

## **Moderator: God's Light Shines Through**

### **Moderator's Advent Message 2017: Transcript of Videotaped Message**

It's Advent once again. The time of waiting and watching for the in-breaking of God's Spirit in our world.

Sometimes, it can be hard to believe that God is present in the midst of all the tumult and chaos and uncertainty.

Recently, the church offices here at 3250 Bloor Street have undergone a massive renovation—talk about chaos.

But in the midst of all of the construction and everything being hither and thither, there was a stained-glass window that had always been present in the old configuration. But where it was, there was no light that could shine through it, and as the old walls came down, light emerged.

And we discovered that this window first of all had been put in backwards and so we were never able to see the true beauty of it. But now where it stands, the light is able to come through and the beauty that was always there but invisible is able to shine.

So it is in our world. God is always present. But sometimes we need to look closely; sometimes we need to break away from the old to tear down the walls so that we can allow God's light to shine through and to see the beauty of what is right in front of us.

That's what Advent is. The in-breaking of God's Spirit that allows us to see what is already there.

May you have the eyes to see, this Advent, Christ already born among us.