

# 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, October 7, 2018** **Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost** **Thanksgiving 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**  
*Now Thank We All Our God* (from Cantata #79)

J. S. Bach, arr. B. Buchanan

## ORGAN PRELUDE AND CANDLELIGHTING

*Fest-Hymnus*  
*Now Thank We All Our God*  
*Now Praise God, My Soul*

Carl Piutti  
J. S. Bach  
Dieterich Buxtehude

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN #516** *Come, You Thankful People, Come*

St. George's, Windsor

♪ **INVITATION TO WORSHIP** (Opening liturgy is adapted from Psalm 126)

**One:** When God becomes breath and blows the world into being, it is called "creation". When God brings seeds to fruition in every rolling season, it is called "restoration".

**All:** The Almighty One has done great things for us. We are happy in our hearts.

**One:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

**One:** Let us pray. (all seated)

## PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

**One:** When the bounty comes riding in, we become like those who dream. How did dirt become delight? How did hard labour on long days become a groaning board full of good things?

**All:** **We confess to one and all that something mighty is here. Other nations envy our cooperation, and long for our fertility. Across our country, we bask in the bounty you have given us, in land and sea, communities and resources, both known and unrevealed.**

**One:** May we be restorers of fortune, in our neighbourhoods with kindness, in our political lives with truth, in our dreams with equity, and in our destination, a mutuality of eternal things.

**All:** **May those who sow in tears reap with joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. This is your deep way with us.**

## SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

## ANNIVERSARY KYRIE (ALL)

*Congregation* *Choir*

God, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Congregation and Choir*

God, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

## 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)



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** Joel 2:21-27; 1 Timothy 2:1-7

**ANTHEM** *Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)*

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 6:25-33

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 #520** *We Plough the Fields*

Wir Pflügen

**SERMON** "The Nature of Things" The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair

**ANTHEM** *Truly the Lord is in this place*

Peter Hurford

Truly the Lord is in this place; this is no other than the house of God, this is the gate of heaven. All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, come ye before him, and rejoice. O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

**♪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

**OFFERTORY SOLO** *Exsultate, Jubilate*

W. A. Mozart

Rejoice, be glad, O you blessed souls, rejoice, be glad, singing sweet songs; in response to your singing let the heavens sing forth with me. Chelsea Van Pelt, soprano

♪**THE OFFERTORY HYMN #518, verse 3**

Forest Green

**With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to you,  
Not just to serve your cause, but share your love with neighbours too.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your son,  
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

### ♪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.**

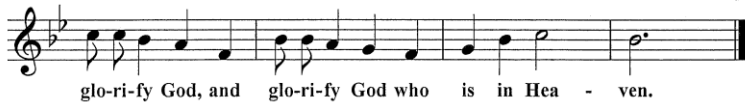
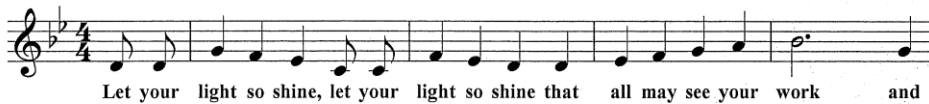
♪**RECESSIONAL HYMN #236** *Now Thank We All Our God*

Nun Danket

### COMMISSIONING

## ♩ ANNIVERSARY BLESSING (All-please turn toward the centre)

William Wright



## ORGAN POSTLUDE AND CANDLE EXTINGUISHING *Now Thank We All Our God* S. Karg-Elert



LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair** and **The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea**. Reading the lessons is **Carol Dilks**. The ministry of music is offered by the **Metropolitan Choir** conducted by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright** and by the Junior Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki**.

Today we welcome our Junior Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki** who has just begun studies toward a Master of Divinity degree at Emmanuel College. A native of Port Hope, he graduated from the University of Toronto with an honours degree in immunology. In the spring, Timothy was awarded the Kathleen Williams Scholarship and a Sutton Scholarship for attaining the highest marks in Canada in the Royal Canadian College of Organists Service Playing Examination.

**CARRYING THE BANNER** is **Janice Andrews**.

**GREETER** is **Fran Parkin**.

**USHERS** are **Eva Breeze, Edward Oikawa, Wilbert Ward, and Terry Kelly**.

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

**TODAY'S MUSIC** includes organ music by Carl Piutti, J. S. Bach and German Romantic composer Sigfrid Karg-Elert. Piutti was a 19<sup>th</sup> century German organist and composer and served as organist of the Leipzig St. Thomas Church (Bach's church) in the latter part of the century. This 'Fest-Hymnus' contains the motive 'B A C H' interspersed with the hymn 'Now thank we all our God.'

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, October 8**

**Thanksgiving Day – Church closed**

**Tuesday, October 9**

**6:30 p.m.** Open Studio Night

**7:00 p.m.** Silver Band rehearsal

Metropolitan Centre  
Sanctuary

**Wednesday, October 10**

**10:00 a.m.** Jesus X Four Study Group

**5:00 p.m.** Worship Committee

**6:30 p.m.** "Metropolitan – The Musical" rehearsal

Board Room (Northeast corner)  
Bryce Room  
Sanctuary

## Thursday, October 11

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, October 12

10:00 a.m.	Art Program	Metropolitan Centre
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## Saturday, October 13

8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Study	Nursery
1:00 p.m.	"Metropolitan- The Musical" rehearsal	Sanctuary

## NEXT SUNDAY: October 14 *Peace and Social Justice Sunday*

9:30 a.m.	Communion Service in the Founders' Chapel "I Lay My Case Before You" The Rev. Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea	
9:45 a.m.	Metropolitan Sparklers, Choristers, <i>Great Heart</i> 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	Board Room (Northeast corner)
11:00 a.m.	Morning Service and Church School Edna Manitowabi, Anishnaabekwe, guest speaker Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31	

### ***METROPOLITAN'S 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR 2018 "A GREAT LIGHT"***

**Friday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. Anniversary Organ Recital by Dr. Ryan Jackson** (former Metropolitan Assistant Organist and now Director at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York)  
Admission \$20/10 ages 18 and under.

**METROPOLITAN...THE MUSICAL! One Church, Two Centuries – Saturday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.**  
Come to our anniversary production celebrating Metropolitan's 200 years in song, story, and images. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. A reception will follow.

**Sunday, November 4 11 a.m. Anniversary Sunday** with the Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair preaching and music by the Metropolitan Silver Band, Choir, Choristers, and Sparklers. The choir and band will premiere a new piece, and the choir will repeat the newly-commissioned piece which was sung in the September 30<sup>th</sup> evening service.

## ***MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS***

**MUSIC AT METROPOLITAN** – Our 2018-2019 brochure is now available in the Narthex and on the MetConnect Table. Take one and several to share.

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**VISUAL AND CREATIVE ARTS FALL HAPPENINGS: Open Studio Tuesdays 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** in the MET Centre, (acrylics, pencil, pastels, some supplies provided!) all levels welcome! A friendly encouraging space facilitated by local artist Luis Estores.

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## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

Winnie Williams Prize winning apple pies are available \$10. Sign up at the Met Connect table.

## **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.

**KNITTERS UNITE!** Each Christmas, our congregation's Out of the Cold program gives knitted or crocheted toques, scarves or mitts as gifts to our meal guests. OOTC would deeply appreciate any donation of items you would care to make. It is miserable to be cold. Your handwork could change that for someone who is. Please bring your items to the Church Office and thank you for your help.

## **SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE**

**FLANDERS LIBRARY:** The Library welcomes Edna Manitowabi to preside over the Peace and Social Justice Service on October 14. She is known as an active supporter of Aboriginal Arts. Our library has many books dedicated to First Nations culture and written by First Nations authors. Among them 'Did You Hear Wind Sing Your Name?: An Oneida Song of Spring'; by Sandra De Coteau Orié, 'Ecotheology: Voices from South and North' by David G. Hallman, and 'Indian Horse' by Richard Wagamese. Library is open 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:15-1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

**STUDY GROUP: Jesus X Four** with the Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair will be held on Wednesdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 from 10 a.m. until noon in the Board Room space, northeast side.

October 3 THE JESUS WE INHERIT

October 10 THE JESUS WE CREATE

October 27 THE JESUS WE RESIST

October 24 THE JESUS WE ADORE

The Christian faith revolves around the stories of Jesus. The orbit of these revolutions swings between narrow and wide, predictable and eccentric. We must make our way as travellers among them all.

**LUNCH AND LEARN Sunday, October 21 at 12:15 p.m.** – Learn Soul Healing - Forgiveness Practice with Meilana Dickenson in the Met Centre. RSVP Dr. John Joseph Mastandrea.

**LUNCH AND LEARN Sunday, October 28 at 12:15 p.m.** Out of Africa- Safari Tales Remembered with Dr. Mastandrea in the Metropolitan Centre.

## **FAITH IN ACTION**

**BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE:** Our congregation will be launching a major capital fund raising campaign in 2019. With the support of every household, we will restore our sanctuary, repair and refurbish our carillon and renew our McGill Square park as we prepare for ministry in our 3<sup>rd</sup> century. Our financial goal? At least \$1.5 million. If we don't raise it, the work will not get done. More information will follow in the weeks to come. Thank you for your interest. Thank you for your generous support.

**GOOD STEWARDSHIP:** Good stewarding of our resources involves planning ahead. Does your will show you to be a lifetime steward of all that you have received? Thank you for remembering Metropolitan United Church with a legacy gift. Need information? Please contact Doug Flanders at: (416) 769-2746; [dougflanders@sympatico.ca](mailto:dougflanders@sympatico.ca) **A legacy — It's ours to leave.**

*For it is in giving that we receive. — St. Francis of Assisi*

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A GREAT LIGHT

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