



Opening Prayer

**As we enter the season of preparation and waiting,  
Help us to slow down, to breathe deeply, to prepare for the journey.  
This Advent, may we find the patience  
To forgive ourselves;  
To forgive those who have hurt us.  
This year, may we be filled with hopeful anticipation.  
Amen.**

\*Sharing the Peace

*The children are invited to Church School in the Hurndale Room.*

### **We Share in Word and Song**

Hebrew Scripture  
Greek Scripture

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Luke 21:25-36

Andrew Cassidy

One: The word of Hope  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Meditation

Waiting: Seeking Signs of Hope

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

John Mason Neale;  
arranged by Timothy L. Bandy  
Oboe: Jennifer Jones

### **We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers**

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn

VU #8 Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming

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

\*Dedication Prayer

### **We Celebrate Holy Communion**

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
All: **We lift our hearts in prayer.**  
One: Let us give thanks to God.  
All: **It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

Sung Responses

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full,  
are full of your glory.**

**Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!**

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Myanmar, Thailand  
Toronto Southeast Presbytery: West Ellesmere United Church  
Eastminster Prayer Cycle: Property Manager and Custodians

Songs during Communion: MV #202 Bread for the Journey  
MV #19 Maranatha

Prayer Following Communion

**Holy God, we are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Amen.**

### **We Go Out to Be the People of God**

Life and Work of the Congregation

\*Closing Hymn

VU#27 Tomorrow Christ is Coming

Fred Kaan

1 Tomorrow Christ is coming  
as yesterday he came;  
a child is born this moment,  
we do not know its name.  
The world is full of darkness,  
again there is no room;  
the symbols of existence  
are stable, cross and tomb.

2 Tomorrow will be Christmas,  
the feast of love divine,  
but for the nameless millions  
the star will never shine.  
Still is the census taken  
with people on the move;  
new infants born in stables  
are crying out for love.

3 There will be no tomorrows  
for many a baby born;  
Good Friday falls on Christmas  
when life is sown as corn.  
But Jesus Christ is risen  
and comes again in bread  
to still our deepest hunger  
and raise us from the dead.

4 Our God becomes incarnate  
in every human birth.  
Created in God's image,  
we must make peace on earth.  
God will fulfil Love's purpose  
and this shall be the sign:  
we shall find Christ among us  
as woman, child, or man.

\*Blessing & Sending Forth

\* Sung Blessing

VU#10 Prepare the Way of the Lord

Postlude

## 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.

**Special thanks** to Jennifer Jones (oboe) for sharing her musical gifts with us today!

### East End Fall Worship Service Schedule

| Date   | Eastminster                   | Glen Rhodes                   |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Dec 9  | Advent 2: Michiko Bown-Kai    | Advent 2: Rev. Sarah Miller   |
| Dec 16 | Advent 3: Michiko Bown-Kai    | Advent 3: Rev. Sarah Miller   |
| Dec 23 | Advent 4: Pageant             | Advent 4: Michiko Bown-Kai    |
| Dec 24 | 7:00 pm & 11:30 pm            | Christmas Eve: 7:30 pm        |
| Dec 30 | Christmas 1: Michiko Bown-Kai | Shared service at Eastminster |

## East End Announcements/Events

### \* **OUT OF THE COLD at Eastminster. Providing basic needs, warmth, dignity, kindness**

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.



*Repeat the Sounding Joy*

**Sunday  
December 9  
at 7:30pm**

**The Eastminster Choir**  
with musical guests

Eastminster United Church  
310 Danforth Ave, Toronto

- \* **A Baby Shower for Hilary and David!**  
**Sunday, Dec. 2 - After the service**  
**Eastminster Parlour**

Please join us as we happily anticipate the arrival of Hilary and David's baby! We will enjoy coffee and light snacks as we wish them well on their journey into parenthood!

- \* **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.

We'd love help from anyone in the congregation who could donate any time to help sew some costumes or paint/build some sets, or volunteer as a stage manager or backstage crew.

Brittany, our director, would also love another set of hands on the longer rehearsal days (Saturdays or Sundays after church) to help watch the little ones in their down time- she will set up some colouring or another activity but extra supervision would be wonderful!

If you can help in any way, please email Brittany: [brittanylcope@gmail.com](mailto:brittanylcope@gmail.com).

\* **East End United is Hiring a Community Minister!**

One of the most important initiatives that arises from the creation of East End United is the development of a new community ministry program. Over the last year and half there have been many conversations and plans developed to bring this dream to life. This year the Cosburn congregation received a bequest that they chose to dedicate to the creation of this ministry program. This was the catalyst we needed to move forward and are now pleased to announce that we have posted for the Community Minister/Animator position. The posting is available at the back of the church if you'd like to pass it along and is open until December 10th. We look forward to having the position filled and work to begin in early spring of 2019.

\* **LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS**

**Classroom Book Fund Grant**

Last week an additional \$1118 was donated from an anonymous donor(s) at Glen Rhodes. Thank you so much for this incredible gift!

We have received a couple of applications for funding but would love more! The application details are linked in the eblast or email [janesanden@eastendunited.ca](mailto:janesanden@eastendunited.ca).

Special thanks to Cheryl Suttie for her ongoing leadership and enthusiastic commitment to this initiative.

\* **EASTMINSTER KITCHEN GRAND OPENING**

The Jean and Louise Kitchen at Eastminster had its official opening and ribbon cutting last Sunday during our joint service! The kitchen is named in honour of the the mothers of our generous anonymous donors who made the renovation possible.

Jean and Louise loved to bake and were especially keen pie makers, so it was fitting that the day before our grand opening, a group of dozens of volunteers, lead by two 11 year olds came together in the kitchen and baked 102 which were sold to raise money for the Red Door Shelter.

Special thanks to Alan Munn, who's leadership as project manager over the last year made this beautiful renovation possible, and the East End Property Committee for their ongoing support.

\* **Taizé at Glen Rhodes**

**December 4 at 7pm.**

**Glen Rhodes**

Weeknight prayer services in the manner of the Taizé Community have returned to Glen Rhodes campus! Join us for a contemplative time of scripture, song, and silence.

The last Taizé service this term will be on December 4 at 7pm.

\* **Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday December 9 12:20pm**  
**Glen Rhodes Campus**

Following on last week's messages from the pulpits, this confirms that the East End United Regional Ministry will conduct a congregational meeting on December 9, 2018 at 12:30pm at the Glen Rhodes Campus. The purpose of this meeting is to confirm our intention to fulfill the covenant that we agreed to when we came together as East End Regional Ministry. Specifically, we will be calling a vote on the question of selling the Cosburn building.

We remain committed to transparency, careful deliberation and consultation, and this vote is the culmination of discussions that began earlier this year. Through the covenant that was voted on this past spring we committed to the sale of a property. Our dreams of community ministry and the success of existing ministries depend on our commitment to this covenant. Leading up to that vote and in the months that followed a committee that included leaders from each campus deliberated on this difficult choice. The committee brought a recommendation to East End Council. The Council accepted this recommendation and the process for acting on it. The Council supports the recommendation and is bringing it forward to the congregation for approval.

In accordance with United Church policy, this will be a vote of registered members of the East End Regional Ministry (which includes members of the three inherited congregations) and votes must be cast in person (there are no proxies permitted).

\* **White Gift Sunday**  
**December 9**

White gift Sunday is an advent tradition from the early 1900s. Gift brought in honour of Jesus are all wrapped in white paper in order to emphasize the love of the people and the intent of the gift, not the size or value of it.

This year at Eastminster we are collecting items in white bags for Out of the Cold and Toronto Urban Native Ministry.

For OOTC, please fill your bag with:

- men's and women's deodorant
- small tubes of toothpaste
- men's and women's ski gloves
- lip balm / chapstick
- travel size shampoos / lotions
- men's and women's underwear
- thermal long johns (men's and women's)

For Toronto Urban Native Ministry, please fill your bag with:

- board games for adults and kids
- new children's toys and book

Empty bags will be handed out Sunday December 2, collected Sunday December 9 and sorted by the youth group.

Non-perishables will be collected for the Glen Rhodes Food Bank at Eastminster and Glen Rhodes throughout December.

## **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

## **Community Events**

### **\* WINTERSONGS- VOCA Holiday Concert**

**December 8, 7:30pm**

**Eastminster United Church**

VOCA will present an engaging and eclectic array of seasonal songs that evening, featuring Celtic and other choral and instrumental selections, with music by Sarah Quartel, Ēriks Ešēnvalds, Mark Sirett, Matthew Emery, Jenny Crober, La Bolduc, David Mooney and others.

With special guests Sybil Shanahan (cello) and Celtic multi-instrumentalists Saskia Tomkins (violin, nyckelharpa, Celtic harp) and Steáfán Hannigan (Irish flute, bodhrán, Uilleann pipes).

### **\* Celebrate the Music that Moves You**

**A TCO Holiday Concert**

**Tuesday December 11 7:30pm**

**Eastminster United Church**

The Toronto Community Orchestra is pleased to extend a warm invitation to our upcoming concert "Celebrate the Music That Moves You!" on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 pm. The concert will include the Blue Danube Waltz, Danzon from Fancy Free by Bernstein, 3 Slavonic Dances by Dvorak, the Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikowsky, and Handel's The Trumpet Shall Sound, featuring Baritone Olivier Laquerre and Darrin Hicks on trumpet. And of course, we will be finishing off with our annual sing-along 12 Days of Christmas. Admission is free, donations are gratefully accepted!

## **Weekly Events**

**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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