



Eastminster United Church

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

-Robert Frost

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Diana Hilton

*Opening Hymn

Come, O Unexpected Jesus

Adam Tice

1. Come, O un - ex - pec - ted Je - sus! We a -
2. Come, O un - ex - pec - ted Je - sus! Shake the
3. Come, O un - ex - pec - ted Je - sus! Turn us
4. Come, O un - ex - pec - ted Je - sus, as at

wait the age to be when your will for earth and
wis - dom of the wise, Pierce the night of death and
from our well - worn ways; guide us on the paths of
Beth - le - hem you came: God in - car - nate, yet an

heav - en brings them in - to harm on - y. Come to
dark - ness; dawn as light on wear y eyes. Wake the
jus - tice to the peace your life dis - plays. Turn our
in - fant, shun - ning earth - ly might and fame. Come, Em -

us, O Christ our Sav - iour, come and set cre - a - tion free!
world from heed - less slum - ber, come to us as God's sur - prise!
stum - bling in - to dan - cing, and our mour - ning in to praise!
man - u - el, and through us birth the new world you pro - claim!

Advent Candle Lighting

One: Today we kindle the Advent candle of peace.

All: **We welcome the glow that causes us to pause, the glow that entices us to gather together, the glow that shines in hearts of goodwill.**

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

All: **We receive the light of peace.**

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 Peace...

Opening Prayer

In a spirit of peace, we come, Holy God, on this second Sunday of Advent.

Still our hearts that we might receive your Word for us this day.

Sow in us the seeds of your peace-able kin-dom that we might find our rightful place in your creation.

Prepare our hearts we pray, to receive the Prince of Peace. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

Youth Group collects White Gift Bags

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

We Share in Word and Song

Scripture

Luke 1:68-79 (VU900)
Luke 3:1-6

Shirley Carmichael

One: The word of Hope

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Travelling Towards Jesus Michiko Bown-Kai

Anthem Saviour of Light Mark Hayes, *A Child of Hope*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn VU #34 Come Now, O God of Peace (O-So-So)

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

*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People Susan Wakefield

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam
Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Knob Hill United Church
Eastminster Prayer Cycle: Music Staff

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU #9 People, Look East!

*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.

East End Fall Worship Service Schedule

Date	Eastminster	Glen Rhodes
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 & 11:00 pm	Christmas Eve: 7:30 pm
Dec 30	Christmas 1: Michiko Bown-Kai	Shared service at Eastminster

East End Announcements/Events

*** Congregational Meeting
December 9 12:30pm
Glen Rhodes United Church**

East End United started more than five years ago, as a project of United Church congregations across the east end of Toronto. In Spring 2018, this project entered a new phase with the creation, after a series of congregational votes, of East End United Regional Ministry. This new ministry was formed from the congregations of Cosburn, Eastminster, and Glen Rhodes United Churches. From the beginning, this project was shaped by a recognition that the United Church held more real property than could be sustained by the congregations that occupied them. Maintaining these properties drains the resources of our churches (both in financial resources and in volunteer energy). This recognition was confirmed in the Covenant Agreement that formed our regional ministry. We agreed by overwhelming majority vote that, with the emergence of a new regional ministry, we would sell one of the properties in order to use our resources for the continuing development of ministry in the east end. A committee that began as part of Transition Council early this year continued their deliberations under direction from the new East End Council. After careful deliberation this committee made the recommendation that Cosburn was the most appropriate property to sell. Acknowledging the good faith that this committee brought to this difficult decision, Council approved the recommendation. Council is now bringing this decision to the East End Congregation and is asking our members to ratify the decision through the following motion:

Whereas the sale of one property has been covenanted by the congregations of Cosburn, Eastminster, and Glen Rhodes in the creation of East End Regional Ministry, it is moved that the congregation of East End United ratifies the decision to proceed with the sale of the Cosburn campus and moved that the Council take all necessary steps to implement this decision, including direction of the Trustees, selection of consultants/brokers, and any necessary decisions to complete the sale.

* **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.

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.

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

Job descriptions available in the main office.

* **Creche Sunday**

December 16

Eastminster United Church

We welcome Enrico De Dominicis back on Sunday December 16 for his annual sharing of the creche! This year, the Church School is creating a scene based around superheros. Kids and adults are encouraged to bring small figurines- superhero action figures, nativity figures or anything else that you'd like to contribute to our creche (you can take them back home at the end of the service).

*** 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>Community Events</h2>

*** 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!

<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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Custodians: Jordana Kuhn, Benjamin Priede, Cécile Bussière, Daniel Paton

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



Repeat the Sounding Joy

Sunday
December 9
at 7:30pm

The Eastminster Choir
with musical guests

Eastminster United Church
310 Danforth Ave, Toronto



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

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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

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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