



Advent IV
Sunday, December 23, 2018
9:15 & 11:00 AM

TIMOTHY EATON
MEMORIAL
CHURCH 

ORDER OF SERVICE

***Please turn off all electronic devices. Nursery care is available.
These services are live streamed (a live video presentation)***

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Greensleeves'

Richard Purvis
... Stephen Boda, organ

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *PLEASE STAND*

No. 91 "The First Nowell"

The First Nowell

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE *REMAIN STANDING*

... The de Vries-Sipos family (9:15 a.m.)

... The Miranda family (11:00 a.m.)

Family: At a time when God's people need love, we light this candle as a symbol of the love that God's coming brings to us and to all the world. As we gather to praise God, let us pray that the love of the Christ Child will brighten our lives and our living.

All: God who has come to us in Jesus Christ, on this fourth Sunday in the season of Advent, we thank you for your gift of love that illuminates the whole world with your presence. As we share your love through our giving to others, may we be blessed with the spiritual gifts of your Holy Spirit.

ADVENT HYMN *SING TOGETHER* (No. 6, v. 4)

Away in a Manger

A candle is burning, a candle of love,
a candle to point us to heaven above.
A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
for Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

PRAYER OF APPROACH *PLEASE BE SEATED*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

arr. Forrest
... Choir School, Sanctuary Choir

O Come, all ye faithful. Joyful and triumphant. O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold him born the King of Angels: O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord. God of God, Light of light, Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb: Very God, Begotten not created. Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God in the highest: Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus to thee be glory given: Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-14

... Marni Whitaker (9:15 a.m.)

... Robert Positano (11:00 a.m.)

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

9:15 AM ONLY

HYMN OF GATHERING *PLEASE STAND*

No. 35 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

In Dulci Jubilo

During the singing of the hymn, we invite the children to come up the centre aisle to the chancel steps, accompanied by an adult if necessary.

CHILDREN'S TIME

After Children's Time, children leave for their Sunday School classes via the northeast stairs. Parents accompanying children, please return to your pews via the southeast stairs.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *PLEASE STAND*

No. 35 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

In Dulci Jubilo

SERMON

"A Child for the Universe"

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling

THE RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER *SAY TOGETHER (VOICES UNITED, P. 921)*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"All Praise to Thee"

Hagenberg
... Sanctuary Choir

All praise to Thee, Eternal Lord, clothed in a garb of flesh and blood; choosing a manger for Thy throne, While worlds on worlds are Thine alone. Once did the skies before Thee bow; a virgin's arms contain Thee now, while angels, who in Thee rejoice, now listen for Thine infant voice. A little Child, Thou art our Guest, that weary ones in Thee may rest; forlorn and lowly is Thy birth; that we may rise to Heaven from earth. Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the light; to make us, in the realms divine, like Thine own angels round Thee shine. All this for us Thy love hath done; by this to Thee our love is won; for this we tune our cheerful lays, and sing our thanks in ceaseless praise.
Martin Luther, 1535

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING PLEASE STAND

No. 55 v. 4

Cranham

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

No. 59 "Joy to the World"

Antioch

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

No. 971

Merritt

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on 'Joy to the World'

Gerre Hancock
... Stephen Boda, organ

Thank you to:
TEMC Christmas String Quartet
Clara Lee
Elizabeth Watts Domb
Linda Umbrico
Bryan Holt

HOLIDAY HOURS

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED:

Tuesday, December 25,
Wednesday, December 26, and
Monday, December 31
Tuesday, January 1



Merry Christmas!

May you be blessed with good health, happiness, and prosperity in 2019!

NOTICE OF FILMING/LIVE STREAMING

Please note that services are considered to be public events – unless otherwise stated – and you are choosing to enter a space where your image and/or voice may be captured as part of event proceedings that may be made public as part of a broadcast, webcast, or publication (online and in print). We make every effort to ensure your personal information is kept and used in compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). If you have any questions please contact sonyaswainsbury@temc.ca.

PARENTS' LOUNGE

Hi parents. We're so glad you and your family are worshipping with us this morning. For your convenience, we have a staffed nursery upstairs so that you can have an hour to yourself to worship.

We know that young children would sometimes rather stay with their parents, and that's perfectly fine too.

We also have a TV set up in our second floor Reception Room with room for restless legs to run around and comfortable sofas for you to sit on with your crying/nursing/tired little ones while you listen to the sermon and watch the service via livestream.

Please speak with one of the ushers for more information.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 11:00 AM

**The Rev. Lorraine Diaz preaching:
"Searching for Jesus"**

from Luke 2:41-52

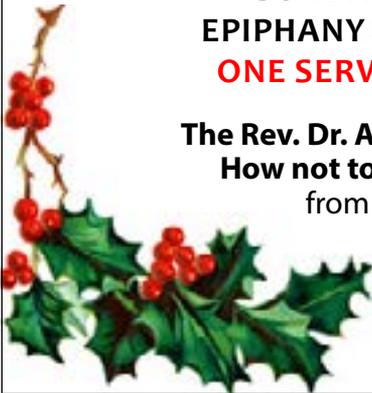
SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

EPIPHANY & HOLY COMMUNION

ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 11:00 AM

**The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling preaching:
How not to mess up the new year!**

from Revelation 21: 1-6



The Night Before Christmas

A traditional nativity pageant. December 24 @ 3:00 & 5:00 PM

For many years TEMC's Christmas pageant has been a highlight of the Christmas season. More than 2,000 members of the congregation, their families and friends gather in the sanctuary to await the coming of the baby Jesus.

More than 200 volunteers donate their time to make the pageant possible and many months of planning and work go into the two productions.

As well as being a Christmas tradition for the members of our congregation, the pageant provides an opportunity to welcome many of our friends who may not be frequent visitors to the church at other times of the year.

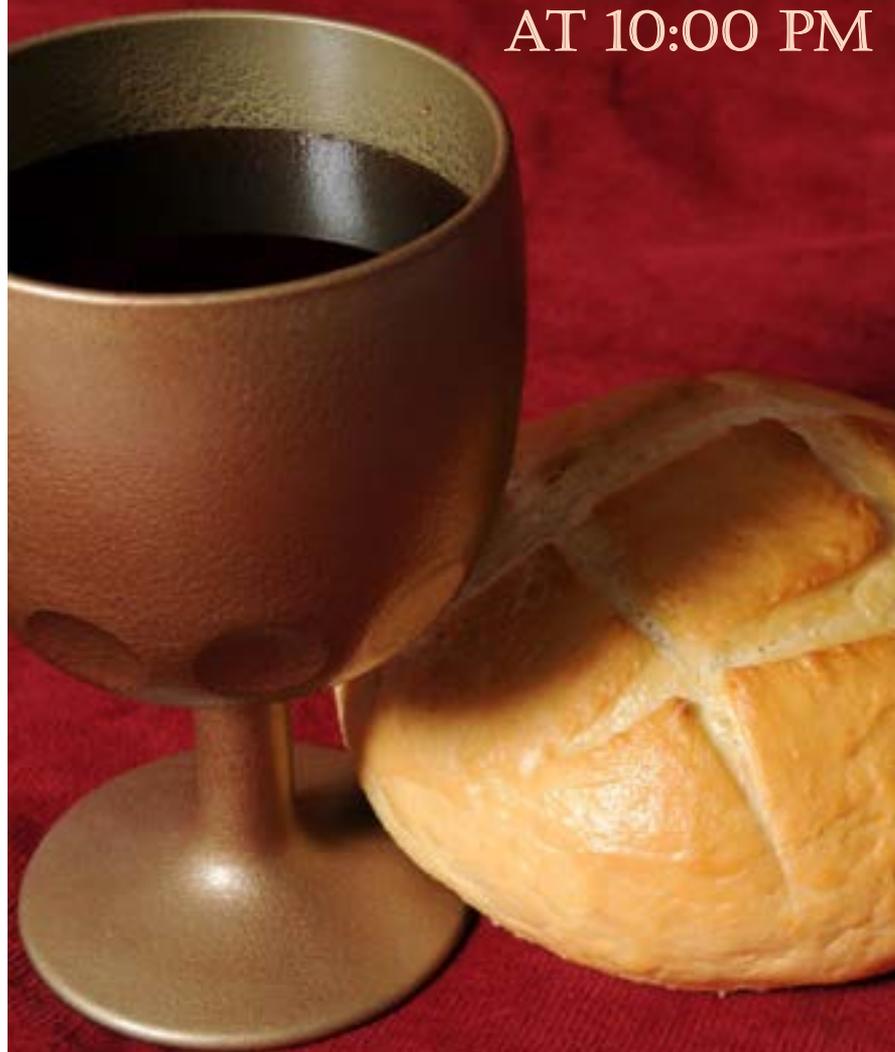
Patrons will be recognized and their names will appear in the pageant program unless you've advised us that you wish to remain anonymous (or your cheque is received after December 17, 2018). Please make your cheque payable to "Timothy Eaton Memorial Church" and put "Christmas Pageant" in the memo box. Receipts will be issued in February 2019. We thank you for your generous support.

Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank Donations

The Churches-on-the-Hill Food Bank expects to feed 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 financial donations (made payable to the COTH Food Bank) at the Volunteer Office. Your assistance and support is sincerely appreciated.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
WITH HOLY COMMUNION
AND SPECIAL MUSIC
AT 10:00 PM



COME EARLY AND ENJOY
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
STARTING AT 9:30 PM

It's cold outside!
Come on in and join us for our annual

Chilly day Chili



Sunday, January 27

12:00 pm in the Auditorium

Bring a friend or two, the more the merrier!

Cost: \$5 (fyi: the chili is vegetarian)

Tickets available in the Volunteer Office

416-925-5977 or you can pay at the door.

UPCOMING CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES – WINTER/SPRING 2019

Alpha

Have questions about life, faith, and God? The Alpha Film Series is a great way to explore these topics. A 30-minute film presents the basic principles of the Christian faith, followed by a discussion where participants are free to share their own thoughts about the film's topic. Refreshments are served.

Tuesdays, March 5 to May 14 – 9:45-11:30 AM – Contact: Sue Musselman

Book Study

The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness by Simon Wiesenthal. Description: You are a prisoner in a concentration camp. A dying Nazi asks for your forgiveness. What would you do?

You can order this book online, or if you prefer to order a copy through the church, please contact Rev. Lori by Sunday, January 6, at lorrainediaz@temc.ca.

Wednesdays, March 13 and 27** – 7:00-9:00 PM – Leader: Rev. Lori Diaz

***Please read only Part 1 (“The Sunflower”) before the first meeting. Come prepared to discuss your own thoughts on the story before reading the commentaries of the others.*

Handel’s “Messiah” Concert/Lecture Series

You know it as a great Christmas tradition, or for the Hallelujah Chorus sung on Easter Sunday, but there is so much more to Handel’s most well-known oratorio. During Lent, we will study Part 2 of Messiah, which focuses on the Passion of Christ. Each session will include an exploration of the theology Handel presents through the lyrics, and a demonstration of how he uses the music to highlight this theology.

Sundays, March 17 and 24 - lecture/recital format;

Sunday, April 7 – full performance of Part 2; tickets \$15 at the door

Time: 2:00 PM – Instructors: Rev. Lori Diaz and Dr. Elaine Choi

In collaboration with the University of Toronto Faculty of Music third year voice performance majors.

Hearing God Seminar

Have you ever wondered if God still speaks to people today, or if He has anything to say to you? Have you wondered how to tell the difference between God’s voice and your own thoughts? If so, then the Hearing God Seminar may be for you! We will explore these questions and more, to help you experience and connect with God at an even deeper level.

Wednesdays, May 1 to June 5 (6 sessions) – 7:00-8:30 PM

– Instructor: Rev. Lori Diaz

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Donald Adam Burwash a donation was made to the General Fund by Anna Burwash.

GIVING ENVELOPES

Giving Envelopes for 2019 are now available in the Lawson Library. If you would like to have Weekly Giving Envelopes, please contact Mary Ellen Moore in the Church Finance Office. You may wish to consider a more convenient method of donating to TEMC, by way of PAR or monthly VISA.

**Churches ^{on the Hill}
Food Bank**

The DECEMBER Food of the Month donation is TINNED FRUIT.

Visit us at www.cothfoodbank.ca for more information or to donate.

On behalf of the clients, volunteers at the COTH Foodbank, thank you for your support.

STEWARDSHIP

The committed financial support of our donors is vital to the ongoing ministry of TEMC. Tax receipts will be generated for donations over \$20. Please consider making your contributions on a pre-authorized monthly basis by bank transfer or VISA. For more information, please contact Jaclyn Didiano 416-925-8494, ext. 223 in the Church Finance Office.

BEQUESTS

A bequest to the church in your will is a powerful gift. It provides the means for you to make a huge difference in the on-going life and future of our church. For more information, please contact Nancy Shepherd, 416-925-8494, ext. 233 in the Church Finance Office.

STEPHEN MINISTERS

COMMISSIONING SERVICE: Sunday, February 3– 11:00 AM

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

AB Allan Beattie Room; AT Atrium; AU Auditorium; BR Board Room;
CC Creativity Centre; CR Conference Room; DH Dunvegan Hall; EC East Chapel
LR Lawson Room; MO Minister's Outer Office; MR Music Room; NA Nave;
NR Nursery Room; RR Reception Room; SG Sanctuary Guild Room;
SR Seminar Room; WA West Assembly Hall; WC West Chapel; YR Youth Room

TODAY, December 23

9:15 am Worship service - NA
9:15 am Infant & toddler care - NR
9:30 am Children's Church School:
Kindergarten - CC
Primary dept. - CC
Junior dept. - SR
10:15 am Coffee hour - AB
10:45 am Infant & toddler care - NR
11:00 am Worship service - NA

Monday, December 24

3:00 pm Christmas Pageant - NA
5:00 pm Christmas Pageant - NA
6:00 pm Food Bank - DH
9:30 pm Carols by Candlelight - NA
10:00 pm Communion Service - NA

Tuesday, December 25

Church Offices Closed

Wednesday, December 26

Church Offices Closed

10:00 am Food Bank - DH

Thursday, December 27

7:00 am Men's Group - CR
8:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous - AU



ALPHA YOUTH SERIES STARTS JANUARY 31, 2019!

Every other Thursday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Allan Beattie Room.

The Alpha program begins with supper, then moves into a time of conversation about life, faith and Jesus.

This is the required course for those wishing to be confirmed on Sunday, June 16, 2019. Confirmands are required to attend all sessions.

The Alpha Youth Series is also open to all TEMC youth, and registrants are welcome to invite their friends. Youth attending the Thursday evening sessions are also eligible to attend the Alpha Weekend Retreat.

Registration is available at: temc.ca/alpha-youth

For more info, contact nupurjames@temc.ca or 416-925-8494 x228.

Worship Information:

- Nursery staff care for infants and children up to age four during the worship service. The nursery and Sunday School rooms are located on the third floor, off the northeast balcony. Classes are held for children from Junior Kindergarten through Grade 6 during the 9:15 service.
- Text-only hymnals and assistive hearing devices are available in the narthex. Wheelchair access is through the northwest entrance.
- The 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. services are live-streamed at www.temc.ca/worship/live-broadcast and audio broadcast at 11 a.m. on CHIN 1540 AM and www.temc.ca. Printed copies of recent sermons are available in the narthex, and outside the volunteer office and Seminar Room.
- Donations to the Churches-on-the-Hill food bank may be left in the designated bins in the narthex.

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