

**Parkwoods United Church**  
**1st Sunday after Christmas**  
**January 2, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.**



**Ministers:** All the people  
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Sunday, January 2, 2011  
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*\* Please stand if you are able*

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude**                    **“Panis Angelicus”**    by C. Franck

**Welcome**    **The Rev. Bob Wright**

**Announcements**    **Carol Jeffs**

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

**Call To Worship** *(Responsive)*

Holy people, beloved of God, come.  
Come to follow the way prepared for you.

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace on earth.**

Once again the earth is surprised at a manger,  
as the glory of God transforms the commonplace.

**Let us go to Bethlehem to see what God  
has made known to us.**

Experience the wonder of God's ways.  
Kneel in awe before life newly borne.

**Let us bring glory and praise to God  
for all that we have seen and heard!**

**\* Hymn**            **“Once in Royal David's City”**    # 62

**Opening Prayer** *(Together)*

**Blessed are you, O Christ child,  
that your cradle was so low  
That shepherds, poorest  
and simplest of earthly people,  
Could yet kneel beside you,  
and look, level-eyed, into the face of God.  
Blessed One, we come to you in reverence. Amen.**



**Quiet Time for Reflection**

\* Hymn     *“Spirit of the Living God”*     # 376

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**Offering of Our Life and Work**

**Offertory Music**     **“For Unto Us a Child Is Born”**  
arr. By M. Hayes

**Offertory Hymn**     # 544

*In gratitude and humble trust,  
we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life’s way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us  
In Jesus Christ, your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life’s work is done.*

**Offertory Prayer**

O God, you birth abundant life!  
We thank you for the birth we celebrate today.  
In response to your great labour of love, we offer our gifts.  
As we open ourselves to you,  
May your love be born in us this Christmastide. **Amen.**

**Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer**

\* Hymn     *“Joy to the World”*                     # 59

**Commissioning & Benediction** (*Responsive*)

Follow the light of hope’s guiding star  
**Seek the child.**  
Listen to the words of a heavenly host.  
**Find the child.**  
Offer as gifts the best that you have.  
**Serve the child.**  
Peace be among us.  
**God be among us. Amen.**

## **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 “Theme from Winter” by A. Vivaldi**




## **2011 GIVINGS ENVELOPES**

Your envelopes for 2011 are now available at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays or in the office during the week.

You can also pick up the observer envelope if you wish to subscribe for 2011.

Anyone who needs envelopes can see Linda McInnes or Glory Wigle in the office.

## **PARKWOODS BLUE BOXES FOR RAYOAK FOODBANK**



Coordinators are preparing for Christmas food drives. Each year at this time we make a special appeal for **TINNED HAMS AND CORNED BEEF**, however, any canned or packaged items are welcome: Kraft Dinner; Peanut Butter; Tuna and Salmon; Pasta and Sauces; cereal; beans; granola bars; applesauce; puddings; cookies; crackers; or any non-perishable food item. Thank you in advance for thinking of others in this festive season of giving and sharing. A cheque payable to **Parkwoods United Church** in an envelope, marked **“Rayoak Food Bank”** to help with bulk buying is appreciated.

## Announcements

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<b>THURS.</b>	SR. CHOIR PRACTICE	(Sanctuary)	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>														
<b>SUN.</b>	SR. CHOIR PRACTICE	(Church Hall)	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>														

### TODAY'S SERVICE

<b>WORSHIP LEADER:</b>	<b>Carol JEFFS</b>
<b>GREETERS:</b>	<b>Beryl ANDERSON      Dale ANDERSON</b>
<b>USHERS:</b>	<b>Monica SCRIVER      Rita KENT</b> <b>Agnes CERVINEK      Lorna AZIZ</b>
<b>COFFEE HOSTS:</b>	<b>Carol GURD      Dave GURD</b>
<b>SOUND TECHNICIAN:</b>	<b>Ken McKENZIE</b>



**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**  
**Baptism of the Lord Sunday**  
**Isaiah 42:1-9 † Psalm 29**  
**Acts 10:34-43 † Matthew 3: 13-27**

### Welcome to Parkwoods United Church!

If you are a visitor today, please introduce yourself to  
our Guest Minister, Rev. Bob Wright  
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.  
**Join us for "Coffee & Conversation"**  
**following the worship service.**



Christmas

### PARKWOODS MITTEN TREE



Our Mitten Tree is up again collecting mittens, scarves and hats for our neighbouring schools who are always in great need of them and are very appreciative.

### 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 main lobby. For further information you may contact Brian & Carol Jeffs.  
@ 416 447-9762.

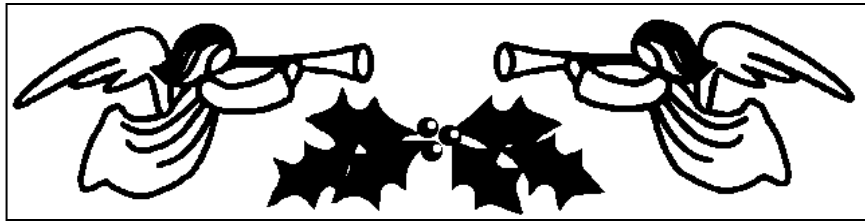
### PRAYER REQUESTS

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 and there may be particular news stories or other headline grabbing issues that you would like to pray for/

Are you a Member of Parkwoods? If you are interested in transferring your membership from another church, or becoming a full member for the first time, please speak to Randy.



and

**A 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 Christmas Day,  
Boxing Day, (Monday 27, 28) New Year's Day  
(Monday Jan. 3) The office re-opens January 4, 2011.  
Telephone messages will be picked up regularly.  
In emergency the office @ (416) 447-5519