



ADVENT II

Sunday, December 5, 2021
11:00 AM – White Gift Sunday

TIMOTHY EATON
MEMORIAL
CHURCH



A Place for Life

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please turn off all electronic devices.

This service is live streamed (a live video presentation)

Congregational singing is NOT permitted at this time.

Please remain seated throughout the service.

Today is White Gift Sunday. *If you have a gift to contribute, please bring it to the front **before or immediately following the service.** If you wish to make a financial donation to help make Christmas brighter for those in need, please use the special envelopes provided and mark your cheque "White Gift" or donate online at temc.ca/donate. Thank you for your support.*

PRELUDE

"This is Amazing Grace"

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus:

(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace

This is unfailing love

That You would take my place

That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life

That I would be set free

Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy*

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OPENING HYMN

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

Irby

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of All,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our saviour Holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

Richard Wozenilek & Marni Whitaker

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

All: **God who has come to us in Jesus Christ, on this second Sunday in the season of Advent, we thank you for your gift of peace that illuminates the whole world. Bless us with peace as we worship, and with all the spiritual gifts of your Holy Spirit.**

ADVENT HYMN

A Candle is Burning, Hymn No. 6 v. 2

Away in a Manger

A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE MESSAGE

Christmas Pageant

Tim & Terry Fallis

ANTHEM

"Come be the Light"

Mark Patterson
Choir School

Come be the light, come be the joy, come be the hope the world needs to know. Come be the voice of kindness and truth, sharing the peace of Christ wherever you go. Praise God with a song of gladness ringing out to the skies above. Lift your light and let it shine so the world may know God's love. Come be daring as you strive to love one another. Come be bold, and be courageous in God's grace. With hands to serve and gifts to share, come show the world how Christ would care for all God's people everywhere. Come be the light, come be the joy, come be the hope the world needs to know. Come be the voice of kindness and truth, sharing the peace of Christ wherever you go. Praise God with a song of gladness ringing out to the skies above. Lift your light and let it shine, so the world may know God's love. Lift your light and let it shine so the world may know God's love!

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:25-30

Still, I think it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus—my brother and co-worker and fellow soldier, your messenger and minister to my need; for he has been longing for all of you, and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. He was indeed so ill that he nearly died. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, so that I would not have one sorrow after another. I am the more eager to send him, therefore, in order that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. Welcome him then in the Lord with all joy, and honor such people, because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for those services that you could not give me.

Philippians 4:10-20

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant

offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling
"Giving is Everything"

ANTHEM

"Personent Hodie"

Holst
Sanctuary Choir

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us. Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o, I d-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo! His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth, Bethlehem saw his birth; ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him. God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him. On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring, praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

CLOSING HYMN

No. 25 "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

Helmsley

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 then 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 solemn 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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"In Dulci Jubilo"

J.S. Bach
Stephen Boda

CONTEMPORARY BAND

Noel Di Tosto, guitar; Etienne Levesque, drums; Elaine Choi, piano;
Mark Godfrey, bass; Dave Moote, Delicia Raveentharrarajan vocals
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CHOIR SCHOOL

Nila Rajagopal, Conductor; Delicia Raveentharrarajan, Cherub Conductor;
Adam Weinmann, piano

Dear Friends,

After much thought and prayer, I will not be renewing my 2022 clergy contract with the Church. I have made this decision based on various reasons. Given my age, health issues (I have been on medical leave for heart surgery) and family needs, I believe this is the right decision at this time.

I really cannot express my utmost pleasure over these past three years in being the Minister of Pastoral Care at TEMC. The collegiality of a superb staff, both clergy and lay, has touched my spirit and service in wonderful ways. My prayer has always been that I have contributed to Christ's church in a positive Christ-like manner.

TEMC will be in my heart as you prayerfully discern next steps in all that our God has in mind for the church.

Always blessings,

Rev. Chris Miller

NEXT WEEK:



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021 – ADVENT III

11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling preaching

“The Pending Birth of a King”

from Matthew 21: 1-5; Zechariah 9: 9-11

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is held every Sunday from 11:00 am until noon in the Flora Mcree Auditorium. This year students will be focusing on Psalm 34:14b: “Do Good! Seek peace and go after it!”

IN MEMORIAM

Through an Enduring Gift donated by Andrew and Margaret Clark in memory of Elma and Penny Mitchell, the TEMC Grants Committee has made a donation to each of the Massey Centre for Women and Sistering.

In memory of Daniel A. Lang, a donation has been made to the General Fund by David and Lorna Lang.

In memory of John Fisher a donation has been made to the General Fund by Lois Irvine.

BIBLE STUDY – TIMELESS TIDINGS RETURNS JANUARY 11, 2022

We are delighted that Part 3 of Timeless Tidings will be offered in the new year. Online via Zoom on Tuesdays from January 11 to March 29 at 1:30-3:00 p.m., Rev. John White will lead us through three centuries that are among the most exciting and adventurous of our Christian Journey: 1700-2000 AD.

Please join us if you have been with us before or if you are new. All are welcome.

You can register online at temc.ca.

For more information contact: Rev. Lori Diaz.

CHURCHES ON THE HILL FOOD BANK

The DECEMBER Food of the Month donation is CANNED FRUIT.

Annually, Yorkminster Baptist Church hosts a Carol Sing Concert in support of the food bank. Once again this year the concert will be virtual, and will feature Brett Polegato, Jilly Black, the Bach Children's Choir, and host Dina Pugliese. Visit citycarolsing.ca on **Friday, December 10th at 8pm** to catch the premiere performance or watch anytime this holiday season on demand.

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

GIVING ENVELOPES

Giving Envelopes for 2022 will be available in the Lawson Library on December 12th. If you would like to have Weekly Giving Envelopes, please contact Jaclyn Didiano in the Church Finance Office. You may wish to consider a more convenient method of donating to TEMC, by way of PAR, monthly VISA, or online at temc.ca/donate.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

The committed financial support of our donors is vital to the ongoing ministry of TEMC. Please consider making your contributions on a pre-authorized monthly basis by bank transfer or VISA. For more information, please contact Nancy Shepherd, 416-925-5977, ext. 233 in the Church Finance Office.

A NEW CREED

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death,
in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

TEMC CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 12: Congregational Farewell! – Advent III

Join us following the 11:00 AM service in the Flora McCrea Auditorium to bid a fond farewell to Dr. Stirling. All those wishing to attend need to register by Thursday, December 9th at temc.ca/christmas (child care provided). Proof of vaccination required. Lunch will be served.

Wednesday, December 15: Youth Christmas Celebration

Join us from from 7:00–8:30 PM in the Seminar Room.

Sunday, December 19 – Worship Services at 9:00 & 11:00 AM – Advent IV

Please note that two worship services will be held. Messy Christmas will be held for Sunday School children from 9:00 -10:00 AM or 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Flora MCreA auditorium. There will be games, Christmas festivities, crafts, and stories about the birth of Jesus Christ.

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Pageant at 3:00 PM

The Christmas pageant will be performed in front of a live audience this year! Attendance will be limited and **all attendees** must provide proof of vaccination (***we regret that this means children under the age of 12 will not be able to attend***). Register by Wednesday, December 22 at temc.ca/christmas. For those unable to attend in person, the pageant will be livestreamed online at temc.ca or facebook.com/temctoronto. To become a patron, visit temc.ca/donate and choose “pageant patron” under fund options. Patrons will be recognized in the pageant program.

Thank you for your support!

Friday, December 24 – Candlelight Communion Service at 8:00 PM

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling preaching
“I have nothing more to say....except” from Philipians 2:5-13; John 1:1-13

Saturday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 26 at 11:00 AM

A large turn-out is expected for Dr. Stirling’s last day in the pulpit so pre-registration is required. Register at temc.ca/christmas.



MUSICAL MOSAIC

Midday Concert Series



Presenting:

**Bedford
Trio**



Genre:
Classical



Event Info

Online:
Livestreamed at
temc.ca/musicalmosaic

In-person:
To ensure safe distance
between performers and
audiences, featured recitals
will take place in the
TEMC sanctuary.

Please kindly email
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to reserve seats.

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about the performance:

On the programme is music from cinematic classics alongside cherished Christmas tunes. Come hear music from Schindler's List, The Godfather, Barry Lyndon, The King's Speech, Up, The Nutcracker, and more, by composers such as Schubert, Beethoven, and Tchaikovsky.

Formed in 2016, the Bedford Trio has performed in Canada, the United States, and Europe, and were finalists in the 2018 Anton Rubinstein International Chamber Music competition and a semi-finalist in the 2019 Fischhoff Chamber Music Competition. They are the inaugural piano trio for the Irene R. Miller Piano Trio Residency at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music, and adjudicated the first edition of the University of Toronto's Piano Trio Composition Competition (2021). The Bedford Trio was founded by award winning instrumentalists Alessia Disimino (violin), Andrew Ascenzo (cello), and Jialiang Zhu (piano) and is currently based in Toronto, Canada.

Dec. 14

**12:00 NOON
to 1:00 PM**

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THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



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Thank you for your 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. To donate, visit www.cothfoodbank.ca. Your assistance and support is sincerely appreciated.



To be eligible for a 2021 tax receipt, please ensure your gifts are received by December 31, 2021.

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