

# 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.*



**Candlelight Carol Service**  
Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 7:00 pm  
Metropolitan United Church

*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

THE PEW-END CANDLEHOLDERS ARE FRAGILE – PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THEM.

**CARILLON PRELUDE** (6:30 p.m. outside) Roy Lee, Carillonneur

**PRELUDE** *Noël Grands Jeux et Duo*

*Chorale Prelude “Es ist ein Ros’ Entsprungen”*

*Noël: Où S’en Vont Ces Gais Bergers*

*Noël: Puer Nobis Nascitur*

L.-C. Daquin

Lionel Rogg

Claude Balbastre

Jean-François Dandrieu

**INTROIT** *Conditor Alme Siderum/Creator of the Stars*

Sarum plainsong, text 6<sup>th</sup> century

Creator of the stars of night, thy people’s everlasting light, Jesus, Redeemer of us all, hear thou thy servants when they call... Puer nobis nascitur (to us a boy is born) ...

**(Congregation, please stand)**

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**Tune: Puer nobis nascitur #348**

**Come, thou, Redeemer of the earth, and manifest thy virgin birth.**

**Let every age adoring fall: such birth befits the God of all.**

**Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit, thou art still  
the Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised fruit to us displayed.**

**From God the Father he proceeds, to God the Father back he speeds;  
his course he runs to death and hell, returning on God’s throne to dwell.**

**Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, and darkness breathe a newer light,  
where endless faith shall shine serene, and twilight never intervene.**

**Whence sky, and stars, and sea’s abyss, and earth, and all that therein is,  
shall still, with laud and carol meet, the Author of thine advent greet.**

**All laud, eternal Son, to thee whose advent sets thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray. (all seated)

One: O God, you are your people’s everlasting light. The heavens are bright with creativity.  
The earth is aglow with welcoming love.

**All: Here and there, we lift our own small lights to you, in prayer, and praise and  
ministry. Here and everywhere, you kindle a flame in us. You open the way and  
lead us home. You are your people’s everlasting light. Amen.**

♪ indicates a congregational response. Please stand as you are able.

**CHOIR** *Creator Blest of Every Star (Conditor Alme Siderum)* G. P. da Palestrina  
Creator blest of every star, eternal light of Christians' way; Saviour of all, near and far, Blest Jesu, come to us, we pray. When earth was near its evening hour, thou didst in love's redeeming power, like bridegroom from his chamber, come forth from a maiden mother's womb. To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, three in one, praise, honour, might and glory be from age to age eternally.

**READING** 1 Corinthians 15: 1-2, 21-22 For as in Adam...

**CHOIR** *Adam Lay Ybounden* Boris Ord  
Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond; four thousand winter thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, ne had never our lady a been heavene queen. Blessed be the time that apple taken was, therefore we moun singen *Deo gracias!*

**READING** Isaiah 11:1-4, 6 From Jesse's line comes our hope...

**CHOIR** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* arr. Hugo Distler  
Text at Hymn #8

**READING** Micah 5:2-5a The glory of little Bethlehem is foretold...

**♫CAROL #64** Forest Green

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!**  
**Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;**  
**yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;**  
**the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,**  
**While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.**  
**O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,**  
**And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.**

**How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!**  
**So God imparts to human hearts the blessed gift of heaven.**  
**No ear may hear his coming; but in this world of sin,**  
**Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;**  
**cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.**  
**We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;**  
**O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

**READING** John 1:1-5, 14, 18 In the beginning was the Word...

**HYMN: #61** (remain seated) Divinum Mysterium  
**Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,**  
**Christ is Alpha and Omega, Christ the source, the ending He,**  
**of the things that are and have been, and that future years shall**  
**see, evermore and evermore.**

**At his word the worlds were framed. He commanded, it was done:  
heaven and earth and depths of ocean in their threefold order one;  
all that grows beneath the shining of the moon and burning sun,  
evermore and evermore.**

**This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long-expected; let creation praise its Lord,  
evermore and evermore.**

**READING:** John 1 : 6 - 7, 19-23

John prepares the way...

**HYMN #20**

Winchester New

**On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry announces that the Lamb is nigh,  
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of Kings.**

**Then cleansed be every life from sin; make straight the way for God within;  
and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.**

**Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and help us rise to fall no more.  
O let your face upon us shine, and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won;  
and praise to God whom we adore, with Holy Spirit evermore.**

**READING** Luke 1:26-38

The Angel Gabriel salutes Mary...

**CHOIR** *Over the mountains*

Johannes Eccard

Over the mountains goes Mary, cousin Elisabeth to see. Elisabeth the Spirit moves to honour Mary whom she loves, and call her God's own mother dear, and Mary sings with joy to hear: My soul the Lord exalteth, my heart in God rejoices; He is our Saviour, fear the Lord, he ever shall be merciful.

**READING** Luke 2:1-7

Luke tells of Jesus' birth...

**CHOIR** *O Magnum Mysterium*

Morten Lauridsen

O great mystery and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in their manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

**CAROL #69 (congregation seated)**

Cradle Song

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**READING** Luke 2:8-14

The angels and shepherds...

**CHOIR** *Hodie Christus natus est*

William Mathias

Today, Christ is born, Alleluia! Today, the Saviour appears, Alleluia! Today, on earth angels sing and archangels praise. Today, the just exult, saying, Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth. Alleluia! Soloists: Valeria Kondrashov, Nicholas Higgs

♪**CAROL #48**

Mendelssohn

**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!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail, the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

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

**OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK**

**GREAT HEART** *I Believe in Father Christmas*

arr. Benjamin Stein

♪**OFFERTORY CAROL #55**

Cranham

**In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, In the bleak midwinter, long ago.  
What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.**

**READING** Luke 2:15-20

The shepherds go to the manger...

**CHOIR** *My Lord Has Come*

Will Todd

Shepherds, called by angels, called by love and angels; no place for them but a stable. My Lord has come. Sages, searching for stars, searching for love in heaven; no place... His love will hold me, his love will cherish me, love will cradle me. Lead me to see him, sages and shepherds and angels, no place for me but a stable. My Lord has come.

**PRAYER**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN #60

Adeste fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:

come and behold him, born the King of angels:

*Refrain:* O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, light of light, lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;

very God, begotten, not created

*Refrain:* O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;

glory to God in the highest:

*Refrain:* O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

See how the shepherds summoned to his cradle, leaving their flocks, draw nigh  
with lowly fear; we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

*Refrain:* O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

*Refrain:* O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

## COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

*Congregation, please be seated*

**CHORAL RESPONSE** *O Gracious Light*

Conditor alme siderum

O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shone. Immortal, holy, blest is He, and blest are you, His holy Son. Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, Lifegiving Lord; wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven adored. Greek, 3<sup>rd</sup> century

**POSTLUDE** *Toccata on "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"*

David Willcocks



Participants in this evening's service include **The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair**, Minister; **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea**, Minister; **Frank Cairns**, Property Manager; **Michael Oldaker**, Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar; **Timothy Wisnicki**, Junior Organ Scholar; **Tim Gorley**, Chair of the Official Board; **Tracy Pratt**, Chair of the Music Committee; **James Nixon**, President of the Metropolitan Choir; **Dr. Linn Holness**, Chair of the Worship Committee; **Roy Lee**, Carillonneur; **Dr. Patricia Wright**, Minister of Music. The music is led by the **Metropolitan Choir and Handbells** conducted by **Dr. Patricia Wright** and **Great Heart** conducted by **Benjamin Stein**. Carrying the Advent Torch is **Ian Mahaffy**.

**Greeters** are **Andrew McGee** and **Carol Kitney**.

**Ushers** are **Alan Cotterill**, **Sarah Cotterill**, **Jennifer McDonald**, **Alastair McDonald**, **Terry Kelly**, and **Gunn Wongsuwan**.

**THE METROPOLITAN CHOIR** \*INDICATES A LEAD SINGER

**Soprano:** Vesta Andrews, Lorraine Eddie, Sally Keeley, Gisele Kulak\*, Cheryl Lake, Mercy Mandac, Jennifer Martyn, Alice Sellwood, Heather Walsh, Chelsea Van Pelt\*

**Alto:** Janice Andrews, Dorcas Beaton, Constance Dille, Elizabeth Fox, Chris Taeyoung Kim\*, Valeria Kondrashov\*, Carol Matthews, Margaret Metcalfe, Amanda O'Halloran, Stephanie Parkin, Lynn Patterson, Priscilla Sahayam

**Tenor:** Charles Davidson\*, Ian Mahaffy, James Nixon, Benjamin Stein\*, Timothy Wisnicki

**BASS** Michael Fitzgerald, Nicholas Higgs\*, David Hughes, Fred Keeley, Michael Oldaker, John Schneider\*, Michael Thomas (guest singer)

### **THE METROPOLITAN HANDBELLS**

Janice Andrews, Vesta Andrews, Elizabeth Fox, Vicki Harris, Linn Holness, Mary Ellen Jones, Jeff Laitar, Susan MacLean, Margaret Metcalfe, Rosemary Mok, Amanda O'Halloran, Sylvia Xie

**GREAT HEART:** Asha Ayuyao Woolrich, Finn Ayuyao Woolrich, Georgia Brady, Iain Brady, Nicholas Brady, Charlotte Mallia, Andrew McGrenere, Seamus McGrenere, Cyrus Walker

## **UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

<b>Monday, December 17</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Celtic Christmas Labyrinth Walk – Yule Fire</b> The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea, Ben Stein, theorbo
<b>Sunday, December 23</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Communion in the Founders' Chapel "Look With Favour" The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship "Seeds of Wonder" The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair <i>A Ceremony of Carols</i> with the Metropolitan Choir and harp
<b>Monday, December 24</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>Christmas Eve</b> <i>Christmas at Queen</i> - Pageant on the front steps "Hope Is a Star" The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea
10:45 p.m.	Organ Prelude
11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Communion Service "Miracle of Permanence" The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair The Metropolitan Choir, Dr. Patricia Wright and Michael Oldaker, organists
<b>Tuesday, December 25</b> 11:00 a.m.	<b>Christmas Day</b> Christmas Day Worship "Day of Daylight" The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair Dr. Patricia Wright, organist
<b>Sunday, December 30</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>First Sunday after Christmas</b> Communion in the Founders' Chapel "A Great Light" The Rev. Dr. Kari Tolppanen
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship "Touch of Destiny" The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair The Metropolitan Choir, Dr. Patricia Wright, organist

**OUR CHRISTMAS THANK OFFERING:** Throughout the year on special occasions, we are invited to make an additional gift to support our many ministries and programs here at Metropolitan Church. Thank you for your prayerful and generous support. Our gifts enable hearts to be moved and lives to be transformed. **Your donation can be provided as follows:**

- Online giving: Go to [www.metunited.ca](http://www.metunited.ca). Click "Donate Now"
- Credit card donations: Call Elena at the church office at (416) 363-0331, ext. 29
- Mail your cheque to Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen Street East, M5C 2Z3
- Use the Christmas Offering envelope placed in the pews for your cheque or cash offering
- Offering plates will be passed from aisle to aisle.
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## Office closure:

The church office will be closed for the holidays on Dec 25<sup>th</sup> and re-opens on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

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