

# Sunday Praise and Worship Service

† Order of Service 

## Matthew 2:1-15 (ESV) The Visit of the Wise Men

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men<sup>[a]</sup> from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose<sup>[b]</sup> and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”



<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

## The Flight to Egypt

<sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

Footnotes: a. [Matthew 2:1](#) Greek *magi*; also verses [7](#), [16](#) b. [Matthew 2:2](#) Or in the east; also verse [9](#)

“And His name will be called”  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
*Isaiah 9:6 NKJV*

# Bloor Lansdowne Christian Fellowship

11:00 AM † December 8, 2013

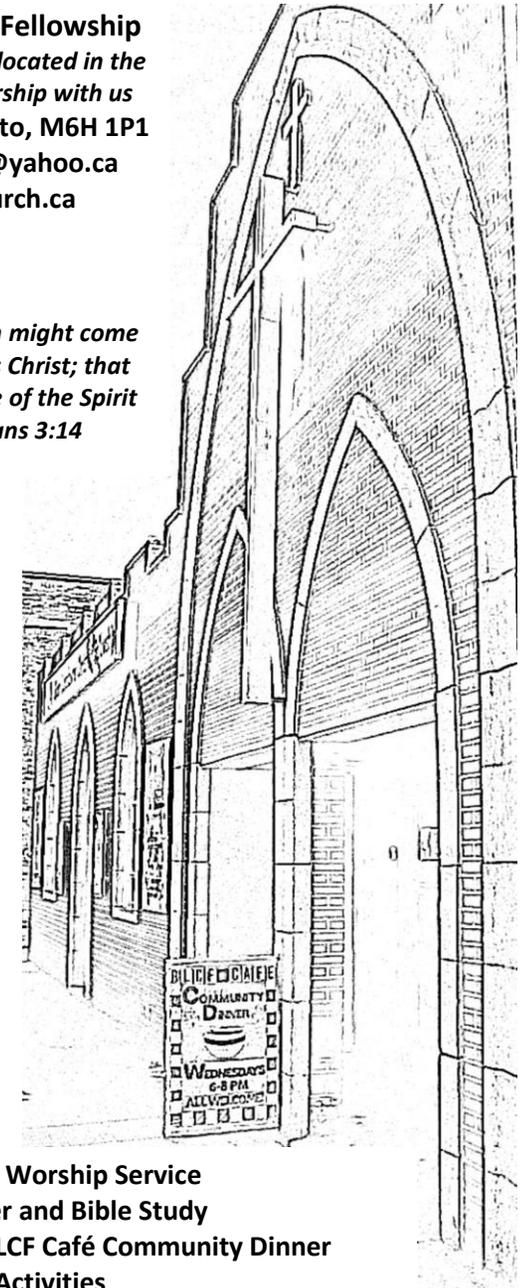
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*That the blessing of Abraham might come  
on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ;  
that we might receive the promise of the Spirit  
through faith.* – Galatians 3:14



- ❖ Sunday ~ 11:00AM: Praise and Worship Service
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 11:30AM: Prayer and Bible Study
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 6:00-8:00PM: BLCF Café Community Dinner
- ❖ Friday ~ 7:30PM: BLCF Friday Activities

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Announcements and Call to Worship:

Responsive Reading #615 (*Adoration of the Magi – Matthew 2*); Prayer

Opening Hymn #100: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

### Choruses

Prayer and Tithing: Hymn #572: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings*;

Prayer Requests

Scriptures: Micah 5:2; Luke 2:1-7; Matthew 2:1-15



Message by Steve Mickelson:

‘Advent: Guided by a Star to a King Born in Bethlehem’

Lighting the Second Advent Candle: Bethlehem/Peace (Isaiah 9:2-6):

Hymn #121: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Benediction - (Romans 15:13):

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope*

### The Candles of Advent

In Protestant churches it is more common to use four red candles (reflecting their traditional use in Christmas decorations) because rose [vestments](#) and decorations are not commonly used in Protestant churches. Blue is also a popular alternative color for both Advent [vestments](#) and Advent candles, especially in some Anglican and Lutheran churches. This is in keeping with the liturgical seasons; blue means hope and waiting, which aligns with the seasonal meaning of Advent. Other variations of the Advent wreath add a white candle in the center to symbolize Christmas, sometimes known as the "Christ candle." It can be lit on [Christmas Eve](#) or [Christmas](#) Day. White is the traditional festal color in the Western church. Four red candles with one white one is probably the most common arrangement in Protestant churches in Britain

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Micah 5:2 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> <sup>[a]</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.



Footnotes: a. [Micah 5:2](#) Ch 5:1 in Hebrew

Luke 2:1-7 (ESV) The Birth of Jesus Christ

<sup>2</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when <sup>[a]</sup> Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, <sup>[b]</sup> who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Footnotes: a. [Luke 2:2](#) Or *This was the registration before* b. [Luke 2:5](#) That is, one legally pledged to be married

Isaiah 9:2-6 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> <sup>[a]</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon <sup>[b]</sup> his shoulder, and his name shall be called <sup>[c]</sup> Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Footnotes: a. [Isaiah 9:2](#) Ch 9:1 in Hebrew b. [Isaiah 9:6](#) Or *is upon* c. [Isaiah 9:6](#) Or *is called*