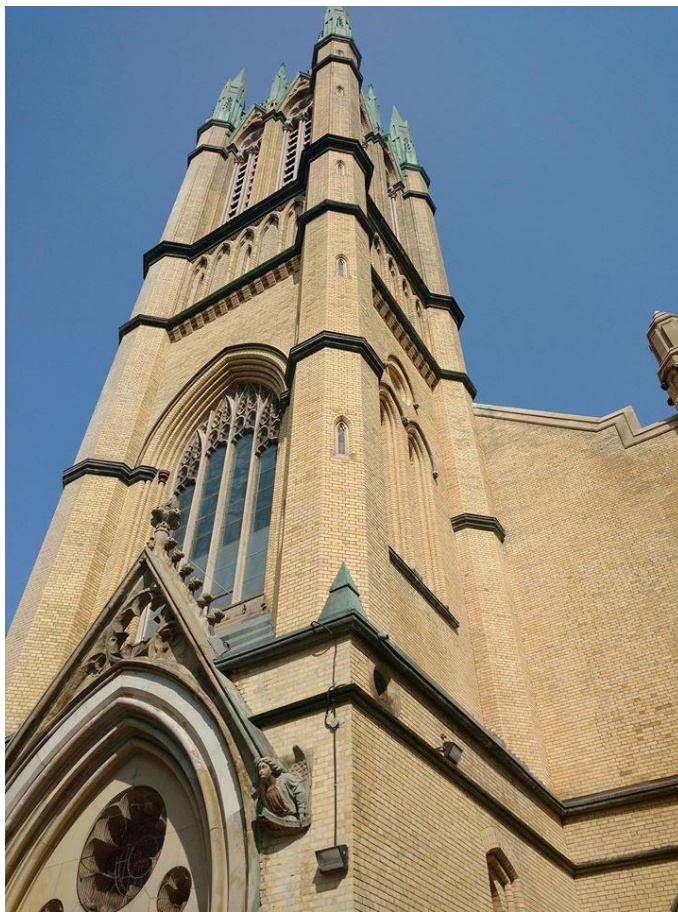


Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

The downtown church for a diverse city

For thousands of years this land has been the traditional home of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. It is still home to Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We are grateful to work, live and worship on this land.



Sunday, September 9, 2018
Gathering Sunday

*We hope that you will find in the Worship Service food for faith and a doorway to God. Metropolitan is an **Affirming Congregation**. We welcome people of all sexual orientations to worship and minister among us.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

CARILLON PRELUDE 10:30 a.m. outside, ending with:

St. George's Windsor, arr. David Christensen

BAND PRELUDE AND CANDLELIGHTING

Myfanwy

arr. Matt Kingston

Adagio

Benedetto Marcello arr. Matt Kingston

The Last Rose of Summer

arr. Matt Kingston

Harvest Celebration

Noel Jones

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN #347** *Retell What Christ's Great Love Has Done* Pater Omnium

♪ **INVITATION TO WORSHIP** (Opening liturgy adapted from Psalm 146)

One: Praise the Lord! Praise as long as you live. Sing the songs of life from dawn until dusk.

All: Happy are those whose help is God. God has made the might and the gentleness of all things. God is faithful forever.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. (all seated)

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

One: Awaken our wariness to the wiles of princes. There is no help in those who cannot, or will not, help.

All: They change our plans according to their whims. We are pawns in their political games.

One: Scenes change with fickle words and ways. and by the sudden breath of mortality. We all return in silence to sleep in the earth.

All: You tattoo justice on our hands, and inspire open banquet tables in our dreams. You break our imprisonment and reveal with harsh clarity the blindness of our touted certainties.

One: Watch over us, the widow and the orphan, unpartnered and unbirthed. Run the ways of the wicked to ruin.

All: Grant us soft eyes, warm hands and words of welcome at the doorway of each new day.

SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

♪ (indicates a congregational response- please stand as you are able)

ANNIVERSARY KYRIE (ALL)

P. Wright

Congregation

God, have mer - cy up - on us.

Choir

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Congregation and Choir

God, have mer - cy up-on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Long days and high clouds release seasons of promise. Things grow and ripen then. Prayers, sown as seeds, yield blessings seen in love. This is God's way.

ANNIVERSARY ACT OF PRAISE (All)

P. Wright

Glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God! Glo-ry in the high-est!

CHOIR: All glory be to God on high and peace to earth from heaven.

ALL: Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!

CHOIR: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

ALL: Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!

READINGS Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; James 2:1-10, 14-17

ANTHEM *I Will Arise*

Trad., arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms, in the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace, streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

GOSPEL READING Mark 7:24-37

One: Here then is light: old light from glory, bright light from wisdom, fair light from faithful following. Here is Christ, alive in text and expectation.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Thanks be to God for the light.

ENCOUNTERING THE CHILD WITHIN

All children and youth are invited to make their way to Sunday School. Please follow the teachers.

♪ **HYMN # 567** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Kelvingrove

SERMON "Right on the Doorstep"
The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair

ANTHEM *Open Thou Mine Eyes*

John Rutter

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire: order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments. O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there

be none else, no other, nought else with thee. Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments, in truth of spirit, in reverence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and public. Gisele Kulak, soprano

♪ PEACE GREETING

One: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

♪ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR COMMON LIFE

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK

BAND OFFERTORY *The Irish Blessing*

Andrew Goddard, arr. Colin Dance

♪ **THE OFFERTORY HYMN #541 (All)**

Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known: Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray. (all seated)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (all) (*Voices United*, p. 921)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Welwyn

William Wright



Let your light so shine, let your light so shine that all may see your work and



glo-ri-fy God, and glo-ri-fy God who is in Hea - ven.

arr. Ralph Carmichael



LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair** and **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea**. Reading the lessons is **Fran Harvey**. The ministry of music is offered by the Metropolitan Choir conducted by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**, by Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Michael Oldaker**, and by the **Metropolitan Silver Band** conducted by **Fran Harvey**.

CARRYING THE BANNER is Ian Mahaffy.

GREETER is Muriel Griffith.

USHERS are Jennifer McDonald, Vicki Harris, Gunn Wongsuwan, and Joseph Curry.

All are welcome to share in refreshments and conversation after the service.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 10

10:00 a.m. Art Program

Metropolitan Centre

Tuesday, September 11

6:30 p.m. Open Studio Night

Metropolitan Centre

7:00 p.m. Silver Band rehearsal

Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 12

5:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Bryce Room

6:30 p.m. “Metropolitan- The Musical” rehearsal

Chancel Room

Thursday, September 13

7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast

Fran's Restaurant

6:30 p.m. Metropolitan Handbells

Nursery

7:30 p.m. Metropolitan Choir rehearsal

Chancel Room/Sanctuary

Friday, September 14

10:00 a.m. Art Program

Metropolitan Centre

Saturday, September 15

8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bible Study

Nursery

1:00 p.m. "Metropolitan- The Musical" rehearsal

Chancel Room

NEXT SUNDAY: September 16 *Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost*

9:30 a.m. Communion Service in the Founders' Chapel
"Street Wisdom"

The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea

9:45 a.m. Metropolitan Sparklers, Choristers, *Great Heart* Met Centre, Chancel Room and Morley
Punshon

10:00 a.m. Library Open (re-opens 12:15 p.m.)

10:00 a.m. One Question Bible Study

Back of the Nave

11:00 a.m. Morning Service and Church School

"Voice in the Night" The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea
Proverbs 1:20-33; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

METROPOLITAN'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR 2018 "A GREAT LIGHT"

SPECIAL SEPTEMBER WORSHIP EVENTS

Sunday, September 23, 11:00 a.m. "Emphasis on Community"

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Catherine Maclean, St. Paul's United Church, Edmonton,
(Preacher, Teacher, Scholar, Author, recent candidate for United Church Moderator).

The Fall Fair starts right after the service, with displays, booths, food & drink, entertainment.

Sunday, September 30, 7:30 p.m. we gather our outreach partners for worship.

From "The Hub" Partnership: St. Michael's Hospital, St. Michael's Cathedral, The Sisters of
St. Joseph and St. James Cathedral.

From "The Toronto Festival of Preaching" (The Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship):

Yorkminster Park Baptist Choir & Congregation, Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church. The various clergy and lay leaders will participate, a combined choir will
sing C. H. Parry's "I Was Glad".

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes, The Minister of Yorkminster Park will preach.



MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS to all of our choirs for children and youth which began today, Sunday, September 9 at 9:45 a.m. Sparklers (ages 4-6), Choristers (ages 7-12), and Great Heart (ages 13 up) are open to all regardless of prior musical experience. Speak with Dr. Wright for more information.

METROPOLITAN...THE MUSICAL! One church, two centuries. If you are interested in joining the cast of our November 3 anniversary production, or singing with the choir for the production, please speak to **Benjamin Stein** or email Dr. Patricia Wright at patriciaw@metunited.org. Rehearsals for the cast will be Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

VISUAL AND CREATIVE ARTS FALL HAPPENINGS: *Yes you can write, draw, paint*

Creative writers workshop facilitated by published writer Sue Reynolds. It is a powerful 3 hour workshop scheduled for September 26 (2 –5 pm and if enough interest also that evening from 6 - 9). Please register with Carole at bookbind@cogeco.ca and give your preference for afternoon or evening.

Open Studio Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the MET Centre, (acrylics, pencil, pastels, some supplies provided!) all levels welcome! A friendly encouraging space facilitated by local artist Luis Estores.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

METROPOLITAN CONGREGATIONAL FAIR coming up Sunday, September 23 at 12:15 p.m. Mark the date to bring your jams and jellies and fresh baking for sale. Come and see the 200th Anniversary heritage partners, community companions and hear an anniversary commissioned piece by Gordon Slater for our carillon. There will also be a BBQ, baking tables, treasure tables, a police DJ, face painting and Daisy the clown. RSVP Kelly Bolt k.bolt@me.com.

FALL FAIR 2018 – Winnie Williams Prize winning apple pies are available for Pre-Sale \$10. Sign up at the Met Connect table.

MET CARE presents Music Can Heal, a Lunch and Learn on September 30th in the Met Centre following the church service. Bring your own lunch – coffee and tea provided. Please sign up with **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea**.

OUTREACH

DONATIONS NO LONGER REQUIRED

Metropolitan United **is no longer accepting** clothing and household goods for donation. There are a number of very well-run programs nearby and elsewhere in the city that will welcome your donations.

The Double Take Store at 310 Gerrard Street East takes items between 10 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Sunday. **Diabetes Canada** will pick up items by appointment but also have donation bins nearby at 522 University Avenue, 128 Broadview Avenue, 100 Bain Avenue and 801 Lakeshore Blvd East. We will be using these resources to assist Metropolitan service users.

SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE

FLANDERS LIBRARY: We are open every Sunday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:15-1:00 p.m. Met librarians are always glad to help you.

FAITH THROUGH ACTION

A GIFT ARRANGED NOW FOR THE FUTURE: A gift in your will, a gift of insurance, an annuity—each could significantly benefit Metropolitan's future. Thank you for considering a legacy gift to our church.

METROPOLITAN'S MEMORIAL FUND: Thank you for remembering your loved ones with a gift to our Memorial Fund. Gifts are used to enhance our sanctuary and to build the church's endowment fund.

Gratitude . . . takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference. — [Thomas Merton](#)

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