



The Immaculate Conception by Diego Velazquez

Advent IV
Sunday, December 22, 2024
9:15 & 11:00 a.m.



TIMOTHY EATON
MEMORIAL
CHURCH 
A Place for Life

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please turn off all electronic devices. Nursery care is available.
The 11:00 a.m. service is live streamed (a live video presentation)*

THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

"In Dulci Jubilo"

*Dietrich 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 LOVE *BASED ON PSALM 89 & 1 JOHN 4*

The Moote family (9:15 a.m.)
The Olafimihan family (11:00 a.m.)

Family: How long, Lord?
Will You hide Yourself forever?
Where is Your former great love,
which You swore to David in Your truth?

**All: God is love, and this is how God showed His love among us:
He sent His one and only Son into the world,
That we might live through Him.
This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us.**

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 WORD OF GOD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *CHOIR ONLY*

"May You Find A Light"

*John Arndt, David Gungor
Sanctuary Choir, Choir School*

Lost and weary traveler, searching for the way to go; stranger, heavy-hearted, longing
for someone you know. May you find a light, may you find a light, may you find a light to

guide you home. There are weary travelers, searching everywhere you go; strangers, who are searching; longing deeply to be known.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:22-35

Anthony Varahidis (9:15 a.m.)

Peter Norman (11:00 a.m.)

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." ³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too."

HYMN OF PREPARATION PLEASE STAND AND SING TOGETHER

No. 59 "Joy to the World"

Antioch arr. Arndt

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

We invite all the children to come up for a short prayer before proceeding to Sunday school. Today there will be Sunday School at 11:00 am for all age groups. Please drop off your children to the Creativity Centre Room on the third floor before the service begins.

SERMON

"Mary in Pain"

Jason Byasse

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*

"Gesu Bambino"

*Pietro Yon
Sanctuary Choir*

When blossoms flowered amid the snow upon a winter night was born the Child the Christmas rose the King of Love and Light. The angels sang the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced and at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced: O come let us adore him Christ the Lord. Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night that gave the world its Christmas rose it's king of love and light. Let every voice proclaim his name the grateful chorus swell From paradise to earth he came that we with Him might dwell.

CLOSING HYMN *PLEASE STAND*

No. 60 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Adeste Fideles

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

Amen in D Major

Boda

POSTLUDE

Concerto-Prelude on 'Joy to the World'

*Paul Fey
Stephen Boda*

MUSICIANS

Lynn James (Guest Conductor)

John Arndt (Band Leader, Arranger)

William Byassee, Madeleine Kay, Rosie Scopacasa,

Linda Umbrico, Ella Xu, Madeline Wood (Strings)

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024
ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 11:00 AM

Jason Byassee preaching
"Mary's Memory"
from Luke 2:19

TODAY!



EL HOGAR BAKE SALE & PINNINGTON PRESERVES
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Too busy to bake? You can load up on homemade baked goods and preserves at our sale on Sunday, December 22 during coffee hour and after the 11:00 AM service if anything remains.

IN MEMORIAM

A donation has been made to the Women Together Group in celebration of David Lavine, a life well lived.

In loving memory of Dorothy Leatch, a donation has been made to the El Hogar fund by her family.

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. We pray that the Holy Spirit will gather all people into one body of Christ.

The background of the poster is a dark blue night sky with several white stars. A large, bright white star in the upper right corner has a white beam of light shining down from it. At the bottom left, there are three blue silhouettes of the Three Kings. At the bottom right, there is a white silhouette of a stable with a blue interior, showing a woman holding a baby and another person standing nearby.

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 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 2025. 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.





TOGETHER AT
CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS DAY CAROL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25 | 9 - 10 AM



TIMOTHY EATON
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230 St. Clair Ave W



CHRISTMAS AT TEMC

Sunday Advent Services: 9:15 & 11:00 AM - December 1, 8, 15, 22

Saturday, December 14: Yule Sing! Concert

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

Sunday, December 15: Addoldy Cymraeg Toronto

2:00 PM: Bilingual (Welsh/English) Service of lessons and carols.

Wednesday, December 18: Children's Christmas Party

6:00 PM: Santa Claus, hot chocolate booth, decorating cookies, games, dinner, fun for the whole family!

December 22: 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 to attend. 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 29

11:00 AM Worship Service

January 1: Happy New Year!

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JANUARY 3, 2025 – SURVIVAL COURSE

We will be hosting a two day survival course,
"How not to die in the woods"

This course is being delivered by our very own Dean Copecoge.

Dean is a Special Operations Army Survival and SERE (Survival-Evasion-Resistance-Escape) Instructor. The first day will be held here at TEMC. The second day will be held sometime late **March early April** up North. Some of the topics that will be covered:

- Lost Person Behaviour
- Wilderness First Aid
- Fire starting techniques and equipment
- Water Purification
- Rescue Knots
- Clothing
- Shelter Building
- Emergency Signalling
- Equipment and techniques and so much more!!

The cost of the course is \$95.00. Dean has reduced the cost significantly from 375.00 for congregation and friends. The course has limited spaces pre registration is required. For further information contact Dean at dean@summit-intel.com or speak with Pete Vincent or Richard Smart.



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 you make contact Jaclyn Didiano, 416-925-5977 ext. 223.

DIASPERSIA ESL CLASSES

- **WHEN:** Weekdays
- **WHERE:** TEMC
- **TAUGHT BY:** Certified and experienced teachers, including instructor Payman Doddress.
- **WHAT WE OFFER:** General English: Enhance your communication skills and test prep: Get ready for standard English exams.
- **WHO IT'S FOR:** These classes are open to everyone and are designed especially for the Iranian diaspora.





COVER TO COVER BOOK CLUB

Monday, January 27 – 7:00 PM

The Jesuit Disruptor: A Personal Portrait of Pope Francis by Michael Higgins

A fresh look at a complex pope with a simple agenda: radically reforming the Catholic Church. In his determination to reform the Vatican and ensure the Catholic faith evolves in a way that is relevant to the 21st century, Francis is very much carrying on the tradition of the Jesuits, an order known for their work in education, humanitarian missions, and social justice. A deep understanding of the Jesuit order informs Michael W. Higgins's approach in this novel reading of a papacy unlike any other.

A limited number of copies are available in our library. Also, both e-book and paper copies are available at the Toronto Public Library or they can be purchased online at Indigo.ca

Copies will also be available for purchase at the book club event.

Author, Dr. Michael W. Higgins, Ph.D., is the leading biographer of Henri Nouwen and Thomas Merton. He is an author, Vatican affairs specialist for the Globe and Mail and CTV Network, Catholic educator, CBC radio documentarian, scholar, and administrator. He is Professor of Religious Studies and Vice-President for Mission and Catholic Identity at Sacred Heart University.

LAWSON LIBRARY

TEMC's Lawson Library is a volunteer-run library with a wide variety of books to help you on your spiritual journey. You can browse our book selection from the comfort of your home at librarycat.org/lib/TEMCLibrary. On Sunday morning from 10:00-11:00AM, volunteers are on hand to help you set up your own online Library Patron account so you can sign books out whenever you want! For more information email: library@temc.ca

Worship Information:

- Sunday School is held for children of all ages during the 9:15 service. Nursery is held for children up to three years of age during the 11:00 am service. The nursery and Sunday School rooms are located on the third floor, off the northeast balcony.
- Wheelchair access is through the northwest entrance. Large-print copies of the orders of service and assistive hearing devices are available upon request.
- The 11:00 a.m. service is live-streamed at temc.ca/livestream or facebook.com/temctoronto.
- Copies of recent sermons are available in the narthex, and online at temc.ca/sermons.

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