

**Parkwoods United Church
First Sunday after Epiphany
January 8, 2012 10:00 a.m.**



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| Ministers: | All the people |
| Pastor: | The Rev. Dr. Randy Naylor |
| Minister Emeritus: | The Rev. Robert K. Shorten |
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Parkwoods United Church
Sunday, January 8, 2012
Baptism of the Lord Jesus Sunday

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Hope Is a Star"

Welcome Rev Dr. Randy Naylor
Happy Birthday January babies

Announcements Bud Bray

Finding Our Quiet Centre
Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call To Worship *(Responsive)*

In the beginning, God created the heavens
and the earth.

God said, "Let there be light!"

There was evening and there was morning.

God called it good.

Jesus came up from the waters of the Jordan.

God said, "You are my Son, the Beloved."

There was for us a new beginning.

God called it good.

We gather here to praise the God of blessing.

This is a day of new beginnings!¹

* **Hymn** "What Child is This" # 74

Opening Prayer *(Unison)*

Creating Spirit,
as you called the world into being,
call us together as your church.

**Give us power and strength to serve the world.
Give us wisdom to see the goodness in creation.
Blessing Spirit,
as you named Jesus the Beloved,
name us and bless us with your grace,
that we, your children, may tell your story.
Empowering Spirit,
fill the church with your strength,
that it may carry your love
throughout the world. Amen.¹**

Prayer of Confession *(Unison)*

**Creating God,
you formed the world and called it good.
Yet, we take our earth for granted:
consuming its resources,
polluting its air and water,
ignoring its beauty.
You called forth humanity and called it good,
yet we treat one another with disrespect:
ignoring those in pain,
choosing violence over peace.
We repent of the many ways
we have dishonored your gifts.
We turn our lives toward you,
opening ourselves to the power
of your transforming love.
Shine the light of your grace upon us,
that we may see your way.
Send your Spirit upon us,
giving us the power to proclaim your word. Amen.¹**

Assurance of Pardon

Gift of Music “Wise Men Saw the Light” L. Larson

*As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger crude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heavenly King.*

Offertory Prayer

**Prayers of the People &
“The Lord’s Prayer” sung # 960**

*** Hymn “Arise Your Light Is Come” # 79**

Commissioning and Benediction

Benediction Response

“Go Now in Peace” by Don Besig
*Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there, watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen.*

Postlude “See Amid the Winter’s Snow”

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OUT OF THE COLD

From November through April, Eastminster United Church opens its doors each Friday to people seeking shelter for the night. The visitors are fed, accommodated overnight and offered showers, clothing and friendship. We can help with donations of ***warm winter clothing***; disposable razors; and gently used towels. Please leave contributions in the Out-of-the Cold Box in the lobby. For further information you may contact Brian & Carol Jeffs. @ 416 447-9762.



REMINDER TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Your Annual Reports are due on Sunday, January 8th .
Please e-mail your reports to Carol Keffer by this deadline.
Thank you! Carol Gurd, Communications Chair

THANK YOU FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM

Thank you to everyone who helped in our Fall and Christmas programs: Extra deliveries to Rayoak Food Bank; Mitten Tree, Massey Centre, Eva's Place, Operation Christmas Child and Out-of-the Cold at Eastminster, Christmas greetings and gifts for shut-ins; The Gift of Caring. This is what caring and sharing is all about.

THE UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER - Subscription Renewal

If you are not receiving the United Church Observer magazine but would like to subscribe, please advise the office.
A contribution towards the group rate subscription price (\$20.00) is required.

PARKWOODS U. C. BOOK CLUB

**The next meeting will be held on Monday,
Jan. 9, 2012 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**


The book we are reading for next year is
"The Cat's Table" by Michael Ondaatje.

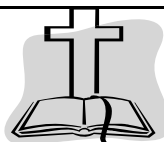
All who have read the book are welcome to attend this supper meeting and we also welcome new members.

Thanks! Don French, Book Club Coordinator



Announcements

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| CALENDAR FOR Jan. 9 to Jan. 15, 2012 | | | |
| MON. | QUILTING GROUP | (Church Hall) | 9:30 a.m. |
| MON. | PUC BOOK CLUB | (Lounge) | 6:00 p.m. |
| TUES. | PRAYER GROUP | (Lounge) | 1:30 p.m. |
| WED. | COUNCIL MEETING | (Lounge) | 7:30 p.m. |
| THURS. | CHOIR PRACTICE | (Church Hall) | 7:30 p.m. |
| FRI. | YAH BRIDGE & EUCHRE | (Church Hall) | 12:00 p.m. |
| SUN. | SR. CHOIR PRACTICE | (Church Hall) | 9:30 a.m. |
| SUN. | WORSHIP SERVICE | (Sanctuary) | 10:00 a.m. |



TODAY'S SERVICE

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| WORSHIP LEADER: | | Bud BRAY |
| GREETERS: | Lois KEIR | Ron WIGLE |
| USHERS: | Beryl ANDERSON | Dale ANDERSON |
| | Bev MILLER | Rita KENT |
| BABY CARE | Glory WIGLE | Tianna FORDE |
| COFFEE HOSTS: | Rena WINTER | Wally WINTER |
| SOUND TECHNICIAN: | | Dave BONE |

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel after Epiphany † Psalm 139: 1-6

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 † John 1: 43-51



UPCOMING SERVICES

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| SUN. Jan. 15 | Second Sunday after Epiphany |
| 10:00 am. | Worship Service |
| SUN. Jan. 22 | Third Sunday after Epiphany |
| 10:00 am. | Worship Service with Rev. Bob Wright |
| SUN. Jan. 29 | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany |
| 10:00 am. | Worship Service |

Welcome to Parkwoods United Church!

If you are a visitor today, please introduce yourself to our Minister, Rev. Dr. Randy Naylor.

In emergency, call the church office @ 416-447-5519.

Please make yourself known to the Greeters and Ushers and sign our guest book in the narthex.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Whenever you are in the Parkwoods lobby take a minute to write a prayer request for the coming Sunday in our Prayer Request Book. Recent prayers have included names of those needing specific mention as well as those needs identified for general and inclusive prayers. It is also fitting to include prayers of thanksgiving. Prayers for the world/country/city are always appropriate. There may be particular news stories or other headline grabbing issues that you would like to pray for/about as well.

