



**Dunbar Ryerson
United Church**

Sunday Worship: 10:00am
Wednesday Worship: 6:00pm

2195 West 45th Avenue, Vancouver

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Sunday, December 3rd, 2017

*Large Print/Leaders' Copies of the worship bulletin
are available from the greeters.*

Angels Among Us: #DoNotBeAfraid

Advent 2: Nothing is Impossible

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome

The Work of God's People

Introit: Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes

Mark Sirrett

WE ENTER INTO WORSHIP

Advent Candle of Peace

Passing the Peace

Learning Together

Solo: If Not For You George Harrison

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 1: 26-56

adapted from The Voice translation

Anthem: Ave Maria Sergei Rachmaninoff
Sermon

WE RESPOND

Offering: All Earth is Waiting VU 5
Presentation of Our Gifts
Prepare Ye (from 'Godspell')

Singers Choir: It's a Wonder Linnea Good

Prayers of the People
Jesus' Prayer

WE GO FORTH

HYMN: People Look East VU 9

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: Bereite dich, Zion, mit zärtlichen Trieben J. S. Bach



As we gather here on the unceded and ancestral land of the Coast Salish nations, let us be thankful that God is with us, calling us to be ministers of reconciliation, as light for all God's people.

Administration Office – 8:30am-4:00pm, Monday – Friday.

The church administration office is open weekdays; please drop in or call if you need any assistance. Of course, you may leave messages for staff at any time on their office voicemail extensions, as listed in the recorded message.

Submissions to the Sunday announcements. Do you have an announcement or event to share with the congregation? Please call (604-266-5377) or email (office@drmt.ca) your information to the office by noon on Wednesday. For events, please include:

- Name of the event.
- Date, time and location.
- 2-3 sentences describing the event.
- Where to find more information, or a contact name and phone/email, if appropriate

Emergency Care – The church has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) device by the front desk in the Memorial Centre for use if a person has a heart attack. It is designed to be easy to use, with both audio and video prompts. If you would like to see an instructional video, go to <http://www.defibtech.com/sites/defibtech.com/files/GuidedTour.mp4>.

Notice of Congregational Meeting, TODAY, Sunday, Dec 3rd

On Sunday, December 3rd, following Worship, there will be an important congregational meeting. A light lunch will be provided. The congregation will be voting on a permanent name for our church. Following a lengthy process of discernment, which was recounted in a recent congregational email, the three names from which we will choose are Arbutus United Church, Dunbar Ryerson United Church and Pacific Spirit United Church. In addition, there will be an update from the Property Development Committee and a motion to authorize the release of the Property Development Trust Fund as we move forward with redevelopment.

Poinsettia Prayers – If you would like to honour or remember a family member or friend with a Poinsettia Prayer in the Christmas bulletin, please fill out one of the pink cards at the back of the Sanctuary. Make your cheque payable to DRUC and write “Poinsettia (Flower) Fund” on the memo line, or place your cash donation in an offering envelope, and mark it for the Poinsettia (Flower) Fund. Please place the card with your donation in the offering basket, or drop them off at the church office during the week. Please submit your donation by **Sunday, December 10**.

Thank You – We would like to express our deep appreciation for the outpouring of love and support we have received from the congregation after Don's death. It is a great support to be held up in prayers and love during times of sadness! The many cards and kind words have touched our hearts! Please let the community know we feel blessed!
With grateful hearts,
Joyce Brown and Heather Shaw

Opportunities for Fun and Fellowship

Women's Advent Service – Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary, 2195 West 45th Avenue, with reception following. Poetry, silence, song, readings and medieval chant by the 4-voice ensemble Convivia. Come and be part of this brief respite before the busyness of the season overtakes us. For more information, contact Kathleen Barber at kathlbar@gmail.com or 604-266-5377.

The Knox/Dunbar Ryerson Men's Breakfast group – Saturday, December 9th at 7:30am in the East/West Room, 2195 West 45th Avenue. No agenda, no structure, just good food and a chance to gather. All men are welcome. For more info <patburnsca@yahoo.com.

Chantez Noël – Sunday, December 10th at 2:30pm in the Sanctuary, 2195 West 45th Avenue. The Dunbar Ryerson Chamber Choir will offer a concert of festive carols and seasonal works in the warm acoustics of one of Vancouver's beloved choral venues, Dunbar Ryerson United Church's worship space. A Christmas season highlight to raise your spirits. Tickets are \$20 (Children & Students free) through www.brownpapertickets.com or at the door. For more information, visit www.drmt.ca.

Magee Secondary School Senior's Tea – Tuesday December 12th, 1:30-2:50pm at 6360 Maple Street. Along with a lovely setting of tea and seasonal refreshments, there will be a rich and varied program of music presented by the Senior Band, String Orchestra and the Magee Chamber Choir. This is a free event offered to members of the community. Please RSVP to Magee School at 604-713-8200 or mageemusicsociety@gmail.com by **December 5th**. Please arrive between 1:00 and 1:30pm.

Women's Weekend Retreat – Save the dates!

The annual women's weekend retreat will take place from **March 9th to 11th, 2018** at the **Edenvale Retreat Centre** in Abbotsford, BC. This year's facilitator will be the **Reverend Debra Bowman**. She will share insights from her calling into ministry and invite us to reflect on our own calls. Brochures will be available in January and registration will take place on February 11th and 18th. For more information please see **Shirley Hammond, Helen Fielding, Gillian Parker or Merrilee Thompson**.

Opportunities for Spiritual Nurture and Healing

Healing Ministries Open Session – Wednesday, December 6th at 1:00pm in the Lounge, and Tuesday, December 12th at 7:30pm in the Fireside Room, 2195 West 45th Avenue. To arrange a treatment please contact Susan Burns at 604-738-4758 or Lorraine Struyk at 604-263-4807. Please see www.DRMT.ca under Ministry – Pastoral Care and In Reach for more information.

Opportunities to Learn

Spiritual Deepening – Wednesday, December 13th, 7:00-9:00pm in the Sanctuary, 2195 West 45th Avenue. We will listen with the ear of the heart, engaging prayer, poetry and various models of paying attention as we discern the voice of God in our life. For more information, or to sign up, please talk with Kathleen Barber, call her at 604-266-5377, or email her at kathlbar@gmail.com.

Library News – Advent and Christmas books for adults and children are on display in the library. To check a book out for up to 3 weeks, please write your name, phone number and the date on the card that is inside the front cover of the book and place the card in the sign-out box.

Opportunities to Serve

Turkey Dollars – The Outreach Committee is collecting Stong's Turkey Dollars. We will deliver the ingredients for a complete Turkey Dinner to 6 particularly needy families in our local community. If you have any Turkey Dollars to donate, please leave them in the office or give them to a member of the Outreach Committee on Sundays after service at the Café Justicia sales table, before **December 17th**. Thank you.

Christmas Projects – This Christmas season, your Outreach Committee has agreed to sponsor 2 special projects. The first is to provide each of the 60 residents of Springhouse, a safe shelter for women and children, with new pajamas and a gift bag. The second is to give a Christmas gift of socks, deodorant, chocolate, Halls cough drops, and a \$10.00 Tim Horton's gift certificate to each of the 45 male shelter residents of First United Church. For the Springhouse project, please be aware that all donations must be received by **December 17th**. For the First United project, please use the specially marked envelopes in your pew for your donation and deposit it in the Collection plate or drop it off at the Church office. With the money raised, we shall purchase the items from Costco. Thank you for being the generous and caring congregation that you are. – Your Outreach Committee

Christmas With Springhouse update – Thank you to all the children who so beautifully decorated all the 50 bags needed for Springhouse! We still need gift bags for half of our 56 Springhouse friends as well as some pyjamas. Please sign up after church. All items must be in by **December 17th** at the very latest. Contact Sabina Harpe with questions at sabharpe@gmail.com.

Fall Fair Carry Over. Left over baking and preserves, Stitch 'n' Chatter items, cards, and numerous other items will be available after church on Sunday, **December 3rd**. Jill Parker will be collecting and distributing items from the Silent Auction. Thank you. – Patricia, Jill and Maureen

Welcome to Dunbar Ryerson United Church!

We are glad you have joined us for worship today. Please join us for refreshments after the service, in the hall in the Memorial Centre, across Yew Street from the sanctuary.

Facilitators of this morning's worship include

Presiders:

Debra Bowman

Cathy Cryder

Richard Bott

Kathleen Barber

Preacher:

Debra Bowman

Director of Music:

Bryn Nixon

DR Chamber Choir

Singers Choir

Singers Choir Leader:

Sam Schaap

The Band

Cello:

Paul Westwick

Soloists:

John MacLachlan

Jillian Tam

Prayers of the People:

Catherine Evans

Scripture Reader:

Dierdre Ayas

Brian Thorpe

Maureen Paetkau

Helena Ayas

ASL Interpreter:

Sara MacFayden

Nursery & Children's Program:

Natasha McConnell

Carmen Lee

Youth Ministry Program Director:

Molly Spaner

Coordinator:

Doug Smart

Coffee Helpers:

Helen McLaren

Carol Renwick

Shirley Hammond

Greeters:

Lori Keenan

Rich Keenan

Cindy Leong

Paul Best