



Eastminster United Church

January 3, 2016

Epiphany

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

*"Though my soul may set in darkness, it will rise in perfect light;
I have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night." - Sarah Williams*

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Norm Tanaka

*Opening Hymn VU#79 Arise, Your Light is Come

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

The Peace Shared

Children's Time

We Share in Word and Song

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6

Greek Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Meditation Star Words: Wisdom and Light for a New Year Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn: VU#71 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

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

Mary Miller

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU#91 The First Nowell (st. 1, 3, 4, 5)

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing VU#87 I Am the Light of the World

Postlude

Today's Announcements

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

*** Welcome to Eastminster and Happy New Year Everyone!**

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.

*** 2016 Offering Envelopes**

2016 Offering envelopes are ready for pick up in the Narthex. If you are not on PAR (pre authorized monthly withdrawals) then there will probably be a box with your name on it. If you would like to switch over to PAR (a "Greener" choice) pls. speak to Judith Ramsay jaramsay@sympatico.ca or Norm Tanaka ntanaka@sympatico.ca

**** ANNUAL REPORTS ****

STAFF, COMMITTEE HEADS

2015 Annual Reports are due in by January 24, 2016.

Please send them to Sue as soon as possible at: eastminster@bellnet.ca. Thanks!

Eastminster Events

*** Worship Services**

Join us on January 10 as we celebrate Baptism and remember the baptism of Jesus! On January 17 we explore parables and the teaching of Jesus. January 24 our service focuses on healing and miracles and what those mean in our context. On January 31 our guest preacher will be Marc Doucet. February 7 is transfiguration and our preacher will be Cameron Thomson. We begin our Lenten journey February 14! You don't want to miss a minute of worship at Eastminster.

*** Wed. January 6 @ 7:30pm: 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 for more details!

*** 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 resumes**

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

*** Wed. January 13 @ 7pm: Council Meeting**

* **Thurs. January 14 @ 10.40am: Chester Village Service**

Please speak to Rev. Sarah if you're able to help out

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

* **January 26 at 7pm: Newcomers and Seekers:**

Join with others at Eastminster to explore life questions. A path to church membership. Led by Rev. Sarah Miller and Rev. Robin Wardlaw.

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