

Sunday Praise and Worship Service

† Order of Service 



Matthew 4:5-7 (ESV) Jesus is Tested

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,”

and

“On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Matthew 27:45-50 (ESV) The Death of Jesus

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour ^[a] there was darkness over all the land ^[b] until the ninth hour. ^[c] ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

Footnotes: a. [Matthew 27:45](#) That is, noon b. [Matthew 27:45](#) Or earth c. [Matthew 27:45](#) That is, 3 P.M.

Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV) The Great Commission

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in ^[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Footnotes: a. [Matthew 28:19](#) Or into

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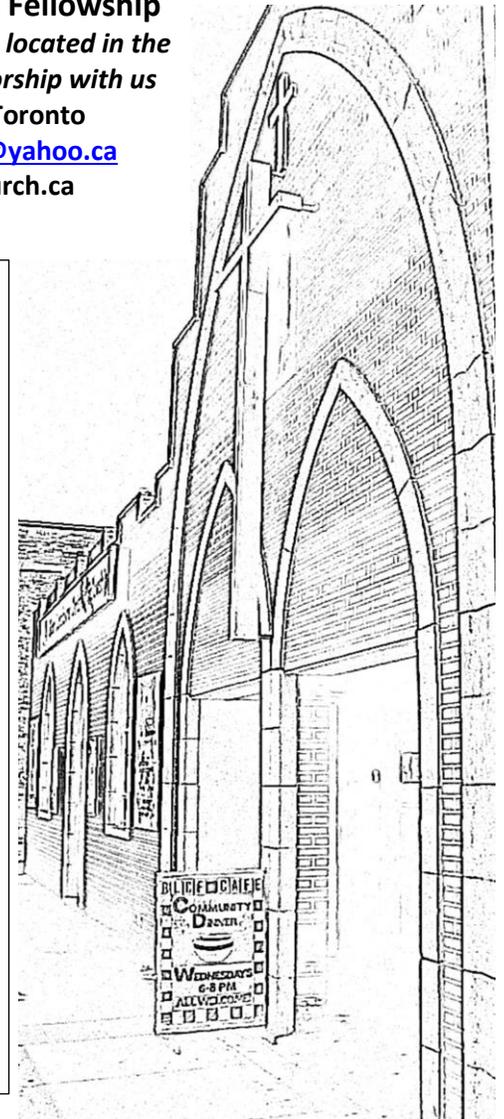
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Acts 2:1-4 (ESV): *The Coming of the Holy Spirit*



² When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Rejoice and be Glad!



- ❖ Sunday ~ 11:00 AM Praise and Worship Service
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 11:30 AM Morning Prayer and Bible Study
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 6:00-8:00 PM: BLCF Café Community Dinner
- ❖ Online Sermons: bloorlansdownechristianfellowship.wordpress.com

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Announcements and Call to Worship:

Lighting the Christ Candle - (Galatians 4:1-6):

4 I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave,^[a] though he is the owner of everything,² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father.³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world.⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

Responsive Reading #627: *The Savior’s Advent* (Luke 2); Prayer

Opening Hymn #100: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Carols* (Hymnal)

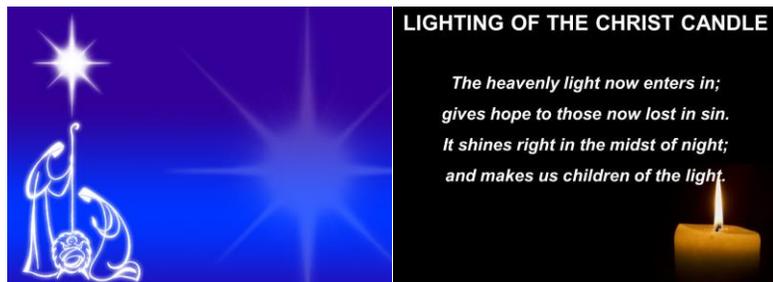
Tithing and Prayer; Hymn #572: *Praise God*; Prayers

Scripture Verses: Isaiah 9:6 and Matthew 1:18-25

Message by Steve Mickelson: *‘Anticipating the Company of Christ’*

Closing 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.*



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Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon^[a] his shoulder,
and his name shall be called^[b]
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Footnotes: a. [Isaiah 9:6](#) Or is upon b. [Isaiah 9:6](#) Or is called



Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV) The Birth of Jesus Christ

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ^[a] took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed^[b] to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us).²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Footnotes: a. [Matthew 1:18](#) Some manuscripts of the Christ b. [Matthew 1:18](#) That is, legally pledged to be married

Matthew 3:16-17 (ESV) Jesus is Baptised

¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him,^[a] and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son,^[b] with whom I am well pleased.”

Footnotes: a. [Matthew 3:16](#) Some manuscripts omit to him b. [Matthew 3:17](#) Or my Son, my (or the) Beloved