



Eastminster United Church

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"Peace is not a matter of prizes or trophies. It is not the product of a victory or command. It has no finishing line, no final deadline, no fixed definition of achievement. It is an attitude, a way of life, a way of solving problems and resolving conflicts. . It cannot ignore our differences or overlook our common interests. It requires us to work and live together." - Oscar Arias Sánchez,

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

*Opening Hymn VU#9 People, Look East

Advent Candle Lighting

adapted from Laura Sauder
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

One: As we begin our Advent journey, we remember
Mary and Joseph, who journeyed to Bethlehem.

All: Where Mary gave birth to a son, a boy named Jesus.

One: A son whose very birth wrought fear in the heart and mind of King Herod.

All: A king who responded to the news of this birth with unthinkable violence.

One: Today we light this candle, a sign of peace;

All: And we remember all those who work for justice, human rights, and peace in their communities. Together may we work to create the shelter of peace for all to enjoy.

Wreath Response Hamba nathi mkululu wethu
South Africa; alternate text Andrew Donaldson

Zulu traditional,

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.

Verse 2: **We bring good news, a story of peace / The story, the story, the story is true**

* Blessing & Sending Forth

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

Postlude

Today

* Welcome to Eastminster



Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and include your email address if you'd like to receive the weekly e-blast announcements from Eastminster. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer book also in the Narthex. Children are invited to Nursery (up to age 4) and Church School following the Children's Time. Please pick up children from Church school and Nursery following the service.

Eastminster Events

* **TODAY - Sun. December 4: Trustees Meeting following service**

* **Tues. December 6 from 7-9pm: Exploring our Faith** Our fall study group explores issues of faith, ethics and life. We will begin with the DVD study Living the Questions. All are welcome to attend. Please note this session will meet in the Jackman Room.

* **Thurs. December 8 @ 10.40am: Chester Village Service** Pls. Speak to Rev. Sarah if you can help

** REMINDER **

As we head into the holiday season this is a reminder to please not leave any items of value or your personal belongings unattended anywhere in the church.



Christmas Events!!

* **TODAY - Sun. December 4: White Gift Sunday - Peace!**

This year we are collecting gifts for Out of the Cold. Please fill your white bags with new men's & women's underwear M- XXL, gloves, razors, small shaving creams, small toothpastes and Tim Horton's gift cards.

* **Poinsettia Donations**

Anyone wishing to donate a Poinsettia in memory of, or in gratitude for a loved one is asked to make a \$10 donation in the envelopes marked Poinsettia Donations today. The flowers will be displayed in the sanctuary on Dec. 11th and then delivered to those in the congregation who are unable to attend services. (Please print details *clearly*)

* **Tues. December 6 at 7:30pm: Tidings of Comfort and Joy Christmas Concert!**

Please join the Toronto Community Orchestra, the Eastminster Choir and the Young Voices Toronto Children's Choir as they present *Tidings of Comfort and Joy*. Allow the pastoral melodies of Beethoven's 6th symphony, humour of Haydn's "Surprise" symphony, and warm voices featured in John Williams' *Home Alone Suite* to comfort you this holiday season. Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Ave. Admission is free, donations are very welcome. (*see poster on last page*)

* **Sun. December 11 at 7.30pm: Candlelight & Choirs Christmas Concert!**

Join us for a festive evening of choral music celebrating Christmas traditions from around the world. Our own choir will be joined by members of the Toronto Community Orchestra along with other talented musical guests. Admission is by a freewill offering; proceeds will benefit Out of the Cold.

* **Sun. December 18 at 10.30am: Christmas Pageant: What Happened Last Night?**

Join us for a few LOL's at our very silly Christmas Pageant: 'What Happened Last Night?!' written by 3 time Canadian Comedy Award Winner, Chris Wilson!

* **Tues. December 20 at 7pm: Blue Christmas**

Join us and other East End churches for a meditative service for those who have experienced loss or long for a moment of quiet in this busy season.

* **Christmas Eve, December 24 at 7pm: Christmas Eve Pageant
at 11pm: Candlelit Communion**

Community Events

* **Sunday, December 4 @ 7:00pm: Carols by Candlelight, Glebe Road United Church**

Old fashioned Carol sing with proceeds going to Out of the Cold

* **Fri. December 30 from 7pm – 11pm: Concert at Mennonite New Life Centre of Toronto**

The Mennonite New Life Centre of Toronto located at 1774 Queen St East, is hosting a Welcome Home Benefit Concert featuring local musicians and food provided by Newcomer Kitchen.

Announcements

* **Message from Ministry and Personnel**

We are pleased to welcome Eva Kolcze, who has joined us on a temporary basis as our new Office Administrator. She will be working Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and, during the Advent season, will provide support to Jane with the pageant. In addition to having several years administrative experience, Eva is an artist and film-maker who also teaches in her field.

*** Refreshments Volunteers Needed!**

Please sign up to bring refreshments after church for a Sunday or two this fall. Our custodian prepares the coffee and tea. You bring milk, cream, juice and cookies. The sign-up sheet is at the back!

Weekly Events

Mondays:	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters - meet in Sarah's Office
Thursdays:	6:00 - 6:45pm	Children's Choir - meet in the Parlour
	7:30 - 9.30pm	Adult Choir - meet in the Sanctuary

Staff

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Custodians: Jessica Aguiar, Joshua Somers, Jordana Kuhn,

Soloists: Michelle Suzanne - *soprano*, Andrew Hodwitz - *bass*, Jeff Schissler - *tenor*, Joy Klopp - *alto*



Sunday, December 11, 2016
7:30 p.m.

Celebrating Christmas around the World

The Eastminster Choir

With Musical Guests

Scott Pietrangelo and Hilary Seraph Donaldson
Music Directors

Admission by free-will offering
Proceeds to benefit the Out of the Cold program

Eastminster United Church
310 Danforth Avenue at Chester subway
eastminsteruc.org



Tidings of Comfort



and Joy!

Leonidas Varahidis
Artistic Director/Conductor

Featuring Young Voices Toronto
and the Eastminster Choirs

Presenting the music of
Mikhail Glinka, Joseph
Haydn, Ludwig van
Beethoven & John Williams

Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Avenue
Tuesday, December 6, 7:30 PM

torontocommunityorchestra.org

VOCA
chorus of toronto



Northern Lights

Featuring several stunning works by Ola Gjeilo
& other seasonal selections...

Jenny Crober, Artistic Director
Elizabeth Acker, Accompanist

Elizabeth Loewen Andrews, Laurel Mascarenhas, violin
Rory McLeod, viola Wendy Solomon, cello

Saturday, December 10, 2016 * 7:30 pm

Eastminster United Church,
310 Danforth Avenue (Chester subway), Toronto
\$25 Gen. Adm. \$20 Seniors \$10 Students

416-947-8487
www.vocachorus.ca

24TH ANNUAL

Riverdale Share concert

A Benefit concert for Families

Sunday, December 4th

3:00 PM

**DANFORTH MUSIC HALL
147 DANFORTH AVE.**

Tickets \$20

Plus a non-perishable food donation

Tickets available at:

The Big Carrot
348 Danforth Ave.

Treasure Island Toys
581 Danforth Ave.

Ticketmaster
ticketmaster.ca
or 1-855-985-5000

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