

# Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



Metropolitan United Church, 1902

## Anniversary and Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, November 3, 2019

**We are an Affirming Congregation, offering welcome and companionship to all, regardless of orientation or designation.**

**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.**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

♪ (INDICATES A CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - PLEASE STAND IN SPIRIT OR IN FACT)

## CARILLON PRELUDE (outside)

BAND PRELUDE *A Little Hymn*

*The Last Night of Fall*

*A Life Well Lived*

Simon Dobson

Etienne Crausaz

Ty Watson

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN #706 *Give Thanks for Life*

Sine Nomine

## ♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: We gather, with the company of the faithful:

**All: Those who know the way to the kingdom  
and those who are just beginning their pilgrimage.**

One: We gather, remembering the ones we call saints:

**All: Those who left their mark on our hearts  
and those whose choir-song still echoes in our ears.**

One: We gather, praising God for all who have shaped our faith:

**All: Those who showed us the dance of love of justice,  
and those who taught us to play the instruments of joy.**

One: God be with you.

**All: And with your Spirit.**

One: Let us pray. (all seated)

## PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

## SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

KYRIE ELEISON (ALL) #69 *MORE VOICES* *Kyrie eleison (God have mercy)*

Kervin

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

♪ ACT OF PRAISE (All) #59 *More Voices*

Yoruba song (Nigeria)

**Alleluia, Praise to God (two times)...Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God...**

**Songs of joy sing out to God (two times)...Dancing and singing, we praise you, O God...**

**Beat the drums, sing out to God (two times)...Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God...**

CHORISTERS *Hand Me Down My Silver Trumpet*

Spiritual, arr. Jean Ashworth Bartle

Well I've never been to heaven, but I've been told the gates are made of pearl and the streets are made of gold, hand me down my silver trumpet, Lord! If religion were a thing that money could buy, the rich would live and the poor would die. Well now, if you want a silver trumpet like mine, you'd better learn to play it in plenty of time...hand me down my silver trumpet, Lord!

**READINGS** Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Ephesians 1:11-23

**ANTHEM** *Laudate Dominum*

W. A. Mozart

Praise God all nations, praise him all people, for he has bestowed on us his loving kindness, and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, Amen. Chelsea Van Pelt, soprano

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 6:20-31

**ONE:** This is the witness of the good news of Jesus Christ.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH TIME**

All children and youth are invited to follow their teachers to Sunday School in the MET Centre.

**HYMN #707 For the Faithful Who Have Answered**

Omni Die

**SERMON** “Of Beasts, Blessings and Deferred Gratification”

The Rev. Karen Bowles

**ANTHEM** *Locus Iste*

Ernst von Dohnányi

Blessed God who made this holy place, no price can claim your sacred temple, it is without fault or blemish. God, who now stands before the angel chorus, hear now the prayers of thy humble servants. Alleluia! I will worship towards thy holy temple: I will give glory unto thy blessed name. Alleluia! Blessed are the ones who fear him, they ever walk in the ways of peace. Through darkness riseth light, light to the upright, He is gracious, compassionate, He is righteous.

**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

### SPOKEN OFFERING

### OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK

BAND OFFERTORY *The Lost Chord*

Arthur Sullivan, arr. Gordon Langford

### ♪OFFERTORY HYMN #540 (All)

Stuttgart

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.**

**Grant us time and inspiration, with a vision old and new,  
that our goal in all our loving may be reached in loving you.**

### ♪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 #512 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

Abbot's Leigh

### ♪COMMISSIONING

#### ♪BLESSING (All) #429 (Please turn toward the centre)

William Wright

**May the blessing of God be upon you. May God's love light all your way. May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay. May the Spirit of God dwell within you. May you live in joy each day.**

BAND POSTLUDE AND CANDLE EXTINGUISHING *Chariots*

William Gordon

LEADING IN WORSHIP this morning are **The Rev. Karen Bowles** and **The Rev. Jason Meyers**. Reading the lessons is **Ruth Peckover**. The ministry of music is offered by the **Metropolitan Choir** and **Choristers**

conducted by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**, by the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki**, and by the **Metropolitan Silver Band** conducted by **Fran Harvey**.

**CARRYING THE BANNER** is **Ian Mahaffy**.

**GREETERS** are **Chris Hoover** and **Leesa Kopansky**.

**USHERS** are **Eva Breeze**, **Greg McMaster**, **Shari McMaster**, and **Ed Oikawa**.

## **PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**

### **Tuesday, November 5**

12:10 – 1:00 p.m.	Midday Prayer Service	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Contemplation Circle	Heritage Room
6:30 p.m.	Open Art Studio and Knitting Circle	MET Centre
7:30 p.m.	Silver Band rehearsal	Sanctuary

### **Wednesday, November 6**

7:00 a.m.	Out of the Cold Chop Chop	Kitchen
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast at Fran's	200 Victoria Street
10:00 a.m.	Bible Study	Flanders Library

### **Thursday, November 7**

11:00 a.m.	Out of the Cold Luncheon	MET Centre
12:10 – 1:00 p.m.	Yoga Church	Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Metropolitan Handbells	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Metropolitan Choir	Sanctuary

### **Friday, November 8**

10:30 a.m.	Open Art Studio	MET Centre
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### **Saturday, November 9**

9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Study	Flanders Library
10:00 a.m.	Membership Class	Heritage Room

## **NEXT SUNDAY: November 10 Remembrance Sunday**

9:00 a.m.	Early Communion Service	Founders' Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Metropolitan Sparklers and Choristers	MET Centre
10:00 a.m.	Library Open (re-opens 12:15 p.m.)	
11:00 a.m.	Morning Service and Church School The Rev. Jason Meyers - "A Long Memory" Haggai 1:15b-2:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38	
12:15 p.m.	Great Heart	Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.	Board meeting	MET Centre

**MET CONNECT:** Don't miss our weekly e-blast featuring latest worship, community, and program news - sign up through FB or the website (sign up form is at the bottom of the homepage).

**AMONG OUR PEOPLE:** Have a milestone, special event or some exciting news to share? We'd like to share our community's highlights through the MET Connect. Email [communications@metunited.ca](mailto:communications@metunited.ca).

## MINISTRY OF INTEGRATED ARTS

**MUSIC AT METROPOLITAN** presents our first concert of the season on Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. *Like As the Lute Delights* features Benjamin Stein on lute and soprano Emily Klassen. Admission is \$20/10 for students.

**KNITTING CIRCLE:** (basic supplies provided) A novice or seasoned pro - you are welcome. Ideas for the inaugural fall session include knitting teddy bears, prayer shawls and perhaps even a yarn bomb... and of course, you can knit a scarf as well! Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the MET Centre.

## OUTREACH

**COMMUNITY SERVICES TOWN HALL MEETING:** We will be having our next quarterly town hall meeting on Sunday, November 17 after the service. Please bring your coffee and questions. You will leave with more answers and information about the initiatives that are underway in Outreach-Community Services. Soup lunch provided.

### COMMUNICATING WITH VULNERABLE PERSONS TRAINING DATES:

Date: Sunday, November 17, 2019  
Time: After Service/1:00 - 3:30 p.m. OR  
Date: Monday, November 25, 2019  
Time: 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.  
Location: MET Centre  
A light lunch will be provided.

**CLOTHING DONATIONS:** During renovations we are **NOT** accepting clothing donations. You will find a list of locations that welcome winter clothing in the Narthex. **We continue to gratefully accept the following items: unused socks and underwear, hygiene items and 'hot paws'.**

**A CALL TO COOKIE BAKERS AND KNITTERS:** Our Out of the Cold luncheons will begin again on **November 7th**. If you provide homemade cookies you will be an important part of the love that we try to extend to our guests. Tins are in the Narthex this morning. Next Sunday, leave your cookies there. Many thanks. Each Christmas season we give our guests gifts of mitts, toques or scarves and we would deeply appreciate any donations. Men's sizes and solid colours are preferable. You may leave your donations at the Church Office. Thank you again.

**OUTREACH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - NARTHEX GREETERS:** Narthex Greeters are essential to allow our church to be open to the public on weekdays. An open church provides an opportunity for quiet spiritual reflection in an oasis of peace and safety in the city core. Narthex Greeters are available to answer questions about Metropolitan, give brief tours, or connect people with our ministers or services. What is involved? 3 hours per week with another person hosting our visiting hours (Monday – Friday, 12 noon - 3:00 p.m.) Please contact Rev. Jason Meyers for more information.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**AFFIRM GROUP BRUNCH:** The Affirm Group is hosting a brunch today, November 3 at 1:00 p.m. at the Duke of Richmond restaurant, located at the south end of the Eaton Centre. This is a great opportunity for LGBTQ2+ members to meet each other. Everyone who attends Metropolitan is welcome at the brunch. Please RSVP to Jim Nixon at [jnixon4411@hotmail.com](mailto:jnixon4411@hotmail.com). Please meet Jim Nixon at coffee hour and we'll walk over to the restaurant together.

**BROADVIEW HELPS PEOPLE:** Our United Church magazine connects people to the wider church. It helps folks understand their faith, lives and world. For a subscription to this well-written magazine, please contact Doug Flanders at [dougflanders@sympatico.ca](mailto:dougflanders@sympatico.ca). Sample copies are available for the asking.

## SPIRITUAL LEARNING FOR LIFE

**FLANDERS LIBRARY:** "Sea Sick: The Global Ocean in Crisis" is a book by Alanna Mitchell. Alanna Mitchell joins the crews of leading scientists in nine of the global ocean's hotspots to see what is happening with the ocean. In 2000, while working at The Globe and Mail, the author was named the best environmental reporter in the world by Reuters Foundation. The Library is open 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:15-1:00 p.m. every Sunday.

**THE NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB:** **Please come** if you like lively discussions about non-fiction books. The next Non-Fiction Book Club will meet on Sunday, December 1 in the Heritage Room at 12:30 p.m. We are reading "This Town: Two Parties and a Funeral - plus plenty of valet parking! - in American's gilded capital" by Mark Leibovich. Available at the Public Library.

### CALM COMMUNITY FOR A BUSY CITY

**Midday Service of Prayer and Healing** - Tuesdays 12:10 to 12:30 p.m.

**Yoga Church** - Thursdays 12:10 to 1:00 p.m.

**MET PODCASTS:** Find expanded podcast versions of the sermon, including meditative music, the weekly Gospel reading, and take-home exercises, on our website. You can also subscribe through iTunes, Spotify, or Google Play.

## THE SHARING OF OUR ABUNDANCE

**TWO HUNDRED AND ONE YEARS:** Metropolitan has had a richly wonderful history in downtown Toronto since our congregation was organized in 1818. Each of us can help to ensure Metropolitan's future by remembering it with a gift in our wills. A legacy of any amount can help to make a tangible difference in our future. For information and to explore opportunities, please call Doug Flanders at (416) 769-2746; [dougflanders@sympatico.ca](mailto:dougflanders@sympatico.ca). A legacy — It's ours to leave.

**OUR THIRD CENTURY CAMPAIGN:** Gifts continue to arrive and your church is grateful. We now have well over \$1.2 million pledged or received towards our \$1.5 million goal. Thank you for making your commitment soon. Work on our sanctuary cannot proceed unless we have the money in hand. To God be the Glory.

*Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today,  
and creates a vision for tomorrow. – Melody Beattie*

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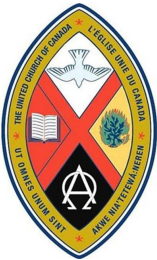
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