

# Eastminster United Church

## January 4, 2015

### Epiphany



\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"The most regretful people on earth are those who felt the call to creative work, who felt their own creative power restive and uprising, and gave to it neither power nor time." -Mary Oliver*

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Ed Long

\*Opening Hymn VU# 93 When Heaven's Bright with Mystery

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle

**A sign of peace in our world.**

Opening Prayer

**Holy one, today we celebrate the light of your wisdom. As we embark on the journey of a New Year, shine upon our path and illumine our thoughts. Help us to find within ourselves, the gifts and skills to bring to life your peace and justice. Amen**

\*Exchanging the Peace

#### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

Introduction

Parents' Promise and Commitment

Godparents' Promise and Commitment

\*Congregational Promise and Commitment

Let us pledge our support and care to those who we have welcomed today.

**As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to this congregation. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out and celebrate the life and ministry of Christ's church.**

\*Affirmation of Faith : A New Creed

**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.**

Blessing of the Water and the Act of Baptism

Sung Blessing VU# 452 You Have Put on Christ

Life and Work of the Congregation

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

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6 Lee Perry

Greek Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Meditation Gifts Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

### **We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers**

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn: VU# 96 Will You Come and See the Light (Tune VU# 567)  
*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 (spoken)

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

\*Closing Hymn VU# 45 Joy is Now in Every Place

\*Blessing & Sending Forth

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

Postlude

## **~ Announcements ~**

Today we welcome through baptism Charlotte Turney, daughter of Laura and Michael Turney. If you are interested in Baptism or becoming a member of Eastminster, please speak to Rev. Sarah.

\* **Today's Scriptures:** Isaiah 60:1-6 p. 690 Matthew 2:1-12 p. 2

**\*\* UPDATE & REMINDER \*\***

**2014 ANNUAL REPORTS - COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**2014 ANNUAL REPORT** write ups are due into the office by **Friday, January 23rd** please.  
If you would like a copy of last year's write up for your committee email Sue at: [eastminster@bellnet.ca](mailto:eastminster@bellnet.ca).

**\* 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. Today we celebrate baptism and remember the Journey of the Wise Ones. On January 11 our preacher will be Chris Bennett, speaking about the Baptism of Jesus.

**\* EUC WALKS! - TUESDAYS/WEEKLY**

We leave from Timothy's at 8:00 AM for about a 45 minute walk in the local neighbourhood. Afterward, join us for coffee at Tim's if you can. **NOTE:** contact us first to get on the email list to be notified of any change due to weather. Contact John Brown - 416 463 0844 - [elandjohn@rogers.com](mailto:elandjohn@rogers.com)

**~ Up Coming at Eastminster ~**

**\* Wed. January 7 from 7.30-9.30pm: EUC FOLKS!**

Starting up again and running 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:

Alan [lamunn@pathcom.com](mailto:lamunn@pathcom.com) (H) 416 463 3834 (C) 416-352-8617 or Neil [info@neilandcarolyn.com](mailto:info@neilandcarolyn.com) (C) 416 464 8400.

**\* 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)

**~ Out In The Community ~**

**\* Mon. January 12 at 7pm: DIVESTING FROM FOSSIL FUELS: from concern to action**

Bathurst Street, Trinity St. Paul's and Eastminster United Churches have taken action and are encouraging the United Church of Canada to divest. Come learn how your congregation can support these General Council 2015 proposals, take action in your own congregation and learn about the larger movement of fossil fuel divestment. Join us in the Apps Room at 963 Pharmacy Avenue, Toronto Southeast Presbytery offices. Details and registration [bbaskin@united-church.ca](mailto:bbaskin@united-church.ca)

**\* 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 Church of the Holy Trinity, 19 Trinity Square (beside the Eaton Centre)

## ~ Weekly Events ~

**Thursdays:**           **6:00 - 6:45pm**   **Children's Choir** - meet in the Parlour   **(RESTARTS - Jan. 15)**  
                              **7:30 - 9.30pm**   **Adult Choir** - meet in the Sanctuary   **(RESTARTS - Jan. 8)**

## ~ 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

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