

**Parkwoods United Church
First Sunday after Christmas
January 1, 2012 10:00 a.m.**



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** Please rise in body or in spirit*

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude “Once in Royal David’s City”

Welcome & Announcement Lynda McCowan

**Finding Our Quiet Centre
Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Call To Worship *(Responsive)*

Come into God’s presence as a gift to God’s world.

**We rejoice and celebrate,
for God has clothed us
in garments of salvation.**

Do not keep silent, but sing with joy.

**We shout with praise,
for God has covered us
in robes of righteousness.**

Let God’s glory shine in your praise and prayer.

We will shine with the light of Christmas love!¹

*** Hymn “I Am the Light of the World” # 87**

Opening Prayer *(Unison)*

**Abba, Father God,
we come as your children
trusting in your grace.
As we come into your sacred space,
may we present ourselves**

**as a living gift to you
and to the needs of your world.
May our growth in your grace
strengthen our ministry as your disciples.
And may we shine forth as a beacon of hope
for all the world to see.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.¹**

Prayer of Confession *(Unison)*

**Forgive us, Abba, loving Father,
when we forget the gifts of Christmas.
Break down the walls we build
that prevent your light from shining forth.
Birth in us once again
the presence of the Christ-child,
that we may be your children of grace and love.
Grow in us with the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may become strong and wise,
resting in your favor and trusting in your grace.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.¹**

Assurance of Pardon

You are no longer slaves, but children of God,
adopted as the children of God's very heart,
heirs of God's grace, given in Christ Jesus.
Rejoice and give thanks!
We are forgiven and made whole
in this greatest gift of all! **Amen.¹**

Gift of Music **"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"**
by Johan S. Bach, Brian Jeffs, trumpet solo

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 60: 1-9** (pg. 690)

Reader: Lynda McCowan

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God



Time with the Children

Scripture Reading **Matthew 2: 1-12** (pg. 2)

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Sermon **“Follow That Star”**

The Rev. Hannah Lee

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Our Life and Work

Offertory Music **“Good King Wenceslas”**

- **Offertory Hymn # 55, v.4 “In the Bleak Midwinter”**

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

what I can I give him - give my heart.

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People & “The Lord’s Prayer”

Hymn *“As with Gladness Men of Old”* # **81**

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.*

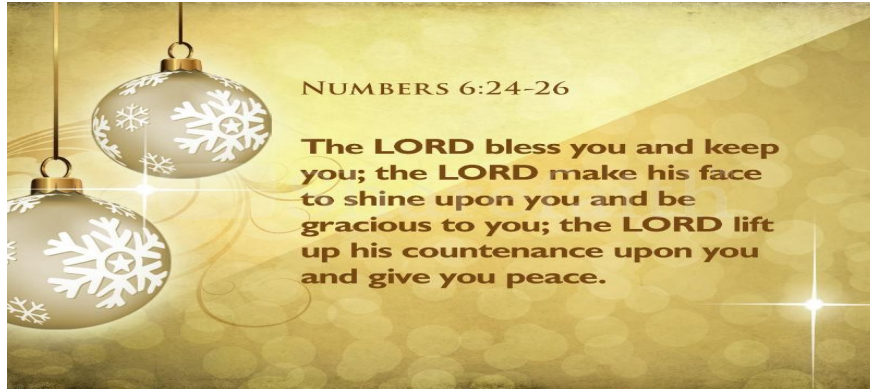
Postlude **“Joy to the World”**

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TODAY’S SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADER:		Lynda McCOWAN
GREETERS:	Marie RICHARDS	Maaike RUSSELL
USHERS:	Mary KIPPEN Carol JEFFS	Lorne VAN VLIET Rita KENT
BABY CARE:	Glory WIGLE	Tianna FORDE
SOUND TECHNICIAN:		Ken McKENZIE



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1: 1-5 † Psalm 29

Acts 19: 1-7 † Mark 1: 4-11

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.



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



REMINDER TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

6 *Thank you! Carol Gurd, Communications Chair*

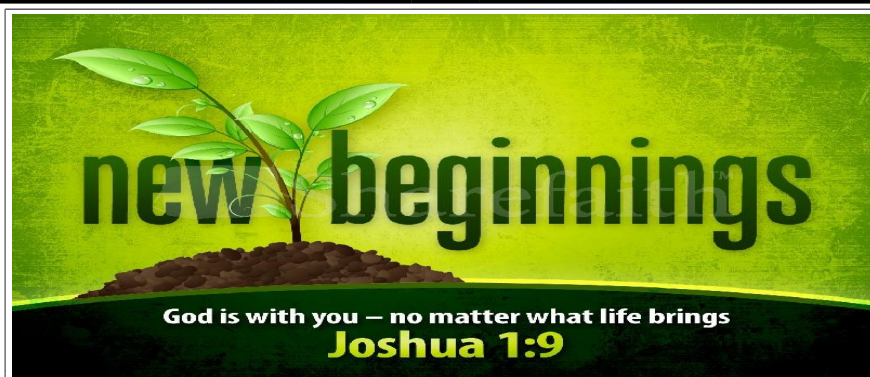


**HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ONE AND ALL
HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY**

**FROM THE PARKWOODS STAFF
and
Members of the Church Council**



**The Church Office will be closed on
New Year's Day (Monday Jan. 2)
The office re-opens January 3, 2012.
Telephone messages will be picked up regularly.
In emergency, call the office @ (416) 447-5519.**



UPCOMING SERVICES

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| SUN. Jan. 8 | Baptism of the Lord |
| 10:00 am. | Worship Service with Baptism |
| 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 |

Welcome to Parkwoods United Church!

If you are a visitor today, please introduce yourself to our guest minister, Rev. Hannah Lee

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.

