

# ADVENT II — WHITE GIFT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025 CONTEMPORARY — 9:15 AM TRADITIONAL — 11:00 AM





# 9:15 AM - ORDER OF SERVICE

Please turn off all electronic devices. Nursery care is available.

**Today is White Gift Sunday.** If you have a gift to contribute, please bring it to the front during the White Gift Processional. If you wish to make a financial donation to help make Christmas brighter for those in need, please mark the envelope or your cheque "White Gift". Food bank donations may be left in the bins in the narthex.

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OPENING SONG**

"Little Drummer Boy"

Come, they told me, pa-rum, pum-pum, pum
A newborn King to see, pa-rum, pum-pum, pum
Our finest gifts we bring, pa-rum, pum-pum, pum
And to lay before the King, pa-rum, pum-pum, pum
Rum, pum-pum, pum, rum, pum-pum, pum

So to honor Him, pa-rum, pum-pum, pum When we come (Rum, pa-rum) (Rum, pa-rum, rum, pa-rum) (Rum, pa-rum, rum)

Little Baby, pa-rum, pum-pum, pum
And I am a poor boy, too, pa-rum, pum-pum, pum
And I have no gift to bring, pa-rum, pum-pum, pum
And that's fit to give the King Pa-rum, pum-pum, pum
Rum, pum-pum, pum, rum, pum-pum, pum

Shall I play for Him? Pa-rum, pum-pum, pum On my drum! (Pa-rum) And on my drum!

Mary nodded, pa-rum, pum-pum, pum
And the ox and Lamb kept time! Pa-rum, pum-pum, pum
And I played my drum for Him, pa-rum, pum-pum, pum
And I played my best for Him, pa-rum, pum-pum, pum
Rum, pum-pum, pum, pa-rum, pum-pum, pum

Then, He smiled at me, pa-rum, pum-pum, pum Jesus smiled at me, pa-rum, pum-pum, pum Me and my drum, my drum! Me and my drum, my drum!

(Rum, pa-rum, rum, pa-rum) (Rum, pa-rum, rum, pa-rum)
Me and my drum! (Rum, pa-rum, rum, pa-rum, rum, pa-rum, rum, pa-rum)
Pa-rum, me and my drum!)

#### LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

The Murphy/Church family

Family: We cry out, longing for peace, but where can we find it? From

the least to the greatest, everyone is greedy for unjust gain. From the prophet to the priest, everyone deals falsely. They treat our wounds carelessly saving "Peace peace" when there is no peace.

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All: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God." The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

#### **ADVENT HYMN** SING TOGETHER

A Candle is Burning, Hymn No. 6 v. 2

Away in a Manger

A candle is burning, a candle of peace, a candle to signal that conflict must cease: for Jesus is coming to show us the way; a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

#### PRAYER OF APPROACH PLEASE BE SEATED

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER SAY TOGETHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **MUSICAL REFLECTION**

"Simple Gifts"

Choir School

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free 'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be and when we find ourselves in the place just right 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed to turn, turn will be our delight 'till by turning, turning we come round right. 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free 'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be and when we find ourselves in the place just right 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

#### PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

We invite all the children to come up for a short prayer.

#### WHITE GIFT PROCESSIONAL

(All are invited during the singing of the hymn to bring their White Gifts up the centre aisle and to place them in the baskets or under the trees in the chancel. If you are unable to come into the chancel, kindly pass your gift to someone in the procession. Please use the side aisles to return to your pew.)

No. 44 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

(Please to take a moment of reflection as the children leave for their classes)

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 3:1-12

**Nancy Naylor** 

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight." 4 Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, 6 and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, 9 and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

**SERMON** 

"Fire & Vipers" Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee

PASTORAL PRAYER
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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** CHOIR ONLY "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Darke

Chamber Choir

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign: in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ. Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day, a breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay. Enough for him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him -- give my heart.

#### **CLOSING HYMN** PLEASE STAND

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.

#### Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father a blessed angel came and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same; how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. [Refrain]

"Fear not," then said the angel, "Let nothing you affright; this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright, to free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might." [Refrain]

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind, and left their flocks afeeding, in tempest, storm, and wind, and went to Bethlehem straightway, this blessed Babe to find. [Refrain]

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place, and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace; this holy tide of Christmas all other doth deface. [Refrain]

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Starting January 1st, 2026, all children attending our Sunday School program up to Grade 12 must be registered online. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Bonnie at bonniemarsh@temc.ca For registration, please visit: <a href="mailto:temc.ca/sundayschool">temc.ca/sundayschool</a>

If this is your first time visiting, please bring your child to the 3rd floor to visit our program and meet with the Director to answer any questions you have.

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# THE APPROACH

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude on "What Child is This"

Richard Purvis Stephen Boda

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN PLEASE STAND AND SING TOGETHER

No. 29 "Hark the Glad Sound"

Richmond

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE REMAIN STANDING The Diceman family

Family:

We cry out, longing for peace, but where can we find it? From the least to the greatest, everyone is greedy for unjust gain. From

the prophet to the priest, everyone deals falsely. They treat our wounds carelessly, saying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace.

All:

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PRAYER OF APPROACH PLEASE BE SEATED

PRAYER OF CONFESSION SAY TOGETHER

O Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father. We have not known your ways of peace, neither has there been justice in our paths. We have made our roads crooked and sought unjust gain. We have set our minds on the things of the flesh, which brings about death, and we have failed to set our minds on the things of the Spirit, which bring life and peace; and without your grace, there is only strife. O Prince of Peace, have mercy upon us. Forgive us our sins and subdue our warring spirits. Guide our feet in the paths of peace, and in the ways of wisdom, which are pleasantness. Cause us to bear fruit worthy of repentance, and to love your instruction, that we may not stumble. Through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, now make us righteous, that the work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

#### KYRIE SING TOGETHER

Lord have mercy upon us; Christ have mercy upon us; Lord have mercy upon us.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### **DOXOLOGY** PLEASE STAND

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow praise Him, all creatures here below praise Him above, ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

# THE WORD OF GOD

#### MINISTRY OF MUSIC CHOIR ONLY

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

Darke Sanctuary Choir

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#### **HYMN OF PREPARATION** PLEASE STAND AND SING TOGETHER

No. 20 "On Jordan's Bank"

Winchester New

#### **SERMON**

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# THE RESPONSE

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

THE LORD'S PRAYER SAY TOGETHER
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM CHOIR ONLY**

"Wexford Carol"

Arr Rutter Sanctuary Choir

Good people all, this Christmas time, consider well and bear in mind what our good God for us has done, in sending His beloved Son. With Mary holy we should pray to God with love this Christmas Day; In Bethlehem upon the morn there was a blest Messiah born. The night before that happy tide the noble virgin and her guide were long time seeking up and down to find a lodging in the town. But mark how all things came to pass: From every door repelled, alas! As long foretold, their refuge all was but a humble oxen stall. Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep; to whom God's angels did appear which put the shepherds in great fear. "Prepare and go", the angels said, "To Bethlehem, be not afraid; for there you'll find, this happy morn, a princely Babe, sweet Jesus born." With thankful heart and joyful mind, the shepherds went the babe to find, and as God's angel has foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold. Within a manger He was laid, and by His side the virgin maid attending to the Lord of Life, who came on earth to end all strife.

#### **CLOSING HYMN PLEASE STAND**

No. 25 "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

Helmsley

#### BENEDICTION

#### **CHORAL AMEN**

No. 968 Norman Johnson

#### **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Toccata on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Andrew Carter
Stephen Boda



# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 – ADVENT III 9:15 & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICES

Dayle K. Barrett preaching:

"Not the light, but the lens" from John 1:1-18

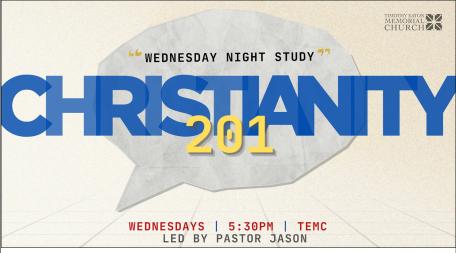
#### CHURCHES ON-THE-HILL FOOD BANK

The DECEMBER Food of the Month is DRY PASTA. With rising food costs the food bank is serving record numbers of clients (approximately 1200 people per week). In order to ensure that the food bank can continue in future years we need the financial support of the community. Visit us



at <u>cothfoodbank.ca</u> to donate either on a one time or a pre-authorized monthly basis. Thank you for your support.





Join us for Christianity 201 on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm from October - December. This is a wonderful chance to gather with friends and Rev. Jason to read, reflect, and wonder together about the Christian faith.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

The committed financial support of our donors is vital to TEMC's ongoing ministry. Please consider making your contributions on a pre-authorized monthly basis by bank transfer or credit card. For more information contact Jaclyn Didiano, 416-925-5977 ext. 223.

Timothy Eaton Memorial Church is located on the traditional territory of many nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples.

# MUSICAL MOSAIC

# DECEMBER 9 12 PM

# ODIN STRING QUARTET

230 ST. CLAIR AVE. W
JOIN US IN THE ATRIUM



The Odin Quartet, formed in 2015 and hailing from the heart of Toronto's musical scene, derives its name from the Norse god Odin, revered for his insatiable thirst for wisdom and knowledge. Emboduing Odin's spirit of exploration. the quartet endeavors to redefine classical music's role in contemporary storytelling. Odin Quartet has released two albums, "Journey Through Night" (2021) and "Between the Lines" (2023). Additionally, their featured appearances on albums such as "From Oblivion to Hope" bu Frank Horvat, "Jamaican Quartets" by Ted Runcie, and "Happy Alchemy" by Shannon Graham. The Ouartet is looking forward to presenting a Christmas-themed program, featuring classical music as well as timeless Christmas songs and carols.

Alex Toskov - violin Tanya Charles - violin Matthew Antal - viola Samuel Bisson - cello

To help support our musicians, free will donations are welcome!









# The Night Before Christmas



A traditional nativity pageant

December 24, 2025 at 3:00 & 5:00 PM





For many years TEMC's Christmas pageant has been a highlight of the season, when the congregation, their families and people from the community gather to celebrate the birth of Christ. More than 100 volunteers give of their time to make the pageant possible and many months of planning and work go into the production.

The pageant is free to attend – it is our gift to the community – so we are dependent on donations to make it happen. Due to economic conditions being felt by the whole country, we're inviting all who wish to support the pageant to become patrons. Patrons will be recognized with their names appearing in the pageant program, unless you advise us that you prefer to remain anonymous. You can make your donation online at <a href="temc.ca/donate">temc.ca/donate</a> (select "Christmas Pageant Patron") or by cheque payable to Timothy Eaton Memorial Church (please note "Christmas Pageant Patron" on the memo line). Receipts will be issued in February 2026. We thank you for your generous support.

## Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank Donations

The Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank expects to feed more than 500 hungry families in our community this Christmas, and is looking to us for help. Please leave donations of canned and packaged food in the bin in the narthex and cheques (payable to Churches on-the-Hill Food Bank) at the Volunteer Office. You can also donate online at <a href="cothfoodbank.ca">cothfoodbank.ca</a>. Thank you for your support.



# CHRISTMAS AT TEMC

Sunday Advent Services: 9:15 & 11:00 AM - Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21

# Thursday, December 11: Christmas Homecoming Service

2:00 PM: followed by tea in the Allan Beattie Room.

## Saturday, December 13: Yule Sing! Concert

4:00 PM: TEMC with special guests, The Weston Silver Band.

#### Wednesday, December 17: Raising Voices

5:00 PM Choir School Carolling at the Russell Hill Retirement Residence 6:00 PM Neighbourhood Noël

#### **December 21: El Hogar Bake Sale/Pinnington Preserves**

10:15 AM: The sale takes place between the services and after the 11:00 AM service (if anything remains).

#### **December 24: Christmas Eve**

3:00 & 5:00 PM: Christmas pageant 9:30 PM: Carols by candlelight: in the nave 10:00 PM: Christmas Eve service with communion (live streamed)

#### **December 25: Christmas Day**

9:00-10:00 AM: Together at Christmas Carol Service

### December 25: AA Winter Season Open House - Free event

10:00 AM-4:00 PM: Turkey, ham, stuffing, all the things. All are welcome. If you'd like to volunteer to help with prep or set-up on Dec. 24 contact:

WinterSeasonOpenHouse@outlook.com

# December 25 & 26: Christmas Day/Boxing Day

Church Offices Closed

## **Sunday, December 28**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Wednesday, December 31: Vigil at 10:00 PM

January 1: Happy New Year!

Church Offices Closed

## **Worship Information:**

- Wheelchair access is through the northwest entrance.
- Sunday School is held for children of all ages during the 9:15 service. The nursery and Sunday School rooms are located on the third floor, off the northeast balcony.
- The 11:00 a.m. service is live-streamed at temc.ca/livestream or youtube.com/@ TEMCToronto/streams
- Copies of recent sermons are available in the narthex or at temc.ca/sermons.

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