

# 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, January 20, 2019**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

*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 am outside, ending with:**

*The Day You Gave Us*

settings by Beverly Buchanan and Roy Lee

### **BAND PRELUDE** *Elvis' "An American Trilogy"*

arr. Goff Richards

*Suite from Hymn of the Highlands*

Philip Sparke

1. Ardross Castle, 2. Alladale (Michele McCall Flugelhorn, Rita Arendz Tenor Horn, Cameron McCracken Baritone)  
3. Dundonnell

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN #264** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

St. Denio

### **INVITATION TO WORSHIP** (Opening liturgy is adapted from Psalm 36)

One: God's anchoring love extends to the heavens. Faithfulness embraces us like a cloud.

**All:** What is good and right stands strong like a mountain. Good judgement holds all in good hands.

One: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray.

### **PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION**

One: You are a great Mother Bird, larger than life, more powerful than all enemies, tender as the softness of your nest, and, in courage, more tenacious than the sharpness of your talons.

**All:** You bring nourishment from near and far. You watch us with seasoned eyes as we fledge.

One: When the time is right, and the air is warm, you bid us fly, downward to the duties of the earth, and upward to the glories of heaven, our eternal home.

**All:** Continue your steadfast love to your brood. Grant us grace to be good to one another in the nest, and fair and kind to one another in the air.

One: As the passing scene is yours, so let faith in your presence and leadership be ours. Forgive us our false flights and grant us a true migration.

### **SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER**

### **KYRIE ELEISON (ALL) #69 More Voices**

Kervin

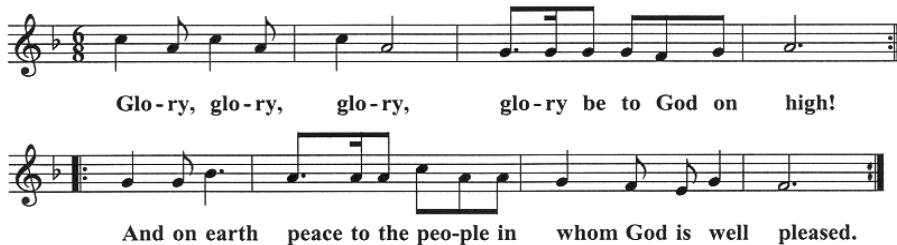
*Kyrie Eleison (God have mercy)*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: There is a lamp lit in the window of Heaven. God is at home for us and we are at home in God. Let us live in the light of our forgiven life.

♪(indicates a congregational response - please stand as you are able).

## ♪ACT OF PRAISE (All)



**READINGS** Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

### **ANTHEM** *'Tis Winter Now'*

Paul Halley

'Tis winter now; the fallen snow has left the heavens all coldly clear; through leafless boughs the sharp winds blow, and all the earth lies dead and drear. And yet God's love is not withdrawn; His life within the keen air breathes; His beauty paints the crimson dawn, and clothes the boughs with glittering wreaths. And though abroad the sharp winds blow, and skies are chill, and frosts are keen, home closer draws her circle now, and warmer glows her light within. O God! Who gives the winter's cold, as well as summer's joyous rays, us warmly in thy love enfold, and keep us through life's wintry days. Samuel Longfellow

### **GOSPEL READING** John 2:1-11

One: Here then is light: old light from glory, bright light from wisdom, fair light from faithful following. Here is Christ, alive in text and expectation.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Thanks be to God for the light.**

### **ENCOUNTERING THE CHILD WITHIN**

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

### ♪HYMN #352 *I Danced in the Morning*

Simple Gifts

### **SERMON** "TIPSY LAIRD"

The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair

### **ANTHEM** *Christ the Apple Tree*

Stanford E. Scriven

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit, and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive; it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

### ♪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 MUSIC**    *Coins in a Fountain*  
                                  *Great Heart*

Michael David Rosenberg

### ♪THE OFFERTORY HYMN (All)

Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low;  
Give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

### ♪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.**

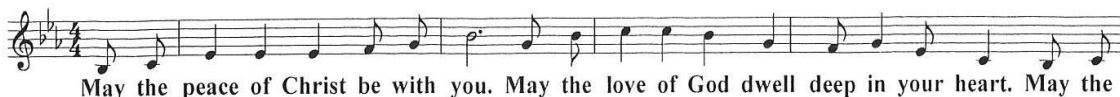
### ♪RECESSIONAL HYMN *The Day You Gave Us (please see insert)*

St. Clement, #437

### ♪COMMISSIONING

## BLESSING (All-please turn toward the centre)

Izumi Shiota



## BAND POSTLUDE AND CANDLE EXTINGUISHING *Old Time Religion*

arr. Piet Hamers



**LEADING IN WORSHIP** this morning are **The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair** and **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea**. Reading the lessons is **Vera Taylor**. The ministry of music is offered by the **Metropolitan Choir** conducted by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**, by the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Michael Oldaker**, by Junior Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki**, by the **Metropolitan Silver Band** conducted by **Fran Harvey**, and by **Great Heart** conducted by **Benjamin Stein**.

**CARRYING THE BANNER** is **Ian Mahaffy**.

**GREETERS** are **Jean Robison** and **Fran Parkin**.

**USHERS** are **Terry Kelly**, **Wilbert Ward**, **Toba Bryant**, **Carolyn Pack**.

Please join the congregation today immediately following the service to honour Malcolm's retirement. We will have a light lunch, followed by the celebration and then dessert. As Malcolm will leave the sanctuary immediately after the service on January 27th, our celebration today will be your opportunity to chat with him and wish him well.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, January 21

**10:00 a.m.** Art Program

Metropolitan Centre

### Tuesday, January 22

**7:00 p.m.** Silver Band rehearsal

Sanctuary/Chancel Room

### Wednesday, January 23

**7:00 a.m.** OOTC Chop Chop Group

Met Kitchen

**5:30 p.m.** Official Board

Chancel Room

### Thursday, January 24

**7:30 a.m.** Prayer Breakfast

Fran's Restaurant

**11:00 a.m.** Out of the Cold Met Luncheon

Metropolitan Centre

**6:30 p.m.** Metropolitan Handbells

Nursery

**7:30 p.m.** Metropolitan Choir

Chancel Room

### Friday, January 25

**10:00 a.m.** Art Program

Metropolitan Centre

### Saturday, January 26

**8:30 a.m.** Breakfast Bible Study

Nursery

## NEXT SUNDAY: January 27 *Third Sunday after Epiphany*

9:30 a.m. Communion Service in the Founders' Chapel

"This Day Is Holy"

The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea

9:45 a.m. Metropolitan Sparklers and Choristers

Met Centre

10:00 a.m. Library Open (re-opens 12:15 p.m.)

11:00 a.m. Morning Service and Church School

"Something in the Way She Moves"

The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

12:15 p.m. *Great Heart*

Sanctuary

**Note: No verbal announcements will be given on January 27**

### Changes in the church office

**Elena Pejcinovska** has a new title, Financial Manager, in support of her evolving role over the last nine years at Met. **Jaclyn Kumer**, our Office Administrator, will be leaving Metropolitan on January 25. Jaclyn has been the cheerful face of reception for over four years, skillfully managing the front office. We wish her well in her future endeavours. **Sheela Taylor**, who has been providing support work for Jaclyn as well as Elena since last September, will continue at Met for the near future as we reassess our administrative needs.

## MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS

The **Metropolitan Sparklers, Choristers, and Great Heart** always welcome new children and teens to these Sunday groups. Anyone interested should speak with Dr. Patricia Wright.

**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.*

**Music at Metropolitan** brochures are available in the Narthex and on the Met Connect table. We have five concerts in the winter/spring season, and our next concert is on Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. with Ariel Harwood-Jones, Valeria Kondrashov, and instrumentalists including *Musicians on the Edge* presenting Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* and other Neapolitan masters. Admission is \$20.

**STORY PROJECT UPDATE:** Wondering what's happened to the story project we've been working on? We're editing the 75 stories you've submitted and will be launching the book at the AGM, March 31!

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED:** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Computer experience would be an asset. Please see Eva Breeze after church or leave your name and phone number at the office.

**NEXTGEN:** Let's reconnect at the Imperial Pub for a Beer & Bible night on January 21st at 6:00 p.m. RSVP with Rebecca at ([schoenhardtbecca@gmail.com](mailto:schoenhardtbecca@gmail.com)).

**MET CARE:** We are a group of 8 people who meet regularly to keep in touch with those in our congregation who may need special care. We would be pleased if someone else wished to join this

committee. We meet on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month, September – June. Contact William Wright ([wrightmcawley@gmail.com](mailto:wrightmcawley@gmail.com)).

**MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRY:** from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, on Saturdays, March 16, 23, 30, & April 6. Reception Sunday will be Palm Sunday, April 14.

## ***OUTREACH***

**YOUR HOMEMADE COOKIES ARE NEEDED FOR OOTC - Cookie Bakers** make possible a much-loved addition to the Thursday meals. Tins are available in the Narthex and your cookie donations can be returned there. Thank you!

**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**.

## ***SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE***

**FLANDERS LIBRARY:** The book "Brand Luther: 1517, Printing and the Making of the Reformation" by Andrew Pettegree was added to our book collection last year. Andrew Pettegree is a British historian and one of the leading experts on Europe during the Reformation. The Library is open 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:15-1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

**LUNCH AND LEARN:** Metropolitan's Peace & Social Justice Committee is hosting a lunch and learn on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> after service in the Met Centre. The guest speaker is Peter Haresnape who is a contributor to 'Unsettling the Word', a recently published book that explores the opportunities for 'Biblical experiments in Decolonization'. His is one of over sixty responses to Biblical passages from both Indigenous and settler writers, exploring colonialism, spirituality and resistance.

## ***FAITH THROUGH ACTION***

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD:** The Official Board and Trustees of Metropolitan United Church acknowledge with thanks gifts received in 2018 from the estates of the late Jean Stinson and the late Christine Sproule. Faithful in life. Faithful in death. To God be the Glory.

**THANK YOU FROM OUT OF THE COLD:** Your Out of the Cold Steering Committee is deeply grateful for those who knitted or crocheted toques, scarfs and mitts for our Thursday meal guests. Sincere thanks as well to the many within the congregation who donated purchased items for our guests. Gifts were distributed just before Christmas and recipients were so appreciative. Thank you for your continued help. Men's sizes are needed most; solid colours preferred.

**OUR THIRD CENTURY CAMPAIGN:** Planning continues for the launch of our major capital campaign in March. Our gifts will be used to repair the carillon, restore our sanctuary and completely refurbish the McGill Square park. Already, gifts are beginning to flow in. Through our collective support, we shall reach out financial target!

**THROUGH THE AGES:** Metropolitan has been in the heart of Toronto for over 200 years, thanks to the loyalty and generous support of its members. By sustaining that loyalty, our church will continue to flourish as it begins its third century. One way you can help Metropolitan to thrive in future is by remembering it with a gift in your will. For information, please contact Doug Flanders (416) 769-2746; email [dougflanders@sympatico.ca](mailto:dougflanders@sympatico.ca) ***A legacy — It's ours to leave.***

*No person was ever honoured for what he received. Honour has been  
the reward for what they gave. — Calvin Coolidge*

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