



Sunday, December 29, 2024 – 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.  
These services are live streamed (a live video presentation)*

## THE APPROACH

### PRELUDE

"Pastorale from the 'Christmas' Concerto"

*Archangelo Corelli  
Stephen Boda*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN *PLEASE STAND AND SING TOGETHER*

No. 36 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

*Regent Square*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You have come to us Emmanuel.

**All: You came as a baby, in a stable, in a manger.**

Leader: You chose the lowliest estate so that you could share all our joys and all our sorrows with us as a human.

**All: We worship you and give you the greatest thanks for this precious gift.**

Leader: You still live and are with us always.

**All: All praise to you, almighty and everlasting God, forever and ever. Amen**

**All sing: Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

*(No. 38, v. 3)*

### PRAYER OF APPROACH *PLEASE BE SEATED*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *SAY TOGETHER*

**All powerful, yet merciful God. We confess before you that we skip over the important things. We made sure that we were ready with presents and parties for Christmas, but we didn't spend enough time being quiet, in prayer, in meditation, listening for you, waiting for your birth. Forgive us, and help us to do better. May we be like Mary and ponder everything about your birth in our hearts. And then may we go forth and be the people that you would have us be. We pray this in the name of the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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*

No. 74 v. 3

*Greensleeves*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

## THE WORD OF GOD

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC** *CHOIR ONLY*

“Ding Dong! Merrily on High!”

*Willcocks*  
Sanctuary Choir

Ding dong merrily on high, in heav’n the bells are ringing: Ding dong! verily the sky is riv’n with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! E’en so here below, below, Let steeple bells be swungen, and “io, io, io!” By priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Pray you, dutifully prime Your matin chime, ye ringers; May you beautifully rhyme your evetime song, ye singers. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 2:19

<sup>19</sup> and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

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

No. 76 “See Amid the Winter’s Snow”

**SERMON**

**“Mary’s Memory”**

Jason Byassee

## 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"*

*Hagenberg  
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.

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING** *PLEASE STAND*

*Old 100th*

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

**CLOSING HYMN** *PLEASE STAND*

No. 43 *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

*Go, Tell It*

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL AMEN**

No. 967

*Danish*

**POSTLUDE**

*"Fanfare on 'O Come All Ye Faithful"*

*Paul Fey  
Stephen Boda*



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025**  
**EPIPHANY & HOLY COMMUNION**  
**9:15 AM: CONTEMPORARY**  
**11:00 AM: TRADITIONAL**

Jason Byassee preaching  
"Jesus is Desire of the Nations"  
from Haggai 2:6-9

**2:00 PM: Addoldy Cymraeg Toronto**  
**(Bilingual Welsh/English) Service**  
**Guest Preacher: Joanne Leatch**

In the East Chapel followed by tea in the Reception Room

**CHURCHES ON-THE-HILL FOOD BANK**

The JANUARY Food of the Month donation is CANNED FRUIT. 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 by scanning the QR code or going to [cothfoodbank.ca](http://cothfoodbank.ca) for more information or to donate.

Thank you for your support.



**DEDICATION**

Merry Christmas and love to Ross and Marilyn Durant from Al and Gretchen McKay.

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*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.*

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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](mailto: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.



## **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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://temc.ca/livestream) or [facebook.com/temctoronto](https://facebook.com/temctoronto).
- Copies of recent sermons are available in the narthex, and online at [temc.ca/sermons](http://temc.ca/sermons).

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