

# Welcome to Metropolitan United Church



Don River, Jan 3, 2022 - Photo by Rev. Meyers

## Baptism of Jesus January 9, 2022

*We are an Affirming Congregation, offering welcome and companionship to all, inclusive of age, ethnicity, gender identity, differing abilities, and sexual orientation.*

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

## CARILLON PRELUDE (OUTSIDE-10:30 A.M.)

ORGAN PRELUDE *Oboe Tune*

*Chorale Prelude on Resignation*

*Two settings of Christ, our Lord Came to the Jordan*

W. France

K. Owolabi

J.S.Bach

## WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #101 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

Salzburg

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem, in your birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,  
and at Cana, wedding guest, in your Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;  
anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 4 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mirrored in your holy Word,  
With your grace our lives endow, grace to imitate you now,  
that we all like to you may be at your great epiphany,  
anthems be to you addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: Baptized into lives of faith,

**All: we would witness to God in our world and in our midst.**

One: Baptized into service,

**All: we would do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly.**

One: Baptized into community,

**All: we would treat all as God's Beloved.**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray.

## 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) p. 895 VOICES UNITED**

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high! Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high!

And on earth peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.

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**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**READINGS**

**ISAIAH 43:1-7**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

**PSALM 29**

Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles.

**ANTHEM**

*I Saw the Spirit*

Carmine Lappano

**GOSPEL READING**

**LUKE 3:15-22**

The baptism of Jesus.

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN #100** *When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized*

Winchester New

- 1 When Jesus comes to be baptized,  
he leaves the hidden years behind,  
the years of safety and of peace,  
to bear the sins of humankind.
- 2 The Spirit of the Lord comes down,  
anoints the Christ to suffering,  
to preach the word, to free the bound,  
and to the mourner, comfort bring.
- 3 He will not quench the dying flame,  
and what is bruised he will not break,  
but heal the wound injustice dealt,  
and out of death his triumph make.
- 4 O Spirit help us be like Christ:  
to live in love and charity,  
to walk in truth and justice now,  
and grow in Christian dignity.

5 We praise you, God, source of all life,  
we praise you, Christ, eternal Word,  
we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift;  
your triune presence fills our world.

**SERMON** "A VAN DOWN BY THE RIVER"

**THE REV. JASON MEYERS**

**SOLO** *At The River*

*Arranged By Aaron Copland*

**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 AND OFFERING**

**OFFERING MUSIC** *Improvisation on Winchester New*

**OFFERTORY HYMN #540**

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.

**DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

**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.

### CLOSING HYMN MV #161 *I Have Called You by Your Name*

Kelly

- 1 I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you;  
all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.
- 2 I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name,  
speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus' body given long ago.
- 3 I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out,  
choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.
- 4 I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul,  
make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

## COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

### BLESSING #429

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.

### POSTLUDE *Fanfare*

J. Cook

Following the postlude, we will air *Spring Carol*, a tribute to former Metropolitan Choir lead singer Lucy Carrick, who sadly passed away this week. Produced for one of our Choir's albums, this duet features Lucy and tenor Benjamin Stein.

**LEADING IN WORSHIP** are **The Rev. Jason Meyers** and **The Rev. Mark Aitchison**. Reading the lessons is **Kenneth Younie**. The ministry of music is offered by guest musician **Michael Oldaker**, Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Joshua Duncan Lee**, Metropolitan Choir lead singers **Valeria Kondrashov**, **John Schneider**, and Carillonneur **Roy Lee**.

Our sound and livestream technicians are **Paya Dehghani**, **Nishaanth Siva** and **Charles Davidson**. Metropolitan's live streaming equipment was made possible thanks to the generosity of **Wayne C. Vance**.

## TODAY

**1:00 p.m.** Outreach meeting (Zoom)  
**1:00 p.m.** Budget meeting (Zoom)

## PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Tuesday, January 11

**3:00 p.m.** Green Team (Zoom)  
**5:30 p.m.** Trustees (Zoom)

### Wednesday, January 12

**8:00 a.m.** Chop Chop Meal Prep  
**12:00 p.m.** Zoom Bible Study  
**4:00 p.m.** Worship Committee  
**7:00 p.m.** Congregational Care Committee (Zoom)

### Thursday, January 13

**8:30 a.m.** Breakfast Bible Study (Zoom)  
**9:00 a.m.** Footcare Clinic  
**12:00 p.m.** Winter Community Meal Program  
**6:00 p.m.** Stewardship Committee (Zoom)  
**6:30 p.m.** Membership Engagement and Evangelism Committee (Zoom)  
**8:00 p.m.** Evening Communion (Zoom)

Met Centre  
Narthex

### Saturday, January 15

**8:30 a.m.** Saturday Bible Study (Zoom)

## **NEXT SUNDAY: January 16 - Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**11:00 a.m.**      Worship - The Rev. Jason Meyers, preaching  
Readings: Isaiah 62:1–5; 1 Corinthians 12:1–11; John 2:1–11

**1:00 p.m.**      Budget Meeting (Zoom)

### **GIFTS OF SECURITIES — FROM YOU TO METROPOLITAN**

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### **PASTORAL CARE**

Our ministers are connecting with members and determining the needs of our community during this challenging time. If you would like a pastoral phone call, you can contact Rev. Jason Meyers at [jasonm@metunited.ca](mailto:jasonm@metunited.ca) (416-363-0331 ext. 224).

### **CONTINUED GIVING**



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