

Fourth Lesson	Luke 2:1-7	Andrew Cassidy
Reading	I Will Light Candles this Christmas, by Howard Thurman	
Carol	VU#6 A Candle Is Burning	
Fifth Lesson	Luke 2:8-20	Enrico De Dominicis
Reading	Making the House Ready for the Lord, by Mary Oliver	
Carol	VU#56 Jesus Our Brother	
Sixth Lesson	Matthew 2: 1-12	Jen Sloan
Reading	Christmas Carol, by Sara Teasdale	
Anthem	Ding Dong! Merrily on High	music: traditional French dance text: George Ratcliffe Woodward

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn: VU#50 Il est né
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

Life and Work of the Congregation

We Go Out to Be the People of God

*Closing Hymn VU#43 Go Tell It on the Mountain

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing

Postlude

Today's Announcements

*** 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.

*** Special thanks to Toronto Community Orchestra members:** Grace Law, *violin*, Jerry Brail, *violin*, Solomon Hoasjoe, *violin*, Jennifer Jones, *viola*, Marie Campbell, *flute* and Eleanor Moore, *cello* for sharing their music gifts today.

* **There will be no Sunday school today.** Children are invited to join in the service.

* **Thank you and an update from OOTC!**

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Christmas tree from the church lot and those who volunteered to help with the tree sales for the last three weeks. Sonny Flannigan donated over \$12,000 to support our Out of the Cold Program this year! His generous donation, without which we could not run the program, annually pays almost 3 months of operating costs. For the remaining \$10-12,000 that we need to raise each year, we rely on donations from individuals in the church and community as well as organizations such as the Toronto East Rotary Club and Impark. The new Cobbs Bread Bakery that opened at 156 Danforth, is donating its Thursday end of day bread to the OOTC Program. With rising food costs, we are very grateful for these donations. Financial & winter clothing donations are both needed & appreciated.

* **Thank You from the CRC (Christian Resource Centre) in Regent Park!**

Thank you Eastminster families and friends for your wonderful generosity on White Gift Sunday. The CRC was delighted to receive your clothing donations! They will be put to good use over the winter months in our Clothing Room and Drop-In Program. This year, the CRC has served 62,000 healthy breakfasts and lunches and 3,488 visits were made to our clothing program to acquire basic clothing or make use of our showers and laundry services. Average daily visits are 80% greater than last year. Some of our 110 tenants living in affordable housing also rely on the clothing room. Merry Christmas from the CRC team!

Upcoming Eastminster Events

* **Worship Services**

Join us on 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! You don't want to miss a minute of worship at Eastminster.

* **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.

* **Thurs. January 7 from 7.30-9.30pm: Adult Choir begins again**

* **Mon. January 11 @ 1pm: Knitter's Group begins again**

* **Thurs. January 14 from 6-6:45pm: Children's Choir begins again**

* **Newcomers and Seekers:**

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

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

2015 Annual Report write up's are due in by January 24, 2016 please.
(Earlier is always welcome...Thanks to those who have sent them in already!).

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: eastminter@bellnet.ca.
Thanks everyone!

**** Notices ****

Announcement Deadline Schedule for Next Week:

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 - 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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Happy New Year Everyone!

See you in 2016!