



Eastminster United Church

December 20, 2015

Last Sunday of Advent ~ LOVE

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

"One of the tasks of true friendship is to listen compassionately and creatively to the hidden silences. Often secrets are not revealed in words, they lie concealed in the silence between the words or in the depth of what is unsayable between two people." — John O'Donohue

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Susan Bower

*Opening Hymn VU#60 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Advent Candle Lighting

Barbara, Isabelle & Nathalie Strang, Guy Smagghe

Wreath Response Upon the Holy Mountainside

Adam Tice

Do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Verses

1. Up - on the ho - ly moun-tain-side, God teach - es us new ways to
2. A blos - som o - pens to the light and grows from Jes - se's stem. In
3. A foun - tain floods the de - sert sand with streams that will not cease. A
4. A wom - an bears Im - man - u - el with hope that leads to birth. Like

shape our wea - pons in - to tools for com - ing, peace - ful days.
such an un - ex - pec - ted hour peace blooms in Beth - le - hem.
path - way ris - es through the wild to lead us in - to peace.
Mar - y, so we long to greet the dawn of peace on earth.

Opening Prayer

Advent God, the time of waiting is almost over. Whether we long for calm and quiet or festivity and celebration, you are with us. As we work for peace and justice, as we dare to hope, your love is born in all our hearts. Amen.

The Peace Shared

Children's Time	Preparation of the Crèche	Enrico De Dominicis
Introit	We Will Rejoice	words: Sylvia Dunstan music: Roy Hopp

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture	Luke 1:47-55 (VU#898) <i>refrain 1</i>	Neil Riach
Greek Scripture	Luke 1:39-55	
Meditation	Singing to Change the World	Rev. Sarah Miller
Anthem	Carols of Celebration	from Tapestry of Light

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn: VU#44 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

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 Marlene Sagada

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU#38 Angels We Have Heard on High

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing VU#10 Prepare the Way of the Lord

Postlude

Today's Announcements

**** REMINDER ****

A gentle reminder to please not leave any items of value or your personal belongings unattended anywhere in the church over the holiday & concert season.

Scriptures

Luke 1:47-55 Luke 1:39-55 *p. 57*

* **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.

- * **Today we welcome** guest organist Kaleb Koslowski, and we have the opportunity to enjoy the sound of our timpani thanks to our own Marlene Sagada, percussionist. Thank you both for sharing your gifts of music today.

Poinsettia Donations are in Memory of and in Gratitude For

Paul Childerhose & family in honour of

Grandma, Grandpa, Ya Ya and Papa John,
Great Grandma Arzio,

Mary & Harry Miller in memory of

Ralph & Janet Hendershot, Neville Hendershot,
Mildred & Fenton Miller

Cheryl Suttie

Jan Suttie

Barbara Strang in gratitude for

Rev. Sarah Miller

Jane Gadd in memory of

Dennis Gadd & Jocelyn Laurence

Enrico De Dominicis in memory of

Domenico & Ida De Dominicis

Alan Munn in memory of

Louise Munn

Elaine Dalziel in memory of

John & Amy Dalziel

Jimmy, Ray and Wilfred in memory of

Gertrude Allatt (Aunty Trudy)

Pat Roy in memory of

Margaret Anderson

Gloria McPherson in memory of

Alicia Rombouts & Gertrude McPherson

* **Poinsettia Delivery**

Please speak to Rev. Sarah after the service if you can deliver a poinsettia.

* **Newcomers and Seekers:**

Coming in 2016! Join with others to explore life questions. A path to church membership. Starts January 26 at Eastminster. Leadership: Rev. Sarah Miller and Rev. Robin Wardlaw. More info to come.

Upcoming Eastminster Events

* **Worship Services**

Join us on Dec. 27 for a service of Lessons, Carols and Poems! January 3 we celebrate Epiphany and invite wisdom and light into the New Year. On January 10 we celebrate Baptism and remember the baptism of Jesus!

* **December 22 @ 7.30pm: Eastminster Choir sings at the Evergreen Brick Works!**

Come and see Eastminster and other Toronto Choirs in *Tails from the City*, a new play by Marjorie Chan, in association with the company - at Toronto's Evergreen Brick Works. Tickets: wintertheatre.brownpapertickets.com or 416-504-0019 Info: www.commonbootstheatre.ca

* **Christmas Eve, December 24: @ 7pm: Christmas Eve Pageant "The Gift of Light"**

Celebrate Christmas Eve with our Christmas Pageant! Sing along with Christmas Carols & reflect on the gifts of the season!

@ 11pm: Candlelit Communion

Share in Communion by candlelight, with music to celebrate the awe and wonder of this night.

December 25



Merry Christmas Everyone!!



*** Thurs. January 7 @ 6pm: Eastminster Refugee Sponsorship Meeting**

Come for a planning meeting to work on a congregational refugee sponsorship application. Members of the congregation and community are invited to attend.

**** ANNUAL REPORTS - COMMITTEE CHAIRS ****

It's that time again! 2015 Annual Report write up's are due in by January 24, 2016 please.
(Earlier is always welcome...). If you would like a copy of last year's write up for your committee I will be happy to email it to you. Please send them to Sue at: eastminster@bellnet.ca.
Thanks everyone!

**** Notices ****

Announcement Deadline Schedule for Next Two Weeks:

December 24 Eblast & December 27 Sunday Bulletin - **** 9AM Monday December 21 ****
December 30 Eblast & January 3 Sunday Bulletin - **** 9AM Monday December 28 ****

Please send to Sue at: eastminster@bellnet.ca Thanks!

The church office will be closed: December - 25, 26, 31 & January 1

Rev. Sarah will be out of the office: December 25-29

For pastoral emergencies during that time please call her cell phone: 416-209-1181

Gerald Gordon-Property Manager will be on vacation from: December 24 until January 4

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