when it languished. You go out before your people when we are on the move.**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pray. (all seated)

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

One: Your solemn processions are seen making their way into the sanctuary. Singers in front, musicians all around them. The children run ahead, laughing and clapping their hands.

All: **May you always be sought and honoured in your sacred congregation, for you are the fountain of life in a weary season.**

One: Summon your might, O God; show your strength as you have done before. You give the command, and the company of preachers brings tidings of great joy.

All: **Everything changes when you cleanse the heart and claim the land. Then there is forgiveness for confession, food for hunger and the hope of heaven for the wintry earth.**

SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

KYRIE (ALL) #69 *More Voices* *Kyrie eleison (God have mercy)*

Kervin

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: As seedtime blesses the earth with promise, and harvest crowns the year with bounty, so God's spirit forgives and renews.

ACT OF PRAISE (All) #104 *More Voices*

Trad., Congo

Mungu, ni mwema, mungu ni mwema, mungu ni mwema, ni mwema, ni mwema.

Know that God is good, Know that God is good,

Know that God is good, God is good, God is good.

READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4-9; Psalm 84

⌋(indicates a congregational response – please stand as you are able)

ANTHEM *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* from *Requiem*

Johannes Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. Blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name evermore!

Sung on this Sunday in 1918 to celebrate 100 years of Methodism in Toronto

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:16-20

ONE: One community of faith bears witness to another. Across the years, we feel what they have seen and known. The Spirit moves us. The witnessing becomes strong and shares one voice.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.

ENCOUNTERING THE CHILD WITHIN

All children and youth are invited to make their way to Sunday School. Please follow the teachers.

HYMN #567 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Kelvingrove

SERMON "Called to Preach: Je me souviens!" The Rev. Dr. David McKane

ANTHEM *Grace to You*

Patricia Orr/William Wright

Congregation, remaining seated, joins on verse #4

Originally written and sung for Malcolm Sinclair's 25th anniversary



1) And Grace to you, whose name is on my heart - whom
2) And Grace to you, whose name is on my heart - whom
3) And Grace to those whose shel - ter is your home -. Safe-
→ 4) And Grace to you whose name is on my heart - whom



I have known whom I have loved for e - ver. I
I have known whom I have loved for e - ver. I
- guard their trust their pro - mise to a - bide -. They
→ I have known whom I shall love for - ev - er. And



gave you words and voice to be my instru - ment, to
gave you words and voice to be my instru - ment, to
give you love that you might find your hea - ven, this
→ in the end no sha - dows to con - found you, you'll



→ heal the soul from long and grim for - get - ful - ness.
heal the soul from long and grim for - get - ful - ness.
day this hour in e - very touch of ten - der - ness.
see at last what you - have ---meant to me.

♪PEACE GREETING

One: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

♪AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK

OFFERTORY SOLO *Sing Unto the Lord*

Gisele Kulak, soprano

G. F. Handel

♪THE OFFERTORY HYMN #540 (All)

Stuttgart

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.**

**Grant us time and inspiration, with a vision old and new,
that our goal in all our loving may be reached in loving you.**

♪GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray. (all seated)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (all) (*Voices United*, p. 921)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

♪RECESSIONAL HYMN #504 *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

Repton

COMMISSIONING

BLESSING (All) #429 (Please turn toward the centre)

William Wright

May the blessing of God be upon you. May God's love light all your way. May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay. May the Spirit of God dwell within you. May you live in joy each day.

ORGAN POSTLUDE AND CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

Fugue in E-flat Major (St Anne)

Johann Sebastian Bach



LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Dr. David McKane**, **The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair** and **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea**. Reading the lessons is **Roslin Sinclair**. The ministry of music is offered by the **Metropolitan Choir** conducted by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright** and by the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Michael Oldaker**.

CARRYING THE BANNER is **Janice Andrews**.

GREETER is **Leesa Kopansky**.

USHERS are **Sarah Cotterill**, **Kenneth Younie**, **Alan Cotterill**, and **Roy Tomlinson**.

All are welcome to share in coffee and conversation after the service.

We welcome the Rev. Dr. David McKane, the Minister Emeritus of First-St. Andrew's United Church in London, Ontario, to our pulpit this morning. David and Malcolm have been the best of friends for fifty-three years, and have experienced exciting careers in ministry and life, together. There is no one more fitting to speak about Dr. Sinclair's ministry than this Irish friend and Wizard.



The flowers in the sanctuary are in celebration of Malcolm's 30 years of ministry at Metropolitan.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

	Monday, November 26	
10:00 a.m.	Art Program	Metropolitan Centre
	Saturday, December 1	
1:30 p.m.	VCA Stories Project	Chancel Room
	Tuesday, November 27	
6:30 p.m.	Open Studio Night	Metropolitan Centre
7:00 p.m.	Silver Band rehearsal	Sanctuary
	Wednesday, November 28	
7:00 a.m.	OOTC Chop Chop Group	Met Kitchen
	Thursday, November 29	
7:30 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast	Fran's Restaurant
11:00 a.m.	OOTC Met Luncheon	Metropolitan Centre
6:30 p.m.	Metropolitan Handbells	Nursery
7:30 p.m.	Metropolitan Choir	Chancel Room
	Friday, November 30	
10:00 a.m.	Art Program	Metropolitan Centre
	Saturday, December 1	
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Study	Nursery
9:30 a.m.	Greening of the Church	Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY: December 2 *First Sunday in Advent/Sacrament of Communion*

- 9:30 a.m.** Communion Service in the Founders' Chapel
"The Righteous Branch"
The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea
- 9:45 a.m.** Metropolitan Sparklers, Choristers, *Great Heart* Met Centre, Chancel Room and Morley Punshon
- 10:00 a.m.** Library Open (re-opens 12:15 p.m.)
- 10:00 a.m.** One Question Bible Study Board Room (Northeast corner)
- 11:00 a.m.** Morning Service and Church School
"Cauldron of Cleansing" The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair
Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36
- 12:15 p.m.** Congregational meeting Sanctuary

SAVE THE DATE: On **Sunday, December 2** there will be a congregational meeting after the Sunday service to review the 2019 budget. Budget documents will be available **November 25th**.

MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS

VISUAL AND CREATIVE ARTS FALL HAPPENINGS: Open Studio Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the **Metropolitan Centre**, (acrylics, pencil, pastels, some supplies provided!) all levels welcome! A friendly encouraging space facilitated by local artist Luis Estores.

DONATIONS NEEDED: The Visual and Creative Arts Committee is accepting donations of wool and yarn, knitting needles, patterns or other supplies. If you should find yourself with extra, please consider dropping it off in the church office. *Thank you.*

THE METROPOLITAN SILVER BAND: Silver Band has a new CD! Get your copy of the band's much anticipated new recording today - *Sacred Brass !!* This recording includes all the gorgeous sacred standards for brass band that you have enjoyed over the years at our services. Contact Michele for your copy at or let the main office know.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

NEXT GEN NIGHT – Attention young people (and the young-at-heart): Join us at **6:00 p.m. tonight on Sunday, November 25** at the Imperial Pub (on Dundas) for fellowship, discussions and a few beverages. Email your RSVP to Rebecca.schoenhardt@rbc.com.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH – **Saturday, December 1** from **9:30 a.m. to noon**. Come help put up our traditional decorations.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - On **Sunday, December 9**. You are invited to join the preparation team! We prepare Friday, December 7 and Saturday, December 8 from 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.. **RSVP The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea.**

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – On **Sunday, December 16**. You are invited to join the Nativity Pageant team! Rehearsals are Saturdays, December 8 and 15 from 10:00 a.m.-noon. **RSVP The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea.**

CHRISTMAS AT QUEEN - On **Monday, December 24**. You are invited to join the Outdoor Nativity Pageant team! Rehearsals are Saturdays, December 15 and 22, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. **RSVP The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea**.

OUTREACH

OUT OF THE COLD VOLUNTEERS: We're asking for volunteers to help with early morning food preparation on Wednesdays and also on Thursdays at noon to help with clean-up, dishes, etc. Please contact **Kathy Priestman** at **416-691-5808**.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR OUT OF THE COLD GUESTS: Please help Met give Christmas gifts to our guests. Gift list is at Met Connect table. Gift bin will be in the Narthex next week.

COOKIE BAKERS make possible a much-loved addition to the Thursday Out of the Cold meals. Tins will be left in the Narthex Sunday mornings; cookie donations may be left there.

SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE

FLANDERS LIBRARY: "Great Leaders of the Christian Church" edited by John D. Woodbridge is a collection of 64 articles about Christian church leaders. Each article contains brief chronology of life, general introduction and detailed biographical sketch. You can find this book in our library. The Library is open from 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:15-1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

FAITH IN ACTION

RENEW! RESTORE! REJOICE! OUR THIRD CENTURY CAMPAIGN: Metropolitan's carillon has been an integral part of our congregation's music and worship life for 96 years. Major restoration work is needed to keep the bells safely ringing. Gifts to our Third Century Campaign will ensure this happens. Please pray for the enthusiastic support from every household when our campaign launches next year. To God be the Glory, great things God has done!

STEWARDSHIP, 2018: Every household will have received a letter from Tim Gorley, Chair of our Official Board, inviting estimates of giving for 2019. Thanks for returning your estimate soon. And thank you for your generous annual gifts to the ministries of Metropolitan United Church.

WHAT WILL OUR CHURCH BE LIKE IN 3018? Only God knows but there is a way we can keep Metropolitan vibrant, active and reaching out into the world for generations to come. Please remember our church with a gift in your will. A gift of any amount, directed to any one of our programs or ministries can make a real and lasting difference. For information contact Doug Flanders (416) 769-2746; email dougflanders@sympatico.ca ***A legacy — It's ours to leave.***

*There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down
and lifting people up.*

- John Holmes

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