

**A Carol
Sing-along
and
Community
Concert**



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

**CLOVERDALE
UNITED CHURCH**



Welcome to Cloverdale United Church! As we say here often, “No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey God welcomes you... and so do we.” We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God knows we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We come from different religious backgrounds, we bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we gather and worship God together as one.

In this lovely old church, we do Sunday morning in some fairly traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We gather around the waters of grace and the feast table of Christ, just as Christians have done for nearly two thousand years. Some of the songs we sing (certainly not *all* of them, though) are ones our grandparents might also have sung in their day. And yet, amidst rituals and rites rooting us in a deep heritage, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world and we listen for God’s Spirit still speaking into our lives today.

We’re glad you are here today... *and* we would look forward to welcoming you at a worship service or some other activity in the life of our congregation. You never know—you just might be home!

 **Washrooms** can be found just outside the sanctuary through the door at the front right of the space (the northeast corner of the room).

 Thank you for **silencing cell phones** and other devices, and for refraining from flash photography.

PROGRAM

Words of Welcome



Sing-along I

*Words for the following carols will appear on the displays.
For full music notation, refer to the indicated hymn numbers
in Voices United (the red hardcover hymnbooks at your seats)*

“Joy to the World” Voices United #59 – vv. 1, 2, 4
“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” Voices United #48
“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Voices United #60 – vv. 1, 3, 5



“Little Cradle Rocks” Jay Althouse (b. 1951)
The Choir of Cloverdale United Church

“I Wonder as I Wander” trad. Appalachian carol, arr. J. J. Niles & L. H. Horton
Matthew Emery, tenor; Dianne Nichols, piano

“The First Nowell” traditional English carol, c. 17th century
“Silent Night” Franz Xavier Grüber (1787-1863)
Youth Orchestra

“Who Would Send a Baby?” Mary Kay Beall (b. 1943)
The Spirit Four

Reading: The Night Before Christmas adapted from the poem by C.C. Moore
Christine Connal & Bev Siggs, readers



Sing-along II

Words for the following jolly jingles will appear on the displays.

“Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer” Johnny Marks (1909-85)
“Frosty the Snowman” Walter ‘Jack’ Rollins (1906-73) & Steve Nelson (1907-81)
“The Chipmunk Song (Christmas Don’t Be Late)” Ross Bagdasarian (1919-72)
“White Christmas” Irving Berlin (1888-1989)



“Good King Wenceslas” words by J. M. Neale (1818-66), music fr. 13th c. Latin carol
The Choir of Cloverdale United Church
(You are invited to share the singing roles with the choir, as indicated on the displays.)

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” 19th century African-American spiritual
Lucy Kim, Ellie Kim, and Grace Kim, dancers

The Seasons, Op. 37_b, No. 12: “December: Christmas” P. I. Tchaikovsky (1840-93)
Dr. Emma Rui-Xuan Shi, piano

“Peace on Earth/Little Drummer Boy” (1977) I. Fraser, L. Grossman, & A. Kohan
Mixed Ensemble



Sing-along III

Words for the following selections will appear on the displays.

“The Twelve Days of Christmas” trad. English carol, as arr. Frederic Austin (1909)
“Away in a Manger” late 19th century North American carol
“O Holy Night” Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)



Sing-along IV

Words for the following will appear on the displays.

“We Wish You a Merry Christmas” trad. English carol

WITH THANKS TO...

EMCEES: Alex Seo
Jill Sowerby

PIANISTS: Christine Connal
Dianne Nichols

“YOUTH ORCHESTRA”:
Ayoon Kim, violin
Ryan Seo, clarinet
Amy Yang, piano
Anna Yang, cello

“THE SPIRIT FOUR”:
Christine Connal
Shelley Davies
Dianne Nichols
Bev Siggs

“MIXED ENSEMBLE”:
Dan Ariss
Debbie Penn
Bev Siggs
Brian Thomlinson

MEMBERS OF THE CHOIR OF CLOVERDALE UNITED CHURCH:
Soprano: Shelley Davies, Muriel Grohman, Bev Siggs
Alto: Christine Connal, Debbie Penn
Tenor: Dan Ariss, Lilly Flather
Bass: Brian Thomlinson



A Sanctuary Within Our Community

FIRST UNITED seeks a just society by nurturing each person’s spirit through community services, housing, advocacy, and ministry in the face of the often intersecting challenges of extreme poverty, historical and personal trauma, mental illness, and oppression in the Downtown Eastside.



We honour that we do our work on the unceded lands of the Xʷməθkʷəy̍əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwətaʔ (Tsilil-Waututh) peoples. We solemnly acknowledge the interconnected histories of colonization and systemic racism that affect generations of Indigenous People living in this territory, including many members of the **FIRST UNITED** community.

We are proud to be a faith-based service provider operating from a harm-reduction perspective that welcomes all. Our programs serve the needs of our community in the Downtown Eastside, supporting people to connect, heal, and build better futures for themselves and each other.

Now, more than 135 years since **FIRST UNITED** opened its doors, we are faced with challenges unlike anything we have seen in our history. The world has changed, and to be of service in this new reality, we must move forward together.

We envision a neighbourhood where every person thrives and everyone’s worth is celebrated.

But to make this vision a reality, we must replace our aging facilities, which fall far short of our current and future needs.

First United Church Community Ministry Society & Lu'ma Native Housing Society

Redevelopment of 320 East Hastings

Committed to community

First United Church Community Ministry Society and Lu'ma Native Housing Society are working together to address the critical housing, health and social justice needs in the Downtown Eastside.

Currently in the planning stage, First United's new building will be a place where people can connect, find their strength and build a better future.

The proposed project is located in the unceded territory of the x'məθk'əyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliilwəta7 (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations at 320 East Hastings Street – the current site of First United Church on the corner of East Hastings and Gore in Vancouver, B.C.

The first four floors, operated by First United, will provide a safe and inclusive community space where people are welcomed with joy, kindness, dignity and respect. The space will encourage healing by offering services and programming that reflect the needs and interests of the community.

Lu'ma Native Housing Society will offer safe, secure homes for Indigenous Peoples in a supportive and caring environment on the upper seven floors.

The proposed project includes:

- Two drop-in spaces, a large dining room, a legal advocacy clinic, a commercial kitchen, multipurpose spaces, public showers, a day sleeping room, a chapel and sacred spaces, outdoor decks, computer lab, and administrative offices, developed following consultation with Downtown Eastside residents
- 105 non-market studio and one-bedroom homes, with laundry and amenities



▲ Artist's rendering of the proposed redevelopment project



▲ Location of the proposed redevelopment project



Moving toward reconciliation, healing and a better future

This project is an important opportunity for Non-Indigenous Peoples to move forward toward reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

The space will honour the Indigenous and spiritual roots of the land it occupies and celebrate the culture and history of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh and Urban Indigenous Peoples.

This site is part of an area known by local Indigenous Peoples as K'emk'emelay/ḡemḡemələp, meaning place of broadleaf maple trees. It was once a rich and vibrant trading area which sustained Indigenous Peoples with an abundance of wildlife, marine life, forests and marshlands.

A church has been on this corner of East Hastings and Gore since 1892. Since 1925, this church has been called First United. First United has evolved from a congregation to operating community ministry and social programs to benefit the DTES community.

This project demonstrates reconciliation in action and offers the opportunity for all British Columbians to see the land and its people as one, inseparable from history and personal story.

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Project timeline



Working together, committed to community.



FIRST UNITED

First United Church Community Ministry Society is an inner-city ministry of the United Church of Canada committed to the struggle for social justice, offering programs of advocacy, housing and healing in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside (DTES).

First United has been operating in the DTES for 135 years.



LU'MA NATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY

Lu'ma is a Coast Salish word that means "new beginnings." Lu'ma Native Housing Society has been providing safe, affordable housing for Indigenous people and families in the City of Vancouver since 1980.

Lu'ma Native Housing Society and its sister societies are guided by a volunteer board of directors indigenous to Turtle Island.

For more information about this project:

Visit: www.firstunited.ca/redevelopment

Email: redevelopment@firstunited.ca

Celebrate Christmas

AT CLOVERDALE UNITED

Christmas Eve Worship at Cloverdale United Church *Friday, December 24th*

Mark your calendars and plan to take part in either or both of our worship services on Christmas Eve, as we worship God together in celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ—God-with-us.

– **4:30 pm Intergenerational Service:**

A family-friendly service that includes the singing of lots of favourite carols, and the telling of the Christmas story through a no-muss-no-fuss pageant open to all (no prep required).

– **9:30 pm Festival Service:**

A joyous and majestic traditional Christmas service including the singing of lots of favourite carols, Rev. Matt's Christmas sermon, music from our Choir, Holy Communion, and candlelight.

Proof of vaccination and identification will be checked and verified at the door for Christmas Eve services, so please allow for a little extra time at arrival.

We are a welcoming, historic, and progressive Christian community, reaching out from the historic heart of Surrey at Cloverdale since 1875. We seek to thrive in faith through relationship with God, one another, and the community.... to serve others as Jesus would.

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