

# Sunday Praise and Worship Service

† Order of Service 



HOPE	<p><b>Week 1</b> Candle Name: Prophet's Candle Candle Symbolizes: Hope Reminds Us: Jesus is coming Verse: Romans 15:12-13</p> <p>Prayer: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.</p>	PEACE
<p>Christ Candle Light on Christmas Eve</p>  <p>Verse: John 1:29</p>		
FAITH	<p><b>Week 2</b> Candle Name: Bethlehem Candle Candle Symbolizes: Faith Reminds Us: Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem Verse: Luke 3:4-6</p> <p>Prayer: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.</p>	JOY
<p><b>Week 3</b> Candle Name: Shepherd's Candle Candle Symbolizes: Joy Reminds Us: The Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus Verse: Luke 2:7-15</p> <p>Prayer: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen.</p>		
PEACE		

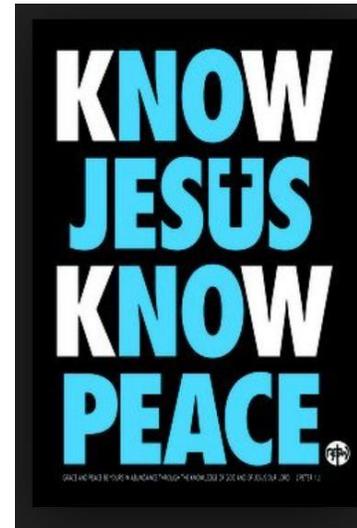
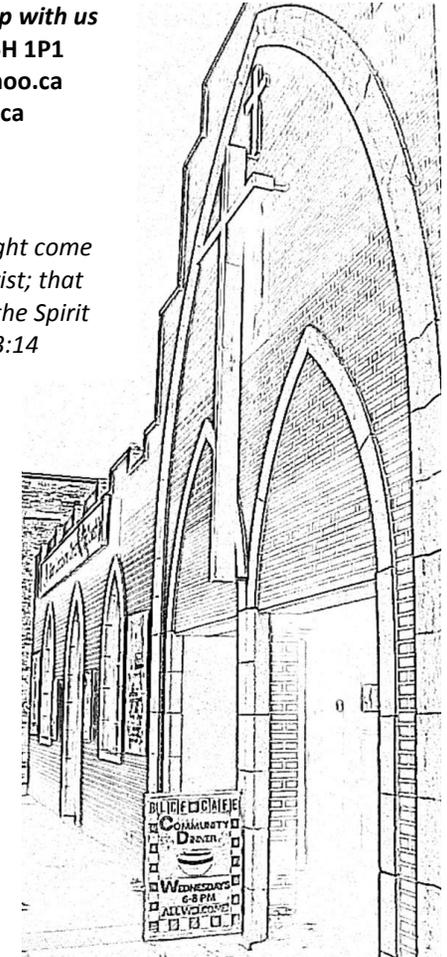
# Bloor Lansdowne Christian Fellowship

11 AM Sunday † December 3, 2017

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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



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- ❖ Wednesday ~ 11:30 AM Prayer and Bible Study
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 6:00-8:00 PM: BLCF Café Community Dinner
- ❖ Wednesday ~ December 6 ~ 6 PM: BLCF Café Fall Fundraiser – featuring the live music of Coldwater Roots – Donations Welcome!
- ❖ Online Sermons: [bloorlansdownechristianfellowship.wordpress.com](http://bloorlansdownechristianfellowship.wordpress.com)

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Announcements and Call to Worship; Prayer; Light 1<sup>st</sup> Advent Candle

Opening Hymn #313: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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

Responsive Reading #610 (*Christ in Prophecy* – Isaiah 11 and 42, Jeremiah 23, Malachi)

Message by Steve Mickelson: *'Abounding in a Hope, Gifted from the Father, Delivered by the Son, and Renewed in the Spirit'*

Communion: Responsive Reading #626 (*The Last Supper* – Mark 14)

Closing Hymn #308: *My Hope Is in the Lord*

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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Psalm 71:4-6 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

<sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are my hope,  
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

<sup>6</sup> Upon you I have leaned from before my birth;  
you are he who took me from my mother's womb.  
My praise is continually of you.

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1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV) Born Again to a Living Hope

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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1 Peter 1:13 (ESV) Called to Be Holy

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, preparing your minds for action,<sup>[a]</sup> and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Footnotes: a. <sup>1</sup> [Peter 1:13](#) Greek *girding up the loins of your mind*

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Romans 15:1-13 (ESV) The Example of Christ

<sup>15</sup> We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. <sup>3</sup> For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,<sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Christ the Hope of Jews and Gentiles

<sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,<sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name."

<sup>10</sup> And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles,  
with his people."

<sup>11</sup> And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him."

<sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

<sup>13</sup> 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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