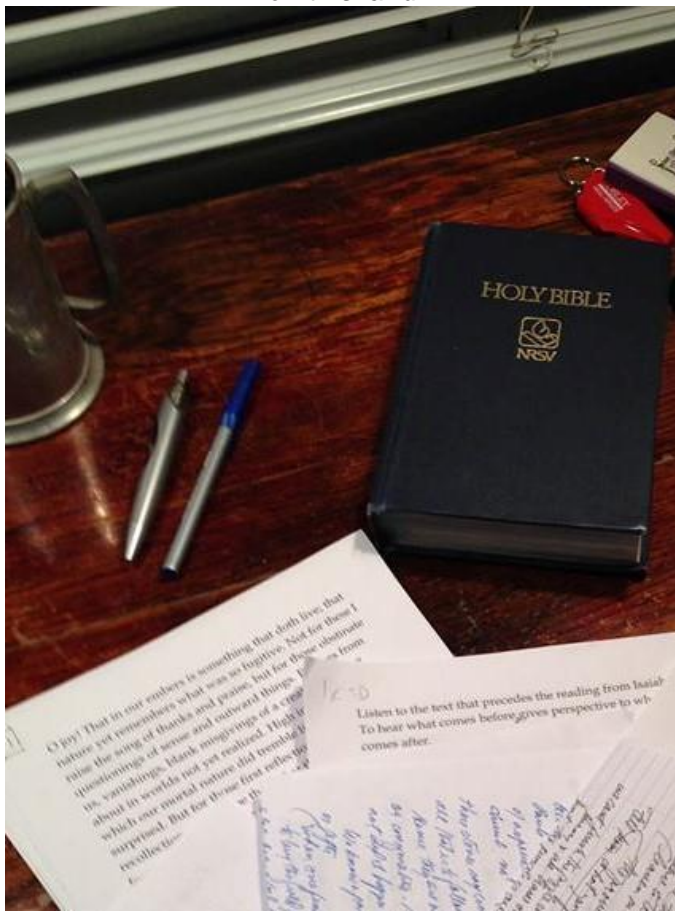


Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

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 27, 2019 Third 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:

Prelude on "Veni Creator"

Ronald Barnes

ORGAN PRELUDE From "*Music for the Royal Fireworks*"
Overture/ Rejoicing/ The Peace/Bourée/Minuet Finale
Two Variants on "Kelvingrove"

G. F. Handel, arr. E. Power Biggs

Gilles Leclerc

(commissioned in 2013 by Patricia Wright for Malcolm Sinclair's 25th anniversary at Metropolitan)

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN #533** *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

Engelberg

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (Opening liturgy is adapted from Psalm 19)

ORGAN *Variation on "Veni Creator"*

Maurice Duruflé

CHOIR Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial fire; thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

One: Bright are the days when you are near. You are like the sun rising early, and floating across the sky to give life; a feeling of a wedding day, with excitement and promise for the way ahead.

All: You are the strength of our life, the framework beneath the facade, the energy surging through the wires. Nothing is hidden from you, nor beyond your touch.

One: Your laws is perfect, reviving the soul. Your gift of our human nature is sweeter than honey.

All: Open us to the gift of awe, for when awe is in the air, the hands are clean, the way is clear and the hopes for the future are high.

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)



Glo-ry, glo-ry, glo-ry, glo-ry be to God on high!



And on earth peace to the peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.

CHORISTERS *Blessing*

Katie Moran Bart

READINGS Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

ANTHEM *Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren*

Johannes Brahms

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee; heed God's good will, my soul, be still, compose thee. Why brood all day in sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee God's help and grace sublime in mercy. Be true in all endeavour and ever ply bravely; what God decrees brings joy and peace, He'll stay thee. Amen.

GOSPEL READING Luke 4:14-21

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 #658** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

St. Margaret

ORGAN *Variation on "Veni Creator"*

Maurice Duruflé

CHOIR Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love; enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.

SERMON **"SOMETHING IN THE WAY SHE MOVES"**

The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair

ORGAN *Variation on "Veni Creator"*

Maurice Duruflé

CHOIR Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace; keep far our foes; give peace at home: where thou art guide no ill can come.

ORGAN *Variation on "Veni Creator"*

Maurice Duruflé

POEM *Never-ending*

Patricia Orr

♪**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.

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK

OFFERTORY SOLO *Then Shall the Righteous from Elijah*
Gisele Kulak, soprano

Felix Mendelssohn

♪ **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.

CHOIR *Blessing for Malcolm*

Patricia Orr, William Wright

Safely keep him, Lord, we pray: hold him in your care. Grant your love, for love has called Him deeply into Life. Brighten every passing shade, light his days with wonder. Gentle Shepherd, ever faithful, fill him with your peace.

♪ **RECESSIONAL HYMN #333** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hyfrydol

COMMISSIONING

CHOIR Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee of both to be but one, that through the ages all along this still may be our endless song: praise to God, to Christ the Word, and to the Spirit: all adored. Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE AND CANDLE EXTINGUISHING *Variation on "Veni Creator"* Maurice Duruflé



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

CARRYING THE BANNER is **Ian Mahaffy**.

GREETERS are **Carol Kitney** and **Deborah Davis**.

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

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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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| | Monday, January 28 | |
| 10:00 a.m. | Art Program | Metropolitan Centre |
| | Tuesday, January 29 | |
| 6:00 p.m. | Open Art Studio | Met Centre |
| 7:00 p.m. | Silver Band rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| | Wednesday, January 30 | |
| 7:00 a.m. | Chop Chop Group | Met Kitchen |
| | Thursday, January 31 | |
| 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, February 1 | |
| 10:00 a.m. | Art Program | Metropolitan Centre |
| | Saturday, February 2 | |
| 8:30 a.m. | Breakfast Bible Study | Nursery |

NEXT SUNDAY: February 3 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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| 9:30 a.m. | Communion Service in the Founders' Chapel "Touched by God" 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 "God's Word: A Power and Presence in Our Lives" The Rev. Dr. Paul Scott Wilson Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30 | |

12:15 p.m. Lunch and Learn with Peter Haresnape
12:15 p.m. *Great Heart* rehearsal

Met Centre
Sanctuary

MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS

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** 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, and tickets will be on sale beginning next Sunday.

We thank The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair for his unwavering support for music and the arts, his creativity and his commitment to excellence in preaching. For 30 years, we have been blessed!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

MET CARE invites interested people to join the committee. Our work involves keeping in touch with those who are sick or bereaved or having other problems. Each member is involved in a "caring" capacity with a member(s) of the congregation and occasionally beyond. We are moving our meeting time to an evening one: 7:00 p.m. in the Flanders Library on the third Wednesday of each month. We hope that this will entice those who are busy in the day to join us! Please contact William Wright (wrightmcawley@gmail.com) for more information.

PANCAKE MARDI GRAS BRUNCH on **Sunday, March 3, at 12:15 p.m.** in the Met Centre. All are welcome! We invite you to join the Lunch Preparation team. Please register at the Met Connect table. We prepare Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2 from 8:00-12:00 p.m. RSVP **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea.**

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 'Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations' by Richard Wagamese became available in our library last year. Wagamese wrote 15 books, ranging from poetry to fiction to memoir. The library is open 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:15-1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. This year's theme is "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" created by the people of Indonesia. It will be held at St. James Anglican Cathedral, 106 King St. East with Bishop Andrew Asbil.
RSVP The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: on **Sunday, February 3 at 12:15 pm** in the Met Centre, join us for the Lunch and Learn with Peter Haresnape. Our guest speaker, Peter Haresnape is a contributor to 'Unsettling the Word', a recently published book that explores the opportunities for 'Biblical experiments in Decolonization'. **RSVP The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea.**

THE FILM "INDIAN HORSE": on **Sunday, February 24, at 12:15 p.m.** in the Met Centre. The film centres on Saul Indian Horse, a young Canadian First Nations boy who survives the Indian residential school system to become a star ice hockey player. One of the film stars, Edna Manitowabi, who was a guest speaker last October at Metropolitan. **RSVP The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea.**

FAITH THROUGH ACTION

RENEW! RESTORE! REJOICE!: Soon we will be launching Our Third Century capital campaign to raise money to repair the carillon, restore our sanctuary and completely refurbish the McGill Square park. Please pray for the success of our campaign. Please consider making a most generous gift over and above your weekly offerings to Metropolitan. Together, we can!

WAYS TO HELP OUT OF THE COLD: Our guests continue to appreciate your donations of knitted or crocheted toques, scarves and gloves. Men's sizes are especially needed. Guests also comment appreciatively about your gifts of homemade cookies. On behalf of those whom we serve, thank you for your continued support.

RINGING THE CHANGES: Metropolitan is on the cusp of major changes both to its historic building and to its ministerial leadership. Our ministry and outreach in downtown Toronto will continue, as we begin our third century of witness to Toronto and to the world. Thank you for your ongoing annual financial support. Thank you for also remembering our church with a gift in your estate plans. Every gift, regardless of size, will help our church in future. For information, please contact Doug Flanders (416) 769-2746; email dougflanders@sympatico.ca

A legacy — It's ours to leave.

Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways it can change someone else's life forever. — Margaret Cho

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