



Eastminster United Church
November 15, 2015
Twenty Fifth Sunday after
Pentecost
Baptism

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"On a summer morning / I sat down / on a hillside / to think about God / a worthy pastime.
Near me, I saw / a single cricket; / it was moving the grains of the hillside / this way and that way.
How great was its energy, / how humble its effort. / Let us hope / it will always be like this, / each of us
going on /in our inexplicable ways / building the universe." - Mary Oliver, "Song of the Builders"*

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Dale Hildebrand

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

Lighting the Christ Candle

adapted from Debra Faulk, *UU Words for Worship*

One: We light this candle, symbolic of the warmth of community and the brightness that love brings to the world, illuminating our search for justice and peace.

All: **Here in our midst is this flame, so tiny and so significant**

Opening Prayer

adapted from Richard S. Gilbert

**Loving God, we meet you on this holy ground,
Our personal histories merge into the communal story,
We take on the pride and pain of our companions,
Our separate selves become community.
May our souls capture this treasured time.
May our spirits celebrate our meeting
In this time and in this space,
For we meet on holy ground. Amen.**

The Peace Shared

The Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Parents' 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

Baptismal Blessing: MV#214 May God's Sheltering Wings

The Children are invited to Church School.

We Share in Word and Song

Scripture Mark 13:1-8 Catherine Inglis

One: The word of Hope.

All: Thanks be to God!

Meditation Broken Temples Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem I won't give up Jason Mraz

*When I look into your eyes I'll be here patiently waiting
It's like watching the night sky To see what you find
Or a beautiful sunrise 'Cause even the stars they burn
Well, there's so much they hold Some even fall to the earth
And just like them old stars We've got a lot to learn
I see that you've come so far God knows we're worth it
To be right where you are No, I won't give up
How old is your soul?*

*Well, I won't give up on us I don't wanna be someone who walks away so easily
Even if the skies get rough I'm here to stay and make the difference that I can make
I'm giving you all my love The tools and gifts we got, yeah, we got a lot at stake
I'm still looking up And in the end, you're still my friend at least we did intend
For us to work we didn't break, we didn't burn
And when you're needing your space We had to learn how to bend without the world caving in
To do some navigating I had to learn what I've got, and what I'm not, and who I am*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV#120 My Soul Cries Out

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

*Dedication Prayer

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

Dale Hildebrand

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn MV#178 Who Is My Mother

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing VU#884 You Shall Go Out With Joy

Postlude

Today's Announcements

Scripture: Mark 13:1-8 *p. 50*

* **Welcome to Eastminster!**

Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and include your email address if you'd like to receive weekly eblast announcements from Eastminster. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer book in the Narthex. Children are invited to Nursery (up to age 4) and Church School following the Children's Time. Please pick up children from Church school and Nursery following the service.

* **Today we welcome** through baptism **Vivienne Tate**, daughter of Maria and Jordon Tate. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, please speak to Rev. Sarah.

* **Coffee Time Volunteers Needed**

If you enjoy the coffee, tea and snacks after (and now before!) the service each Sunday, please consider volunteering to provide the snacks and serve the beverages. We have a number of Sundays between now and the end of the year for which we don't have volunteers, and so our hardworking team needs your help. We'll also need extra volunteers for the Christmas holidays. Please send an e-mail to Doug Harris dharris@iroc.ca to express your interest. It would be especially appreciated if you can volunteer in pairs!

Upcoming Eastminster Events

* **Worship**

Today we celebrate Baptism and November 22 concludes the church year as we prepare for Advent! November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent, a time of preparation and waiting. December 6 we bring gifts for Out of the Cold guests and community agencies. Our Pageant debuts December 13! You don't want to miss a minute of worship at Eastminster!

* **Mon. November 16 from 7-9pm: Folk Music Group**

Everyone is welcome, even if you don't play an instrument and only want to sing. Questions? Contact Alan Munn lamunn@pathcom.com Meet every second Monday on the Auditorium stage.

* **Wed. November 18: Church Night Potluck & Speaker Series Part 3!**

6.15pm: Potluck Supper & Children's Advent Activities – Volunteers are needed! Please speak to Rev. Sarah if you can help out.

7pm: New Speaker Series: "Herod the Great, the Ivan the Terrible of Antiquity" Join us for the third Ancient History Talk led by Enrico De Dominicis.

* **Thurs. November 19 @ 6pm: Refugee Sponsorship Meeting**

* **Sat. November 21 @ 8pm: Academy of Music Concert: *Dvořák Discovers America***

Dvořák's String Quartet in F Major, op. 96 "American," and his String Quintet in E Flat Major, op. 97, both composed in 1893, will be performed alongside an undeservedly forgotten work, a string quartet from 1891 of the notable Canadian (and Toronto-based) composer, Luigi von Kunits.

Featuring: Scott St. John, violin, Elizabeth Loewen Andrews, violin, Emily Eng, viola, Marcin Swoboda, viola, Kerri McGonigle, cello. **Location:** Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Ave. (Chester Subway) **Tickets:** General: \$20 Senior/Student: \$14 Info: AcademyConcertSeries.com

* **Sun. November 22 @ 12pm: Eastminster Trustees Meeting**

* **Tues. Nov. 24 from 7-8.30pm: Study Series: Bullies, Gossips, Gods & Scapegoats** (*final session*)

* **Wed. Nov. 25, Dec. 2,9 &16: East End Advent Study Group: When God Comes Down**

6:30pm Potluck, 7pm Study Group. **Location:** Cosburn United, 1108 Greenwood Avenue

Led by: Meriel Simpson & Sarah Miller

* **Sun. November 29: Potluck Lunch after the service**

Bring something to share and plan to stay for lunch!

* **Sun. November 29 @12pm: Worship Committee Meeting**

* **Mon. November 30 from 7-9pm: Folk Music Group** (*see Nov 16*)

* **Wed. December 2: East End Advent Study Group: When God Comes Down** (*see Nov. 25*)

* **Sun. December 6: White Gift Sunday**

* **Tues. Dec. 8 @ 7.30pm: Toronto Community Orchestra Concert: *Of Births and Stars***

The Toronto Community Orchestra is very pleased to extend a warm invitation to "**Of Births and Stars**", our annual TCO Christmas concert at Eastminster United Church on **Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 7:30 pm**. The program will include Star Wars, by John Williams; Finlandia, by Sibelius; The Dolly Suite, by Fauré; Haydn's Trumpet Concerto (featuring Darrin Hicks on trumpet); Beethoven's Allegretto from his 7th Symphony; and an arrangement of Christmas at the Movies, featuring tunes from Miracle on 34th Street, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, The Polar Express, The Nightmare Before Christmas, and Home Alone. All are welcome, admission is free! (donations of any size will be gratefully accepted, proceeds go towards funding both the TCO and Eastminster United Church). Please join us after the concert for a reception in the auditorium.

* **Wed. December 9: East End Advent Study Group: When God Comes Down** (*see Nov. 25*)

* **Thurs. December 10 @ 10.40am: Chester Village Service**

Please let Rev. Sarah know if you are able to help out

* **December 11,14 & 22 evenings: Eastminster Choir Sings at the Brickworks!**

Eastminster's Choir will be once again be taking part in Common Boots Theatre's play "Tails from the City" held at the Brickwork's Annual Christmas show. More details coming soon!



* **Sat. December 12: VOCA Chorus of Toronto Concert: *Snow Angel***

Join the VOCA Chorus of Toronto for our "Snow Angel" concert on **Sat., Dec. 12, 7:30 pm** at Eastminster United Church. *Featuring:* seasonal jazz, gospel & contemporary Canadian selections, including arrangements by Jenny Crober; carol sing, raffle, bake sale. *Artistic Director:* Jenny Crober; *Accompanist:* Elizabeth Acker. *Guests:* Sybil Shanahan, cello; Kevin Barrett, guitar; Ray Dillard, percussion. \$25 Reg. \$20 Seniors \$10 Students; www.vocachorus.ca 416-947-8487

* **Sun. December 13 @ 10.30am: Christmas Pageant**
@ 7pm: Candlelight & Choirs

* **Mon. December 14 from 7-8.30pm: Holiday Concert & Fundraiser *The Child in our Midst* for the: Nancy Peters Massey Centre Fund**

Location: Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Ave. (Chester Subway)

Toronto United Church Council presents an evening of story and song celebrating the diverse holiday traditions of the Massey Centre community and its neighbours.

The concert features: Folk musician, Nancy White with the Band Moms; Comic, Martha Chaves; MC, MuchMusic Host, Michael Williams; Harpist, Lori Gemmell; Singer-songwriter, Piper Hayes; Storyteller, Rukhsana Khan; Jazz pianist, Carol Osler; Anishinaabe drummer, Eddy Robinson; Roma dance and music group, Rományi Rota; and Folk group, Tamarack. **Tickets:** \$25 adults; \$10 children & students; \$40 for families (5 people, including maximum 2 adults). Purchase your ticket online <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-child-in-our-midst-tickets-19207091929> OR contact Ali Hayes for more information (905) 771-5124 ex. 31, ali@tucc.ca. Every dollar raised through ticket sales for the Nancy Peters Massey Centre Fund will be matched by Toronto United Church Council.

* **Wed. December 16: East End Advent Study Group: When God Comes Down** (see Nov. 25)

* **Thurs. December 17 @ 7pm: Blue Christmas**

* **Christmas Eve, December 24 @ 7pm: Christmas Eve Pageant**
@ 11pm: Candlelit Communion

* **THE ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE** for the Eblast & Sunday Bulletin is: **Wednesday at 9am.**
Please send to Sue at: eastminster@bellnet.ca

From Our Friends

* **Donate Clothing to CRC (Christian Resource Centre)**

Do you have too many items for your yard sale this year? Would you like to organize a *Drive for CRC's Clothing Program*? CRC is in need of **men's clothing** (jeans, sweaters, long sleeved dress shirts, fleeces, hoodies, fall jackets, **winter coats**, running shoes, winter boots, and work boots), new socks and underwear and general toiletries for distribution to Regent Park residents. All donated clothing should only be gently used and clean. Please email us at clothing@tcrc.ca to donate clothing.

*** Sat. November 21 from 11-3pm: Annual Candy Cane Tea & Bazaar**



Presteign-Woodbine United Church (16 Presteign Ave.) are holding their annual Candy Cane Tea and Bazaar on Sat. November 21. Shop till you drop and enjoy a traditional afternoon tea with sandwiches and desserts. Info at: www.presteignwoodbineuc.com

*** Sun. December 6 @ 3pm: Riverdale Share Concert!!**

Tickets now on sale for this year's Riverdale Share Concert on **Sunday, December 6, 3:00 pm** at the Danforth Music Hall. Enjoy festive music, comedy and dance with family and friends! Proceeds support local community programs. Tickets (\$20) available at The Big Carrot, 348 Danforth; It's My Party, 423 Danforth, and Treasure Island Toys, 581 Danforth and online at Ticketmaster.ca. More information can be found at: www.riverdaleshare.com

Refugee Updates

Do you want to do something to help refugee families?

Eastminster welcomes both congregation and community/neighbourhood support for our refugee sponsorship activities. We have two sponsorships in the works right now.

- 1) Through Eastminster's membership on the East End Refugee Committee (a group of 9 east end churches working together on refugee sponsorships), we are sponsoring an Ethiopian refugee family – father, mother, 3-year-old boy and 10-month-old girl. We are thrilled to report that they arrived in Toronto on Oct 28th. They are staying with a local family while we apartment search. We will be helping them get settled in over the next year. We are sometimes in need of furniture, clothing or volunteer support for this family – and will communicate those needs through the Eastminster bulletin and eblast - but the fundraising for that sponsorship is complete.
- 2) Eastminster is providing fundraising, 'in kind' and volunteer support to a neighbourhood group that has organized to sponsor a family from the war zone in the Middle East. The group calls themselves Riverdale Refugee Lifeline and one of their members is an Eastminster congregational member. Riverdale Refugee Lifeline members have made a significant financial contribution toward sponsorship but it costs \$25,000 – 30,000 to support a refugee family for a year, so any donations would be welcome. Anyone can donate to this effort through the Eastminster website or by making a cheque out to Eastminster United Church, noting that it is for Refugee Sponsorship and dropping it off at the church office Tues - Fri between 9.30 and 3:30, or at church service on Sundays at 10:30. Charitable receipts are available from the church if you ensure that your name and address accompany your donation. We don't know when a family from the war zone will be cleared for relocation to Toronto but hope that the new federal government will move the process more quickly. When they arrive – whenever that is – Riverdale Refugee Lifeline will be grateful for 'in-kind' donations and volunteers to help with settlement activities.

For more information speak to Joy Klopp or email: joyklopp4@gmail.com. Thank you for your interest & your help!

Weekly Events

Mondays:	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters - meet in Sarah's Office
Thursdays:	6:00 - 6:45pm	Children's Choir - meet in the Parlour
	7:30 - 9.30pm	Adult Choir - meet in the Sanctuary <i>(final rehearsal Dec 17)</i>

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Snow Angel

Sarah Quartel's stunning *Snow Angel*, Ola Gjello's gorgeous *Ubi Caritas*,
arrangements by our artistic director, carol sing ... & much more ...

Jenny Crober, Artistic Director
Elizabeth Acker, Accompanist

Sybil Shanahan, cello Kevin Barrett, guitar
Ray Dillard, percussion

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LEONIDAS VARAHIDIS
Artistic Director/Conductor

Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Avenue
Tuesday, December 8, 7:30 PM

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(Image: Taos Angel I by artist Randi Helmers)

Don't Forget to Get Your Flu Shot !

Flu Facts & Flu Shot Clinics: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/flu-facts>

Toronto Public Health eScheduling- book an appointment:
<https://www.tphbookings.ca/Default.aspx?PageID=11032>