



ADVENT III
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025
CONTEMPORARY – 9:15 AM
TRADITIONAL – 11:00 AM



TIMOTHY EATON
MEMORIAL
CHURCH 
a place for life

9:15 AM – ORDER OF SERVICE

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Arr. Arndt

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels:

REFRAIN

*O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
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:

REFRAIN

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God, in the highest:

REFRAIN

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

REFRAIN

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

The Adridge family

Family: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have
crushed rejoice. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and
sustain in me a willing spirit.

All: **The Lord says, in the towns of Judah and the streets of
Jerusalem, there shall once more be heard the voice of mirth
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a candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
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as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

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

"Lo, How a Rose, e'er Blooming"

Chamber Choir

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seers of old have sung. It came a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter when half spent
was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind, with Mary we behold it, the
virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright she bore for us a Saviour when half-spent
was the night. This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with
glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. True man, yet very God, from sin and death
He saves us and lightens every load.

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

We invite all the children to come up for a short prayer before proceeding
to Sunday school.

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-18

Sam Vincent

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¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

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SERMON

"Not the Light, but the Lens"

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PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM CHOIR ONLY

"We Three Kings"

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CLOSING HYMN PLEASE STAND

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,

drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.

You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music lifts us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

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: temc.ca/sundayschool

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.

11:00 AM – ORDER OF SERVICE

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

THE APPROACH

ORGAN PRELUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

Dieterich Buxtehude

Stephen Boda

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *PLEASE STAND AND SING TOGETHER*

No. 62 "Once in Royal David's City"

Irby

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

The Banning family

Family: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION *SAY TOGETHER*

**Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess
that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness. We
confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to
live in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas
season and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting
hearts. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us
for His return. Help us rejoice in the light so that your grace can
illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. 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*

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Sanctuary Choir

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HYMN OF PREPARATION *PLEASE STAND AND SING TOGETHER*

No. 74 "What Child Is This"

Greensleeves

SERMON

"Not the Light, but the Lens"

Dayle K. Barrett

THE RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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CLOSING HYMN *PLEASE STAND*

No. 9 "People, Look East"

Besañçon

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

No. 967

Danish

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Concerto-Prelude on 'Joy to the World'

Paul Fey

Stephen Boda



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025 – ADVENT IV

9:15 & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee preaching:

"Conspiracies of Hope" from Luke 1:39-45

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Norma Bourne, a donation has been made to the General Fund for music by Joshua, Lisa and Michael Bourne.

In loving memory of George W. Edmonds, a donation has been made to the Churches on-the-Hill Food Bank by his wife, Ellen Edmonds.

In loving memory of my parents, James R. and Evelyn B. Wright, who were longstanding and very active members of TEMC, a donation has been made by F. Virginia Wright.

IMPORTANT: 2025 DONATIONS & EMAIL TAX RECEIPTS

You have until December 31st to get your donation in for the 2025 tax year!

Your donation tax receipt for 2025 will be emailed to you in the New Year. Please ensure the finance office has your up-to-date email address by sending an email to jaclyndidiano@temc.ca



EL HOGAR BAKE SALE & PINNINGTON PRESERVES SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Too busy to bake? You can load up on homemade baked goods and preserves at our sale on Sunday, December 21 during coffee hour and after the 11:00 AM service if anything remains.

WHITE GIFT – THANK YOU

TEMC's Grants Committee would like to say thank you to all those who contributed in any way to our White gift program last Sunday. Toys, books, puzzles and financial donations are always well received. Special thanks to TEMC's Heart 'n' Hands Together Group who created 230 knitted or crocheted items (70 mittens!) for Davenport Perth United Church. Our gifts allow TEMC to share the joy of Christmas with them every year. Thank you for your support.

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



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.



TIMOTHY EATON MEMORIAL CHURCH
230 ST. CLAIR AVE W

NEIGHBOURHOOD NOËL

December 17
6:00-7:00 PM

CAROL SING
HOT CHOCOLATE
CANDY CANES

TIMOTHY EATON
MEMORIAL
CHURCH



Have you checked out our blog? Visit us at temc.ca/blog to see what's new.

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 temc.ca/donate (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 cothfoodbank.ca. 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

“WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY”

CHRISTIANITY 201

WEDNESDAYS | 5:30PM | TEMC
LED BY PASTOR JASON

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.

TIMOTHY EATON MEMORIAL CHURCH

COVER TO COVER BOOK CLUB

READ, DISCUSS & DISCOVER TOGETHER
EVERY 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH!



BOOK CLUB - MONDAY, JANUARY 26 | 7:00 PM

The Berlin Apartment by Toronto author and international bestseller Bryn Turnbull. This exceptionally researched novel features a couple who, due to fate and circumstance, are separated on either side of Berlin when the iron curtain falls severing them indefinitely. A fascinating look at how a divided city existed in such staggeringly different ways is a backdrop for a tale about hope, fortitude and love. It's also a page turner!

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

AMEN.

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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