

Eastminster United Church
December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of
Advent

**Indicates please stand in body or spirit*

"Resistance is the secret of joy" -Alice Walker

We Gather as God's People

Prelude and Introit
Althouse
Words of Welcome

Whisper, Whisper

Jay

Andrew Cassidy

**Opening Hymn*

Unexpected and Mysterious

words: Jeannette M. Lindholm; music: Calvin Hampton

Un-ex - pect - ed and my - ster - ious is the gen - tle word of__ grace. Ev - er - lov - ing
In a mo - ment - ar - y meet - ing of e - ter - ni - ty and__ time, Mar - y learned that
We are called to pon - der mys - t'ry and a - wait the com - ing__ Christ, to em - bod - y

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and sus - tain - ing is the peace of God's em - brace. If we fal - ter in our cour - age
she would car - ry both the mor - tal and di - vine. Then she learned of God's com - pas - sion,
God's com - pas - sion for each frag - ile hu - man__ life. God is with us in our long - ing

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and we doubt what we have known, God is faith - ful to con - sole us as a moth - er tends her own.
of E - liz - a - beth's great joy, and she ran to greet the wom - an who would re - cog - nize her boy.
to bring heal - ing to the earth, while we watch with joy and won - der for the prom - ised Sav - iour's birth.

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Advent Candle Lighting

One: Today we kindle the Advent candle of Joy.

All: We welcome the spark that dances with the Holy Spirit, the spark that fires and inspires our souls, the spark of creativity and wonder.

One: Come Holy Stranger, evangelist of joy on this Advent journey: welcome us as we welcome you.

All: We receive the light of joy.

Wreath Response

Hamba nathi mkululu wethu

Zulu traditional, South Africa;
alternate text Andrew Donaldson



Ha mba na thi mku lu lu we thu, ha na thi mku
Come, walk with us, to Beth le hem town, come, walk with us, to

lu lu we thu. Mku lu lu, mku lu lu, mku lu lu we thu, mku
Beth lehem town. We'll jour ney, we'll jour ney, to Beth le hem town, we'll

lu lu, mku lu lu, mku lu lu we thu.
journey, we'll journey, to Beth le hem town.

We bring good news, a story of Joy...

Opening Prayer

We are a people open to anticipation and ready for celebration.

Behold, we long for the birth of the Christ child.

We are a congregation that embodies the message of hope, peace, joy, and love that God shared with us all.

Behold, the birth of the Christ child is near.

We are a community inspired to live lives of service and wholeness.

Behold, the birth of the Christ child will change who we are, in this time and beyond.

*Sharing the Peace

Presenting the Creche

Brittany Cope and Enrico De Dominicis

The children are invited to Church School in the Auditorium.

We Share in Word and Song

Scripture

Luke 1:47-55 (VU 898-899)
Luke 1:39-45

Pat Roy

One: The word of Hope

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Joy as Resistance Michiko Bown-Kai

Anthem Mary's Magnificent Song Andrew Donaldson

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn He Came Down Cameroon

He came down that we may have **hope (peace, joy)**,
...hallelujah forever more.

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

*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People Mary Miller

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: China, Hong Kong, Macau
Toronto Southeast Presbytery: West Hill United Church
Eastminster Prayer Cycle: Ministry and Administrative Staff

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn MV #120 My Soul Cries Out
V. 1: **solo**; (All on Refrains) v. 2 **high** voices; v. 3 **low** voices; v. 4 **all**.

*Blessing & Sending Forth

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

Postlude Mary, Did You Know? Mark Lowry, Buddy
Green
(Alternative lyrics by Jennifer Henry and Andrew Donaldson)

Today

* **Welcome to Eastminster, an East End United Congregation**



If you're new, please fill out a contact card and drop it in the collection plate if you would like our weekly email newsletter or would like more information about Eastminster. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer book also in the Narthex. Infants and children up to 4 are welcome

in the nursery, and children 4 years and older are welcome to participate in church school in the auditorium.

East End Fall Worship Service Schedule

Date	Eastminster	Glen Rhodes
Dec 18	Longest Night Service	
Dec 23	Advent 4: Pageant	Advent 4: Michiko Bown-Kai
Dec 24	7:00 pm & 11:00 pm	Christmas Eve: 7:30 pm
Dec 30	Christmas 1: Michiko Bown-Kai	Shared service at Eastminster

East End Announcements/Events

*** Thank You For Your Generosity on White Gift Sunday!**

Thank you to everyone who donated to White Gift Sunday and to the youth group for sorting the gifts. Because of your generosity, guests at Out of the Cold and Toronto Urban Native Ministries will have a brighter Christmas.

For those of you who like stats, here are some highlights. We collected, 100 tubes of toothpaste, 263 pairs of socks, 41 toys and games, 74 deodorants, 114 pairs of underwear, 113 razors, 1 box of chocolate, and much more!!

*** A Message from our Treasurer about East End Donations**

- Please note that cheques need to be made to "East End United Regional Ministry" beginning January 1st instead of Eastminster, Glen Rhodes or Cosburn United Churches or they will be returned for reissue.
- New 2019 east end envelopes are on order but if you do not receive them in time please write your name on any envelope and we will credit it accordingly.
- 2018 donations will be received up to December 31st for tax receipt purposes. Donations received in January will be credited in 2019.

*** OUT OF THE COLD at Eastminster. Providing basic needs, warmth, dignity, kindness
Buy a Christmas Tree to Help OOTC!**

The smell of pine is in the air! Awesome Christmas trees are now available at Eastminster, No Frills (Alberta Ave. off St. Clair) and St. Peters (Markham St. near Bathurst). Please purchase your special tree at one of these three locations. Sonny generously donates a significant portion of each tree sale to support Out of the Cold. The proceeds finance 40%+ of the annual

costs of running the program. Please share this opportunity to enjoy a fabulous tree with your friends, family and co-workers.

We will be providing a traditional Christmas dinner for our guests on December 21st. We give our overnight guests a small gift for Christmas which includes a Gift Card from Tim Hortons and subway tokens. If you would like to contribute towards the gifts, please donate \$10 cards (value clearly marked on back) and tokens to the church office or through the offering in envelopes marked "OOTC Christmas" **by Dec. 19th.**

* **Hilary Donaldson is going on Maternity Leave!**

Hilary Donaldson will be on maternity leave for the first few months of 2019. We are pleased to announce that Andrew Donaldson will be stepping in to fill Hilary's role in the East End music ministry during this time. Andrew will work closely with the ministry team and music staff to support the ongoing worship and musical life of our East End community in the new year.

Andrew is a classically-trained guitarist, performer, teacher, composer and music editor. He has led worship and workshops in congregational song across North America, as well as in Korea, Indonesia, Poland, Switzerland and Scotland. He recently served for five years as Worship Consultant to the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, working in partnership with his wife Wendy. Welcome, Andrew!

* **PAGEANT HELPERS NEEDED!**

This year's Eastminster Christmas Pageant "No Room at the Holyday Inn" is a comedic modern retelling of the Christmas story.

Helpers are still needed as backstage crew and to hand out programs at the 7:00pm show on Christmas Eve. Also, if you know any babies who would like to make their on stage debut as Jesus, let us know.

If you can help in any way, please email Brittany: brittanylcope@gmail.com.

* **East End United is Hiring a Maintenance Superintendent & Community Minister!**

Job descriptions available in the main office.

* **Glen Rhodes Community Outreach:**

Drop-in Food Bank

Wednesdays 9:00-11:30 am & 2:00-4:00pm

Glen Rhodes United Church

Community Dinners

Next community dinner: January 28, 5:00-6:00 pm

Glen Rhodes United Church

<h2>Weekly Events</h2>

Mondays 1:00pm

Prayer Shawl Knitters

Meet in Sarah's Office

Thursdays 7:30 - 9:30pm

Choir

Meet in the Sanctuary

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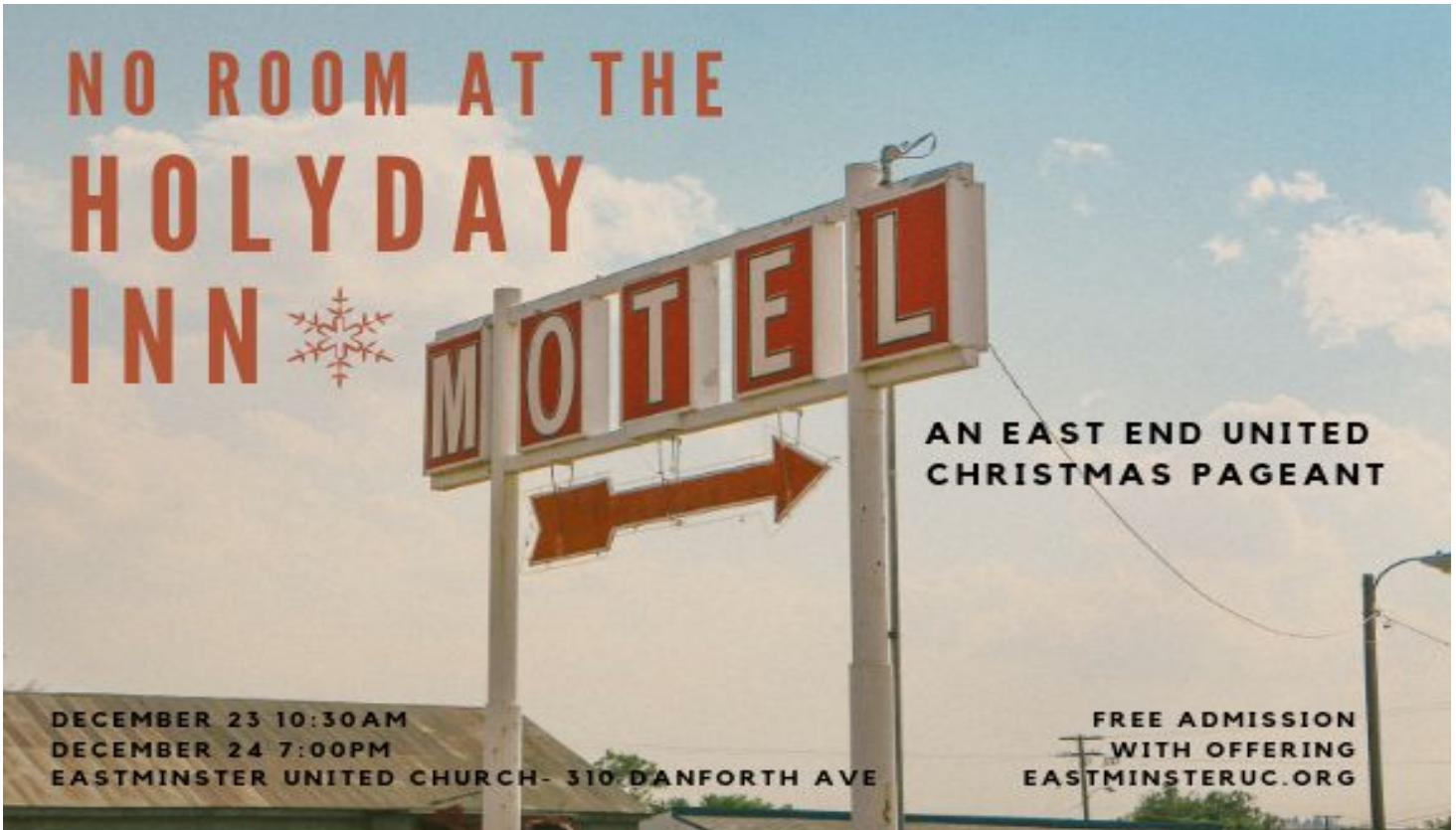
Soloists: Laura Larson - soprano, Sarah Hallikas – alto, Jeff Schissler - tenor, Andrew Hodwitz - bass



THE LONGEST NIGHT

A contemplative service for those dealing
with loss and sadness during the holidays

December 18, 7:00pm
Eastminster United Church
310 Danforth Ave
eastminsteruc.org



NO ROOM AT THE HOLYDAY INN ❄️

AN EAST END UNITED
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

DECEMBER 23 10:30AM
DECEMBER 24 7:00PM
EASTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH - 310 DANFORTH AVE

FREE ADMISSION
WITH OFFERING
EASTMINSTERUC.ORG

CHRISTMAS EVE AT EAST END UNITED

A hand is shown holding a string of small, glowing Christmas lights. The background is dark with many out-of-focus, circular bokeh lights in various colors, including white, blue, and purple, creating a festive and warm atmosphere.

Eastminster United Church
310 Danforth Ave
7:00pm Christmas Pageant
11:00pm Candlelight and Carols

Glen Rhodes United Church
1470 Gerrard St E
7:30pm Candlelight Service
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