

# Eastminster United Church

## January 11, 2015

### Baptism of Jesus



\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"In everyone there is the capacity to wake up, to understand, to love."  
- Thich Nhat Hanh, from Being Peace*

#### **We Gather as God's People**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Lee Perry

\*Opening Hymn MV# 161 I Have Called You By Your Name

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: As the Wise Ones brought gifts to celebrate the Christ Child

All: **We give thanks for the light of Christ in our lives.**

Opening Prayer

**We have followed your star, and as we continue the journey of Epiphany, we meet you at the water of baptism. We meet you on rivers that meander, in vast oceans and in the symbol of water poured into the font. Come into our lives as we wander, as we explore mystery and meaning, and as we are renewed and welcomed. Amen.**

\*Exchanging the Peace

Introit Here are we in Bethlehem

Healey Willan

Life and Work of the Congregation

#### **We Listen for the Word of Hope**

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 42: 1-9

Meleah Bennett

Greek Scripture Mark 1:4-11

Meditation Are We Ready

Chris Bennett

Anthem Wade in the Water

African-American Spiritual

**We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers**

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn: Christ Be In Your Senses

Mary Louise Bringle

1.Christ be in your senses, marked with sacred sign.  
2.Christ be in your vision, guard you day and night;  
3.Christ be in your breathing, constant-ly im-part  
In the In-car-na-tion flesh be-came di-  
keep your feet from stumbling, shine God's hol-y  
grace to ev-ery move-ment, peace with in your  
vine. Christ be in your hear-ing, tune you to re-joice;  
light. Christ be in your speak-ing, train your ev-ery word.  
heart Christ be in your sen-ses marked with sac-red sign.  
in each shout or whis-per, hear God's call-ing voice.  
In your dail-y wit-ness let God's truth be heard.  
In the Spir-it's pres-ence, flesh be-comes di-vine.

*Please stand in body or in spirit during the last verse for the presentation of the offering.*

Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer VU# 959 (sung)

Ruth Plant

**We Go Out to Be the People of God**

\*Closing Hymn MV# 144 Like a Healing Stream

\*Blessing & Sending Forth

\*Sung Blessing VU# 87 I am the Light of the World

Postlude

**Today**

~ **THANK YOU** to Jenny Crober and Scott Christian for sharing their ministry of music today. Jenny conducts the acclaimed VOCA Chorus who rehearse weekly at Eastminster. We are pleased to welcome Scott Christian as our accompanist for the month of January.

~ Rev. Sarah is on Study Leave this weekend.

~ **TODAYS SCRIPTURES:** Isaiah 42: 1-9 p. 670 Mark 1:4-11 p. 34

~ REMINDER ~

2014 ANNUAL REPORTS - COMMITTEE CHAIRS

2014 ANNUAL REPORT write ups are due into the office by ***Friday, January 23rd*** please.

**Announcements**

~ **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

Our theme for January and February is Called and Gifted, exploring how we discern and share our skills and talents in different areas of life. January 18 Sarah will preach on Calling and Discernment and we celebrate Communion. On January 25 we hear stories of the challenges of discipleship as we explore Jonah's call and the beginning journeys of the disciples.

~ **THANK YOU FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE:**

The Neighbourhood Centre and Claire Barcik wish to extend a special thank you to the Eastminster community for your tremendously generous support of our Holiday Hampers program this year. We were overwhelmed by the number of Eastminster families and individuals who responded to our request for assistance through financial donations, volunteering, adopting families, and involving their family members, colleagues, friends and even students in toy and food drives. It truly warmed the hearts of staff, volunteers and our families in need. As a result of the community outpouring, we surpassed our goal and provided bountiful holiday hampers with boxes of food and beautifully wrapped gifts to 89 families (167 children; 300 people in total) and another 15 families (45 children) received gifts at a holiday party. **Well done Eastminster!**

~ **UNITED CHURCH SUMMER CAMPS: - Register Now!**

Residential programs near Toronto and across Canada at a much lower cost than YMCA or private camps. Starting at age 6 for 4 nights right up to mature teen programs for a week to a month. Ontario High School Credits on LIT and Outdoor Skills Programs. Open to all: so bring a friend. *United Church Camps are caring, diverse and inclusive camps that provide quality camping and outdoor education experiences for children, teens and families.* Camp locations/websites at:

***<http://www.united-church.ca/contact/camps>*** . Call/email an EUC parent for insight on UC camps including ***[www.SparrowLakeCamp.com](http://www.SparrowLakeCamp.com)***. Carolyn Curren 416 465 6174 or [info@neilandcarolyn.com](mailto:info@neilandcarolyn.com)

**\*\* Deadline for Announcements going in the EBlast and Sunday Bulletin is: 9AM WEDNESDAY \*\***

**Up Coming at Eastminster**

~ **Tues. January 13 at 7pm: COUNCIL MEETING**

~ **Wed. January 14 at 7.30pm: STEWARDSHIP MEETING**

~ **Wed. January 21 from 7.30-9.30pm: EUC FOLKS!**

Runs every *second Wednesday*; meet in the Auditorium.

For Folk music players, singers and lovers: If you, or someone you know, plays guitar, harmonica or other instruments... and wants to join in these informal sessions...please get in touch with us at:

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**~ Fri. January 23 at 7 pm: EUC READS! - BOOK CLUB**

**Book:** OUTLANDER by *Diana Gabaldon*, Moderated by: Neil Riach.

New members welcome! Come out for a lively discussion by the fire. Meeting just prior to Robbie Burns Day, wear your tartan's and kilts if you have them. Followed by the 9 pm Social time. **Location:** At the home of Neil Riach & Carolyn Curren (1 block from EUC). For more info contact: John Brown at 416-463-0844 or Carolyn Curren at 416-465-6174 or email: [info@neilandcarolyn.com](mailto:info@neilandcarolyn.com)

**~ Sun. March 1: EASTMINSTERS ANNUAL MEETING**

## Out In The Community

**~ Wed. January 14 at 6:30 pm: KEEPERS OF THE WATER: A VIGIL OF LAMENT & CELEBRATION**

This convergence of aboriginal traditions with the great eastern Christian tradition of celebrating the blessing of the waters (the Theophany) offers all of us who passionately care for a climate-threatened planet an occasion to sing and pray, lament and give thanks. Bishop Mark MacDonald will once again preside, and all are welcome. Service at at Church of the Holy Trinity, 19 Trinity Square (beside the Eaton Centre)

**~ Sun. January 25 at 3:00 pm: BRING MANY VOICES: A CONCERT OF EAST END UNITED CHURCHES.**

Join the choirs of Eastminster, Cosburn, Kimbourne Park, Presteign-Woodbine and Glen Rhodes United Churches for a musical celebration. Held at Glen Rhodes, 1470 Gerrard St. East, 1 block west of Coxwell.

## Weekly Events

<b>Mondays:</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Prayer Shawl Knitters</b> - meet in Sarah's Office (STARTS Jan. 12)
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>EUC Walks!</b> – meet at Timothy's - Contact: John Brown 416-463-0844 /elandjohn@rogers.com
<b>Thursdays:</b>	<b>6:00 - 6:45pm</b>	<b>Children's Choir</b> - meet in the Parlour (STARTS Jan. 15)
	<b>7:30 - 9.30pm</b>	<b>Adult Choir</b> - meet in the Sanctuary

## Our Staff

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## Musicians

Michelle Suzanne, *soprano soloist*  
Andrew Hodwitz, *bass soloist*  
Jeff Schissler, *tenor soloist*  
Joy Klopp, *alto soloist*

## Custodians

Robert Covert  
Jessica Aguiar  
Alison LeGrow  
Joseph Telford