

Sunday, November 12, 2023 9:15 (pages 2-5) 11:00 a.m. (pages 6-9)





9:15 AM - ORDER OF SERVICE

Please turn off all electronic devices. Nursery care is available at both services.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL SONG PLEASE STAND SING TOGETHER

"Revelation Song"

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Holy holy is He Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus:

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder Blessing and honor strength and glory And power be to You the only wise King *Chorus*

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah Chorus

CCLI Song # 4447960

OPENING PRAYER 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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Be Not Afraid"

Courtney
Chamber Choir

Be not afraid for I have redeemed you; be not afraid: I have called you by name. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the floods they will not sweep o'er you; when you walk through fire, you will not be consumed; you are mine, you are precious in my sight. My love for you is everlasting, my love for your shall have no end. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the floods they will not sweep o'er you; When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed; you are mine, you are precious in my sight. You are precious in my sight.

SONG OF GATHERING PLEASE STAND SING TOGETHER

(We invite the children to come up the centre aisle into the chancel, accompanied by an adult if necessary.)

"Goodness Of God"

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me all my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful All my life You have been so so good With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice You have led me through the fire In darkest night You are close like no other I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after it's running after me Your goodness is running after it's running after me With my life laid down I'm surrendered now I give You everything Your goodness is running after It's running after me CCLI Song # 7117726

CHILDREN'S TIME PLEASE BE SEATED

INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

(We invite the congregation to take a moment of reflection as the children leave for their classes using the stairs at the back of the church by the narthex)

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Alexander Crane

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

SERMON

"Foolishness: the New Wisdom" Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee

PASTORAL PRAYER OFFERTORY OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Come and Walk in the Light"

Lyle K. Neff Chamber Choir

Once I was walking down a long and lonely road. As I was walking down that lonely road, bearing such a heavy load, Jesus came to help me on my way. Then Jesus took my heavy burden as his own. When Jesus took my heavy burden as his own I was no longer alone; Off we went as he began to say: "Come and walk in the light; share the love of God with everyone in sight. God above knows your need: and from your burden you are freed." My journey once was full of awful storm and strife, Jesus brought eternal life; now my path grows brighter everyday. Whenever life becomes a troubled road for you, Jesus Christ will help you through. Take his hand and walk with him today.

CLOSING SONGPLEASE STAND SING TOGETHER

"Great Are You Lord"

You give life You are love You bring light to the darkness You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken And great are You Lord

Chorus:

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Bridge:

And all the earth will shout Your praise Our hearts will cry these bones will sing Great are You Lord

(REPEAT)

CCLI Song # 6460220

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE INSTRUMENTAL "Great Are You Lord"

CONTEMPORARY BAND

Elaine Choi, piano; Noel Di Tosto, guitar; Sean King, bass; Chris Reesor, drums; Jill San Juan, Dan Bevan-Baker, vocals CCLI: 2792602



Sunday School will be held on the third floor.



11:00 AM - ORDER OF SERVICE

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THE APPROACH

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Aria on a Chaconne" Joel Martinson

Stephen Boda

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN PLEASE STAND

No. 220 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Lobe Den Herren

CALL TO WORSHIP PLEASE REMAIN STANDING PRAYER OF ST. PATRICK

Minister: May the strength of God pilot us.

All: May the power of God preserve us.

Minister: May the wisdom of God instruct us.

All: May the hand of God protect us.

Minister: May the way of God direct us.

All: May the shield of God defend us.

Minister: May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil and the

temptations of the world.

All: May Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ in us,

Christ over us.

Minister: May our salvation, O God, be always ours, this day and

forevermore.

All sing: O Christ, the Word incarnate,

O wisdom from on high,

O truth unchanged, unchanging,

O light of our dark sky:

we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

(No. 499 v. 1)

PRAYER OF APPROACH PLEASE BE SEATED

PRAYER OF CONFESSION SAY TOGETHER

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry and too real to hide. Like a ship that has set sail, we cannot go back and undo the things we ought not to have done. Forgive what our lips don't have the courage to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a heavy burden. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us the grace and the courage to grow more and more in the likeness 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

No. 391 v. 1 Arnsberg

God, reveal your presence: as we now adore you and with awe appear before you.

Here in this your temple: all within keep silence, gather now with deepest reverence. You alone God we own, you, our God and Saviour: praise your name for ever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Be Not Afraid"

Courtney Sanctuary Choir

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Frances White

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HYMN OF PREPARATION PLEASE STAND

No. 671 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Dependence

SERMON

"Foolishness: the New Wisdom" Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee

THE RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER SAY TOGETHER

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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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Dear Lord and Father"

Parry Sanctuary Choir

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow Thee. Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace. Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN PLEASE REMAIN STANDING

No. 654 "All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded"

Michael

BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

Amen in D Boda

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Carillon-Sortie"

Henri Mulet Stephen Boda

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

9:15 & 11:00 AM: WORSHIP SERVICES

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee preaching: "Thorny Mysticism" from 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Addoldy Cymraeg Toronto (Bilingual Welsh/English Service)

2:00 pm in the East Chapel Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling preaching

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Margie McCormick, a donation was made to the General Fund by David and Elizabeth Edmison and family.

In memory of their parents and grandparents, Harry and Peggy Edmison, and Bill and Marion McCormick, a donation has been made to the General Fund by David and Elizabeth Edmison and their family.

In memory of Charles Goodchild, a donation has been made to the General Fund by Jeanne Goodchild.

EAST END UNITED CHURCH HOSTING 30 ASYLUM SEEKERS

Many of you will have heard about the number of asylum seekers from African countries who have been left stranded outside 129 Peter Street. One night earlier this month, in a crisis situation and with the help of Lawrence Park Community Church and Eglinton St. George's, East End United hosted 100 asylum seekers who had temporarily been displaced from Dominion Church. The landlord for Dominion has given the congregation a November 1st deadline to get everybody out. There are also people showing up at Peter Street every single day, out in the cold, without any provisions for the coming winter months.

If you are able to provide any of the items listed below, please drop them off at 310 Danforth Avenue, Jackman entrance labelled "refugee guests". They can be left inside the doors between 9am-10pm. Alternatively, you can drop your labelled items off at the volunteer office here at the church.

Items needed include:

- Towels
- Washcloths
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, razors, shaving cream, menstrual products)
- Underwear
- · Good condition winter clothing
- Winter Coats
- Boots (good/near new condition)
- Phone charging cables (lighting, USB-C)
- USB charging bricks
- Refillable water bottles
- laptop or desktop computers capable of decently running Zoom calls
- a couple of printers (with ink or the capability of easily obtaining ink)
- Snack foods (fruit, veggies, granola bars, etc.)
- Dish towels

We are deeply grateful for your contribution.

IN HONOUR

In honour of Marilyn Durant's birthday a donation has been made to the General Fund by Carolyn Williams.

In honour of Marilyn Durant's birthday a donation has been made to the Radio Fund by Gretchen McKay.

In honour of Helen Joyce Paabor a donation has been made to the General Fund by Gabriella Siciliano.





Presenting:

Alana and Leigh Cline

Gence:

Celtic

about the performance:

Alana & Leigh Cline are a Toronto-based father and daughter Celtic fiddle and guitar instrumental duo who play traditional fiddle tunes from the 17th to 21st century, combining fiery Cape Breton music with danceable Irish tunes and 17th and 18th century Scottish fiddle music.

Learn more at: alanaleighcline.com

Nov 14th

12:00 12:00

Location:

230 ST. CLAIR AVE. W TORONTO, ON M4V 1R5 416-925-5977

Event Info

In-person in the beautiful Wilder Atrium

To help support the musicians, free will donations are welcome!





In the wake of the terror attacks in Israel on October 7, our congregations will come together here at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church for a special evening of song, prayer, music, and friendship.

Both our faiths understand the responsibility we share in our city and country to promote peace-making, bridgebuilding, and the blessing of our neighbours.

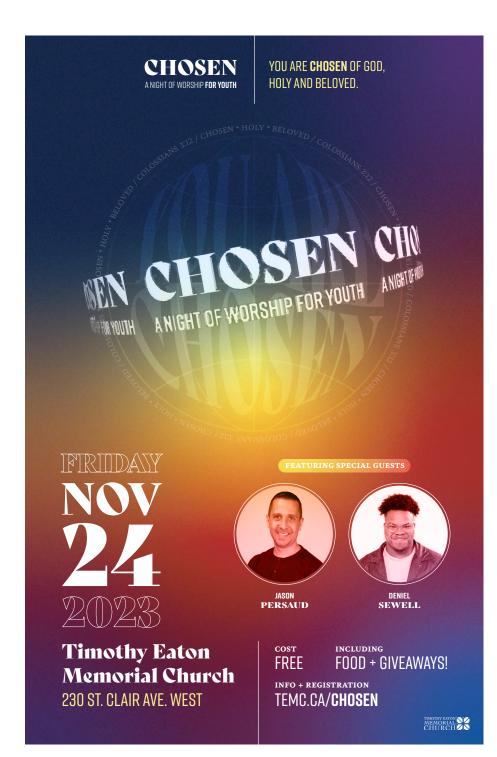
Please join us on November 20 here at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church to do just that.

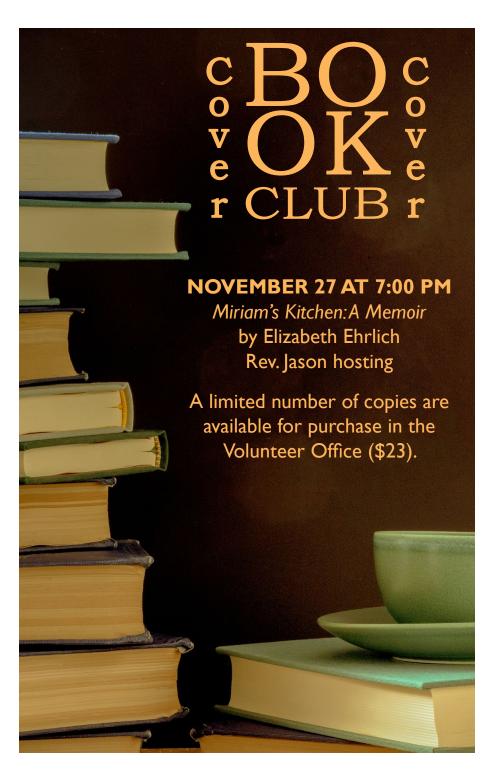
Registration is required. Please contact <u>sonyaswainsbury@</u> <u>temc.ca</u> or416-925-5977, ext. 224.

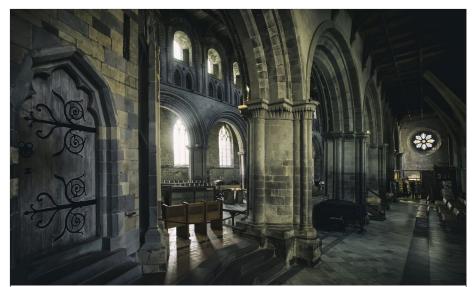
SHINING WATERS REGION ASKS US TO PRAY FOR

Forest Home United Church, Orillia Christian Island United Church Kingsway-Lambton United Church, Toronto

Did you know? We are part of a larger church community across Ontario, specifically the Shining Waters Regional Council. There are many events happening throughout the year at different churches. Visit: shiningwatersregionalcouncil.ca/events/ if you are interested in checking some out.







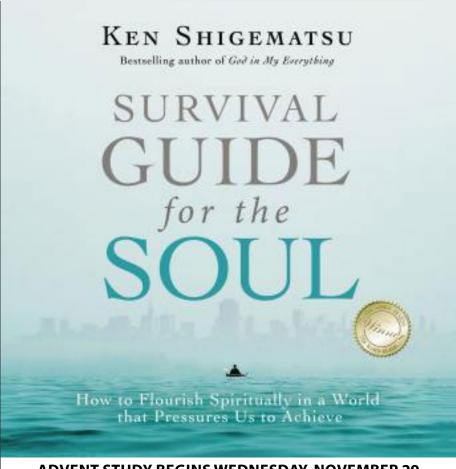
CRIB, CROSS, NEW CREATION: A PILGRIMAGE TO WALES INFORMATION SESSION WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22 AT 7:00 PM

As many of you know, TEMC is proud to have recently amalgamated with Dewi Sant Welsh United Church. Wales has more than 1500 years of church history. But if you're like me, you're relatively unaware of that history. So, I've planned a pilgrimage to Wales, devoted to learning about Christ's work through the church in Wales, past and present. Wales inherited a unique strand of the Christian tradition called Celtic Christianity. The Celts, called the Galatians in the Bible, were a people with a vast territorial expanse north of the Roman Empire. With no written language, much of their culture is now forgotten. Much of what remains is in the form of the Celtic Church, which arrived in the British Isles well before Roman Christianity did. It is a Christian faith deeply in touch with nature, rigorous in its discipline, and beautiful in its poetry. Wales also has a rich history of evangelical renewal, including a massive revival in the early 20th century, powered by hymn singing.

We will explore all this and much more in our journey, and I hope you'll come! **Dates are July 20 - August 3, 2024**. I am so excited to lead you, in partnership with Dr. Iwan Russell-Jones of Cardiff (Research Professor at Regent College, Vancouver—he'll preach for us January 21!) and Pastor Bronwyn Spilsbury (Director of Pilgrim Way Ministries.) Together we've planned a journey of deep history and living hope.

Come to an information meeting in person and online, planned for Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 PM. At that time we will share the itinerary, cost, and travel details. Please be in touch with me with any questions.

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee



ADVENT STUDY BEGINS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

The Advent and Christmas seasons are often busy and rushed!

Our Advent study will encourage you to take the time to slow down and connect with God in the midst of all the hustle and bustle in a way that you will be able to carry with you into the New Year and beyond!

For this study, we'll be reading and discussing the book *Survival Guide for the Soul* by Ken Shigematsu. The study will take place over four weeks on Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM, either online or in-person. You will be encouraged to read a section of the book each week and try out some of the practices that are suggested.

You are asked to purchase the book and read Part 1 prior to the first session on November 29. The books are available to purchase at: www.temc.ca/adult-ministry or you can buy a copy from Rev. Lori.



CHRISTMAS AT TEMC

Sunday Advent Services: 9:15 & 11:00 am

December 3, 10, 17, 24

Saturday, December 16: Yule Sing! Concert

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

December 24: Christmas Eve

11:00 AM Worship Service

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 & 26: Christmas Day/Boxing Day

Church Closed

Sunday, December 31: New Year's Eve

11:00 AM Worship Service

January 1

Church Closed

Sunday, January 7: Epiphany with Communion

9:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services



CHRISTMAS COOKIE PROJECT

Once again this Christmas, the Pastoral Care committee is recruiting volunteers to bake, pack and deliver cookies to TEMC members with special needs.

Home bakers please bring three dozen cookies (no nuts or squares please), clearly marked "Christmas Cookie Project" to the Volunteer Office before Friday, December 1. If you are able to pack cookies on Saturday, December 2

from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m., or deliver them beginning Sunday, December 3, please contact Rev. Lorraine Diaz.

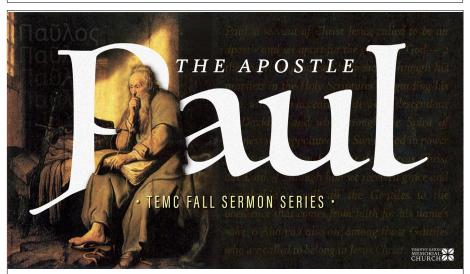
FLORA MCCREA GROUP: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 1:00PM

Flora McCrea UCW gathering for Christmas fellowship. All the ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend for some refreshments, carol-singing and a special performance of *A Child's Christmas in Wales*.

CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 9:15 AM

BAPTISM: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 11:00AM

We will be holding a confirmation and reception of new members service at 9:15 AM and a Baptism Service at 11:00 AM. on Sunday, December 10. If you are interested in joining the church or baptism for your child or yourself please contact: sonyaswainsbury@temc.ca.



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Each week Rev. Jason or Rev. Lori will lead a study on the focus passage for the coming Sunday's sermon. It's a great way to prepare for Sunday, ask questions, and dive deeper into the passage. Our fall series will focus on St. Paul.

St. Paul is one of the most important interpreters of the Christian faith. Yet he is not often read, studied, or preached from in churches like ours (and he is sometimes vilified instead!). How do we make sense of this difficult, irascible apostle? And how might our life of faith, prayer, and service deepen for having spent time in his presence?

Please join us at 1:30 pm in the Allan Beattie Room.



JOIN US AT HOLY YOGA ON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

Mondays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.

Classes consist of 60 minutes, suitable for all levels. All participants are asked to bring their own mats and any props they need, but there are a small number of mats, blocks and straps available for those who are unable to bring their own. If you haven't participated before, please register at temc.ca/adult-ministry.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry equips lay-people to provide Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. It is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and everything they discuss with a Stephen Minister remains private.

- Could you benefit from the confidential one-to-one care and support of a Stephen Minister?
- Do you know someone who could benefit from Stephen Ministry?

For more information pick up a brochure in the literature rack at the back of the church or contact Rev. Lorraine Diaz.

CHURCHES ON-THE-HILL FOOD BANK



The NOVEMBER Food of the Month donation is CANNED FRUIT. With rising food and fuel costs the food bank is serving record numbers of clients. In order to ensure that the food bank can continue in future years we need financial support of the community. Visit us at cothfoodbank.ca for

more information or to donate. You can also scan the QR code. On behalf of the clients and volunteers, thank you for your support.

Worship Information:

- Nursery staff care for infants and children up to age four during the worship service. The nursery and Sunday School rooms are located on the third floor, off the northeast balcony. Classes are held for children from Junior Kindergarten through Grade 6 during the 9:15 service.
- 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 and audio broadcast on CHIN 1540 AM.
- Copies of recent sermons are available in the narthex, and online at temc.ca/ sermons.

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