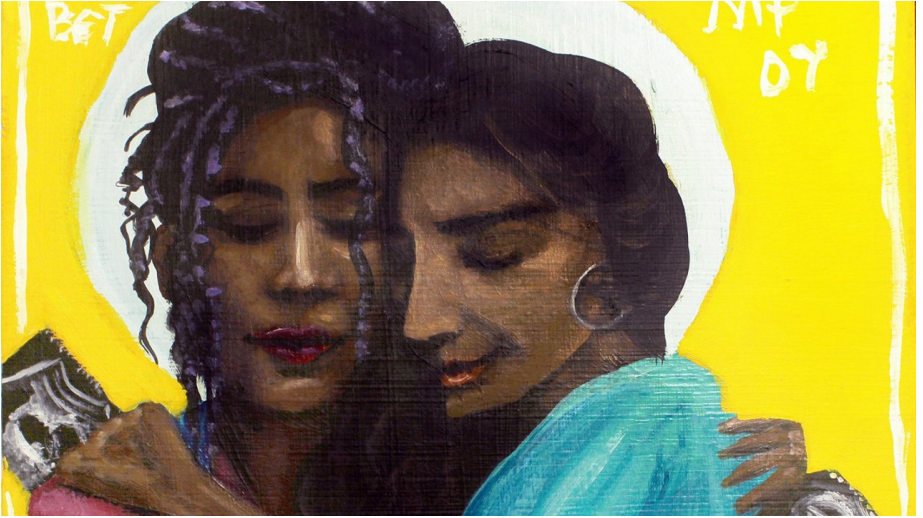


ADVENT IV



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 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

"A Christmas Carol"

Bohemian Carol
Choir School

Hail to the season of joy and of gladness!
Gone with its coming are sorrow and sadness.
"Peace on earth to all of good-will!"
This is the Christmas message still.
Ring out the joy bells and tell the glad story.
Welcome the coming of wonderful glory.
"Peace on earth to all of good-will!"
This is the Christmas message still.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

"Joy to the World"

Antioch arr. Arndt

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground:
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the earth with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE

The Wood family

Family: How long, Lord? Will you hide yourself forever?
How long will your wrath burn like fire?
Where is your former great love,
which in your faithfulness you swore to David?

All: **The Lord appeared to us, saying:
"I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.
I will build you up again,
and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt."**

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*

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

"Go! Go! Go Tell It!"

arr. Arndt

Choir School

Go! Go! Go tell it! Go! Go! Go tell it! Go! Go! Go tell it! Tell it on the mountain! Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere, go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born! While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Go and tell, go and tell! Go and tell, tell it on the mountain!

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

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

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:39-45

Janet Stephenson

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SERMON

"Conspiracies of Hope"

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM CHOIR ONLY

"All Praise to Thee"

Hagenberg
Chamber Choir

All praise to Thee, eternal God, Who clothed in garb of flesh and blood, Dost take a manger for Thy throne, While worlds on worlds are Thine alone. Alleluia! 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. Alleluia A little child, Thou art are our Guest That weary ones in Thee may rest; Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth That we may rise, to heaven from earth Alleluia.
–Martin Luther

CLOSING HYMN PLEASE STAND

"Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending"

Helmsley arr. Arndt

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
see the Lamb for sinners slain!
Thousand thousand saints attending
join to sing the glad refrain:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold you,
robed in awesome majesty;
all who jeered, and mocked, and sold you,
pierced, and nailed you to the tree,
deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving,
shall the true Messiah see.

Now redemption, long expected
see in pomp appear;
all the saints, by us rejected,
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!

Yea! Amen! Let all adore you,
high on your eternal throne;
crowns and empires fall before you,
claim the kingdom for your own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Everlasting Christ, come down.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Join us today!



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.

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

PRELUDE

Pastorale on 'Gesu Bambino'

Pietro Yon

Stephen Boda

"A Christmas Carol"

Bohemian Carol

Choir School

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *PLEASE STAND AND SING TOGETHER*

"Joy to the World"

Antioch arr. Arndt

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let earth receive her King!
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LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE

The Jardine family

Family: How long, Lord? Will you hide yourself forever?
How long will your wrath burn like fire?
Where is your former great love,
which in your faithfulness you swore to David?

All: **The Lord appeared to us, saying:
"I have loved you with an everlasting love;
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I will build you up again,
and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt."**

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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*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *SAY TOGETHER*

**O righteous and merciful Father,
We have not loved you with our whole hearts, souls, and strength,
and we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We have been lovers of self and lovers of money; lovers of pleasure
rather than lovers of God.
We have had a form of godliness but denied its power; and without
your grace, we are but resounding gongs and clanging cymbals.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
For your name's sake, Lord, preserve us.
In your righteousness, bring us out of trouble.
In your unfailing love, restore us, through Christ Jesus, our Lord.
And strengthen us, O God, by your glorious riches, with power
through your Spirit,
so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith,
and that we might be rooted and established in the love of Christ, in
whose name we pray. 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*

“Go! Go! Go Tell It!”

arr. Arndt
Choir School

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Elaine Choi

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the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women,
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the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there
would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

HYMN OF PREPARATION *PLEASE STAND AND SING TOGETHER*

No. 38 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Gloria

SERMON

“Conspiracies of Hope”

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee

THE RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER *SAY TOGETHER*

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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,
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INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *CHOIR ONLY*

"All Praise to Thee"

*Hagenberg
Sanctuary Choir*

All praise to Thee, eternal God, Who clothed in garb of flesh and blood, Dost take a manger for Thy throne, While worlds on worlds are Thine alone. Alleluia! 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. Alleluia A little child, Thou art are our Guest That weary ones in Thee may rest; Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth That we may rise, to heaven from earth Alleluia.
–Martin Luther

CLOSING HYMN *PLEASE STAND*

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

arr. David Willcocks

Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as one of us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings;
Mild He lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the newborn King.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

Amen in D Major

Boda

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Postlude on 'Hark the Herald Angel's Sing'

*David Willcocks
Stephen Boda*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025 – CHRISTMAS I

ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 11:00 AM

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee preaching:

“As for you, Little Child...”
from Luke 2:25-35



CHRISTMAS AT TEMC

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

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

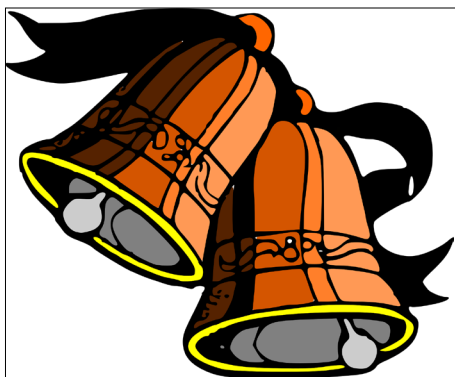
11:00 AM Worship Service

Wednesday, December 31: Vigil at 10:00 PM

If you plan to come to this service, please contact joanneleatch@temc.ca

January 1: Happy New Year!

Church Offices Closed



THANK YOU TO OUR BELL RINGERS

We are so grateful to our volunteer bell ringers who ring the TEMC chime after many of our 11:00 a.m services. They will be ringing throughout the Christmas season, so please do enjoy those beautiful sounds.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Michael Eby

DEDICATIONS

In loving memory of Dorothy Magnan Leatch, a donation has been made to the el Hogar Fund by her daughter, Joanne Leatch.

In loving memory of John Edward Deeks a donation has been made to the Ministry of Music by his family.

A donation has been made to the General Fund by Carolyn Williams, wishing Ross & Marilyn Durant a Merry Christmas.

IMPORTANT: 2025 DONATIONS & EMAIL TAX RECEIPTS

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

Thank you for your support!



The Night Before Christmas

A traditional nativity pageant

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



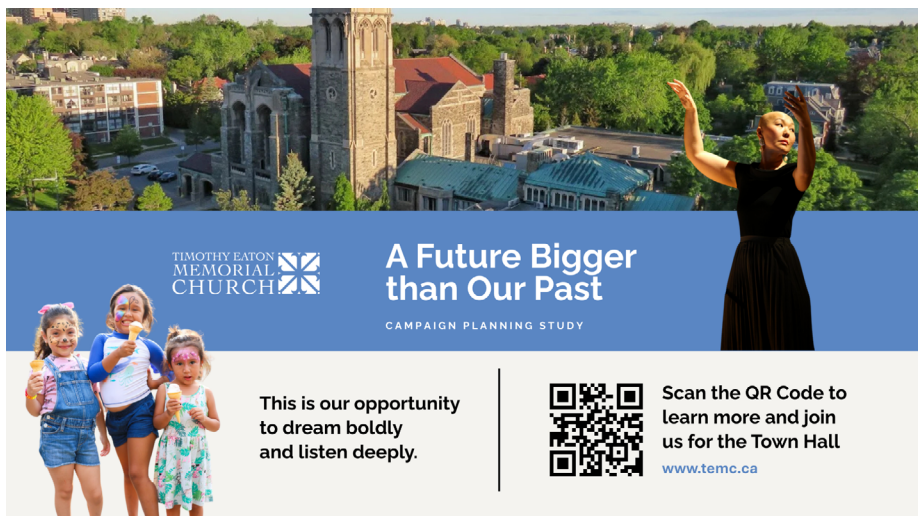
For many years TEMC's Christmas pageant has been a highlight of the season, when the congregation, their families and people from the community gather to celebrate the birth of Christ. More than 100 volunteers give of their time to make the pageant possible and many months of planning and work go into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



TOWN HALL:
VIA ZOOM ON JANUARY 21, 2026
JANUARY 25 FOLLOWING THE 9:15 & 11:00 SERVICES

Timothy Eaton Memorial Church has long been a place where faith, music, beauty, and community meet. Now, we are discerning an audacious vision—one that honours our past, responds to the needs of today, and leaves a lasting legacy for generations to come. Through a Campaign Planning Study, we are prayerfully exploring next steps to:

- Build an endowment fund to provide stable, long-term support for our five ministry pillars: Inviting Worship, Mending the World, Celebrating Beauty, Raising Disciples, and Awakening Community
- Renew our spaces through accessibility improvements, a revitalized Education Wing, and a welcoming new Generosity Bistro—so our church continues to serve both congregation and community with hospitality and care.

As part of our Campaign Planning Study, **you're invited to our Town Hall online via Zoom on January 21, 2026 and on January 25, 2026 following the 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. worship services.** These gatherings will share more about the proposed endowment and building plans and offer space to listen, ask questions, and share your insights. Your feedback will help shape these priorities as we dream together about a future bigger than our past.

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.

“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!

, Where: TEMC Auditorium
, When: Doors Open at 6PM
, Cost: Pay what you wish
, Contact: daylebarrett@temc.ca
, Food | Drinks
, Amazing Prizes
, Halftime Draw
, Scan to Register



sober
Super Bowl
party

Sunday
February 8 | 6PM

Register at temc.ca

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.

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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