



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS: HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M.



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WELCOME!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our home sits on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Standing at the crossroads of the heart of the city, this is a place of celebration, refuge, learning, and worship, for the vibrant, diverse faithful community that gathers here. We open our doors to welcome the sojourner, the weary, the yearning, and the seeker. We welcome you!

Children are always welcome in worship! To support your child's participation in worship we have activity bags available for use during the service. please look for the kits and supplies near the entrance of the Church by the rainbow carpet!

Pastoral care is available through the holiday season. Christmas is often a season of joy and light; it can also be a difficult time. If you are in need of prayer, a listening ear, or pastoral care, feel free to reach out to our clergy. One of us will be available throughout the Christmas season.

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 9:30 AM – Relaxed Sung Eucharist *(Online and In-Person)*
- 11:15 AM – Traditional Sung Eucharist *(Online and In-Person)*
- 7:00 PM – Various Evening Services *(Online and/or In-Person)*
- 8:00 PM – Compline *(Online Only)*

WEEKDAY SERVICES

- Monday-Saturday, 12:15PM – Mid-Day Prayer *(Online Only)*
- Tuesday, 12:15 PM – Meditation *(In-Person Only)*
- Wednesday – Daily Prayer *(Posted on Website)*

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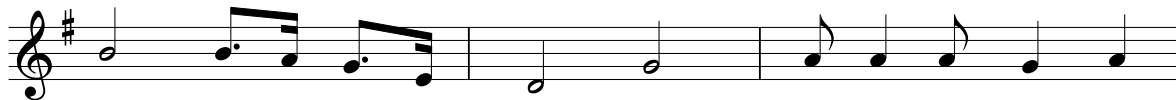
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Land Acknowledgement

Steven Mackison

Processional Hymn: #359 (Gather) “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” *Please rise, as you are able & sing*

Refrain



Go, tell it on the moun - tain, ov - er the hills and



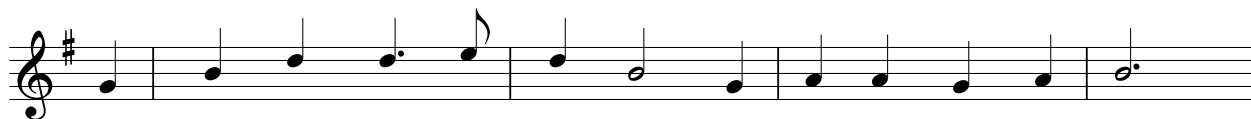
ev - ery - where; go, tell it on the moun - tain, that



Je - sus Christ is born.

TEXT: African-American spiritual; adap. by John W. Work, Jr. (1871-1925), © Mrs. John W. Work III
TUNE: Go Tell It On The Mountain, African-American spiritual.

Verses



1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled, when lo! a - bove the earth,
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,



Be - hold through - out the heav - ens there shown a ho - ly light.
Rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed the Sav - iour's birth.
And God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

✠ The Gathering of the Community

The Greeting

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God whose Word became flesh,
breathe a new song of joy and praise into the world,
so that we may bear the good news of your salvation
and proclaim your promise of peace to the ends of the earth;
through Christ the Word. **Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Hymn: #360 (Gather) "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"

Please rise, as you are able & sing



1. There's a star in the East on Christ - mas morn,
2. If you take good heed to the an - gel's words,



Rise up, shep - herd, and fol - low, It will lead to the place where the
Rise up, shep - herd and fol - low, You'll for - get your flocks, you'll for -



TEXT: Traditional.
TUNE: African-American spiritual.

Christ was born, Rise up, shep - herd, and fol - low.
- get your herds, Rise up, shep - herd, and fol - low.

Refrain



Fol - low, fol - low, Rise up, shep - herd, and fol - low, Fol - low the Star of



Beth - le - hem, Rise up, shep - herd, and fol - low.

The Second Reading

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Colossians 3.12-17

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

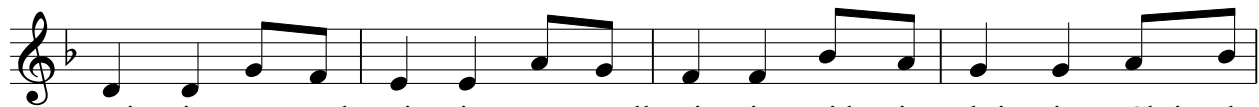
Sequence Hymn: #354 (Gather) “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” *Please rise, as you are able & sing*



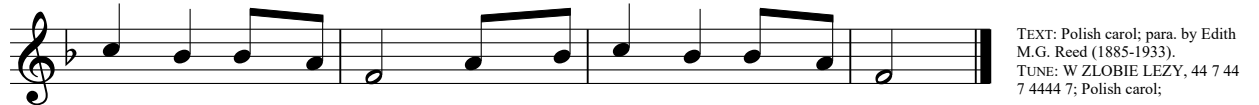
1. In - fant low - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall; ox - en
2. Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vi - gil till the morn - ing new saw the



low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are
glo - ry, heard the stor - y, ti - dings of a gos - pel true. Thus re -



wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - wells ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing: Christ the
- joic - ing, free from sor - row, prai - ses voi - cing greet the mor - row: Christ the



babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all.
babe was born for you, Christ the babe was born for you!

TEXT: Polish carol; para. by Edith
M.G. Reed (1885-1933).
TUNE: W ZLOBIE LEZY, 44 7 44
7 4444 7; Polish carol;

The Gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 2.41-52

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Nate Wall

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Please rise, as you are able

Leader: Dear friends, as we celebrate the child who is the light of the world, let us, who are called holy and beloved, come before God with humility and gratitude.

Lord Jesus, what can I give you?

All: **I give you my heart.**

Leader: Lord of all,
the earth and heavens praise you, for your name alone is exalted.
And yet, you gave yourself to human birth
and were laid in a feeding trough among the poor and dispossessed.
How can we thank such a God, for such boundless love?
Each of us has many things for which we are thankful this morning,
and we name them now.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Lord Jesus, what can I give you?

All: **I give you my heart.**

Leader: Creator of all, you promised peace and goodwill to all who walk on the earth. We pray for those places where violence, tornado, earthquake and flood have destroyed the peace and tested goodwill. We pray for the leaders of our nation and all nations, that the well-being of the people, and the whole of creation, will be their prime concern. We each name the places and situations of pain and conflict that are on our hearts today.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Lord Jesus, what can I give you?

All: **I give you my heart.**

Leader: Creator of all,
you came first to those who sleep outside and were awake to your messengers.
Help us to stay awake with those who are ill, those who grieve,
those who are homeless, those in despair, that with them
we might hear your promise of healing.

We each name those we are aware of who need strength and healing today.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Lord Jesus, what can I give you?

All: I give you my heart.

Leader: Loving God,

you know how tired and sad we are of the anxiety
and repeated restrictions caused by the pandemic, by the continued threat
of illness and prolonged separation from those we love.

We are so deeply grateful for the gift of effective vaccines.

As we wait for this pandemic to finally end, we ask for courage and perseverance
to not despair, but to continue to trust in your goodness,
and to support and care for one another and those around us.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Lord Jesus, what can I give you?

All: I give you my heart.

Leader: Creator of all,

you have surrounded us with a good story,
with light when the night is oppressive, with a multitude of messengers
who speak of your healing for the world.

We give you thanks for the witness of creation to your love,
the witness of our communities to your faithfulness,
for the witness of the stars to your wonder.

We offer our prayers in the name, and for the sake,
of your dear Son and our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

*If you would like to make a financial donation to the ministry of the Church of the Redeemer,
please place your offering on the plate as you leave the church.*

Offertory Hymn: #366 (Gather) "God Rest You..."

Please remain standing & sing



1. God rest you merr-y, gen tle-men, let no - thing you dis - may, For
2. In Beth-le - hem in Ju - dah this bless-ed babe was born. And
3. From God our great cre - a - tor a bless-ed an - gel came; And
4. The shep-herds at those tid - ings re - joice-ed much in mind. And
5. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place, and



Je - sus Christ our Sav - iour was born up - on this day; To
laid with-in a man - ger up - on this bless-ed morn. For
un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same; How
left their flocks a - feed - ing in tem - pest, storm, and wind, and went
with true love and char-i - ty each oth - er now em - brace; this



TEXT: English carol,
18th C.
TUNE: God Rest You
Merry; English 18th C

save us all from Satan's power when we were gone a - stray.
which his moth-er Mar - y did noth-ing take in scorn.
that in Beth-le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to Beth-le - hem straight - way, the bless-ed babe to find
ho - ly tide of Christ - mas all oth - ers shall re - place.

Refrain



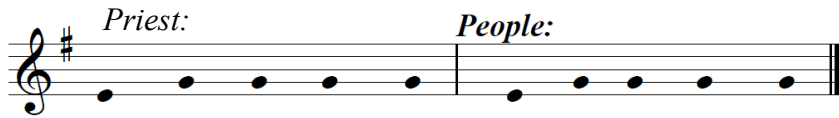
O tid-ings of com-fort and joy, com-fort and joy; O tid-ings of com-fort and joy.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Please remain standing

The Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory.
May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**



The Lord be with you. **And al – so with you.**



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Priest: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus (*Carol Setting*)

All sing



Ho -ly, Ho -ly, Ho -ly Lord, Ho -ly God of Power and might Heaven and Earth and



full of your glo -ry, glo -ry to You O Lord most high Bless -ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -na in the high - est.

Priest: Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks, saying,
“Take, and eat” this is my body which is broken for you.”
In the same way he took the cup, saying,
“This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to be in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.
All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

People: **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Priest: Dear friends,

I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God's people,
unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.*

You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.

You wait for me and only I can let you in.

I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.

Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

The Communion



*During communion, if you need a gluten-free wafer,
please let the communion minister know.
If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion,
please cross your arms as shown in the picture on the left.*

Communion Hymn: #358 (Gather) “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

All sing



1. An - gels from the realms of glor - y, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep - herds, in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Though an In - fant now we view him, He shall fill his heav'n - ly throne,



You who sang cre - a - tion's stor - y Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
God with us is now re - sid - ing; Yon - der shines the in - fant light:
Seek the great De - sire of na - tions; You have seen his morn - ing star.
Ga - ther all the na - tions to him; Ev - 'ry knee shall then bow down:

Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship Wor-ship Christ, the new-born King.

TEXT: Sts. 1-3, James
Montgomery (1771-
1854); st. 4, Christmas
Box, 1825.
TUNE: REGENT
SQUARE Henry Smart
(1813-1879).

Prayer After Communion

Priest: Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

The Doxology

Priest: Glory to God,
All: whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn: #128 (Common Praise) “The Virgin Mary...” *Please rise, as you are able & sing*

Verses



1. The Vir-gin Ma - ry had a ba-by boy, the Vir-gin Ma - ry had a
2. The an-gels sang when the ba-by was born, the an-gels sang when the



ba-by boy, the Vir-gin Ma - ry had a ba-by boy, and they
ba-by was born, the an-gels sang when the ba-by was born, and pro-



say that his name was Je - sus.
- claim him the Sav - iour Je - sus.

Refrain



He come from the glo - ry, he come from the glo - rious king - dom.



He come from the glo - ry, he come from the glo - rious king - dom. O



yes, be - liev - er! O yes, be - liev - er! He come from the glo - ry,



he come from the glo - rious king - dom!

TEXT AND MUSIC: West Indian carol; adapt. Edric Conner, *Collection of West Indian Spirituals*, 1945; arr. John Barnard (1948-).

Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Upcoming Worship Services

Sunday, January 2 – The Epiphany of the Lord

We welcome the Magi as we continue our celebration of the birth of Jesus
Sung Eucharist at 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM, in the church and on Zoom
Compline at 7 PM in the church, and at 8 PM on Zoom

Sunday, January 9 – The Baptism of the Lord

Through the waters of baptism, Jesus heard "you are my Son, the beloved".
Sung Eucharist at 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM, in the church and on Zoom
Compline at 7 PM in the church, and at 8 PM on Zoom

Faith Formation

At Church of the Redeemer, we offer a variety of faith formation programs. For our youngest members and their families, we offer Pyjama Prayers on Zoom on Friday Nights at 6:45 PM. This is a time of story, songs, and prayers at the end of a week. For children (JK-Grade 6) we offer Church School Sundays at 9:30 AM on Zoom, these lessons help us connect, learn about Jesus, and have some fun.

Our youth group (Grade 7-12) gather in person at 9:30 AM, we gather to discuss, share life, and learn. Contact Andrew Kuhl (akuhl@theredeemer.ca) for more information about Children, Youth and Families.

Marginalia is our adult faith formation program. It brings people together for learning and conversation sometimes with special guests and speakers. For information about upcoming sessions contact Nate Wall (nwall@theredeemer.ca).

Jesus & Astrology (Jan. 10)

A band of non-Jewish strangers hunts down the baby Jesus because, as they say, "We saw his star at its rising." Ancient peoples tried to decode the stars' secrets. Modern people still feel the pull of celestial bodies on our lives. In this Marginalia one-off, we'll explore the role of stars and folk magic in the Bible, in western history, and in the here and now. And we'll wonder what it all has to do with the story of the non-Jewish magi who track down the Jewish Messiah.

Women & the Bible (Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7)

“Complicated” might be the best word to describe women’s relationship with the Christian Bible. The Bible’s words inspired the suffrage movement and made possible the 20th century idea of universal human rights. But the Bible has also been used to defend and entrench even the worst kinds of patriarchy. With the help of some special guests, this Marginalia series will explore the Bible’s legacy when it comes to women and womanhood.

Worship and Spirituality

During the Week

Mid-day Prayer

Members of our community gather for mid-day prayer **Monday through Saturday** on Zoom at **12:15 PM**. For about 20 minutes we pause to hear scripture read and to pray for what’s on our hearts and for the cares and concerns of the world. The Zoom link and list of readings is sent out each week through eNews. The order of service is on our website (theredeemer.ca).

Tuesday Meditation Group

The group is taking a break for Christmas and will return on Jan. 11.

Prayer on Wednesday

Each Wednesday morning, a simple order for daily prayer is added to the parish website with a link shared on the Facebook page. This is an invitation to set aside time during the day to read scripture, to reflect and to offer prayers. The order of service for this coming Wednesday will be posted on the website (theredeemer.ca).

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Each month a cycle of prayer is available online. This resource provides the names of ministries from the Anglican Communion, the Indigenous cycle of prayer, the diocese, and our community to hold in our prayers each day. In peace we pray. Lord, Hear our prayer.

On Sunday

Intercessions

In the prayers of the people each Sunday, space is left for members of the community to add a name or concern. If you have people or situations that you would like but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a **prayer request form** on the website. These will be added in the Zoom chat in the appropriate petition of the intercessions.

In the Community

Remember Your Booster

All members of the community are encouraged to book a COVID-19 booster vaccination as soon as you are eligible. Information is available on the [City of Toronto website](#). When we love our neighbour, we wear a mask and get vaccinated!

Becoming a Pilgrim

The next steps in planning a parish Camino to Santiago pilgrimage in mid-September 2022, alongside a series of local pilgrimages in and around the GTA, are well underway. The Pilgrimage Committee is proposing two possible starting points for the Camino: the first begins in the village of O’Cebreiro and would mean a pilgrimage of about nine days; the second in the city of Sarria and would take approximately six to seven. The local pilgrimages in and around the GTA will begin Eastertide 2022 and continuing into the autumn. Anyone interested in the Camino pilgrimage in Spain is invited to a Zoom planning meeting on **Wednesday Jan. 19, 2022**, at 7:30 PM. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please contact Susan Haig (shaig@theredeemer.ca) or Henry Krol. The Zoom link will be available in a future edition of eNews. Planning for the local pilgrimages will commence in February 2022.

The Common Table

The pandemic has caused many services to close, meaning low-income folks or people experiencing homelessness have limited access to resources. Clothing and hygiene supplies are particularly hard to come by and, with the changing of the seasons, we are in urgent need of winter wear. To donate needed resources, please contact [Paul Wasswa](mailto:pwasswa@theredeemer.ca) (pwasswa@theredeemer.ca), The Common Table's Outreach Supply Room Coordinator, to arrange a drop-off time. A list of the items we need is updated regularly and posted on [The Common Table's page](#) of the website. We ask that you donate only the needed items as storage space is limited. Please note that we are unable to provide receipts for in-kind donations.

Support Us

We gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus - God-with-us, Emmanuel. This has been a year where hopes for a return to life as it once was, has seemed within reach and still not yet. Through it all, we have worshiped, learned, served and celebrated together. In the midst of uncertainty, there is still much to be grateful for. As the calendar year ends, please consider reviewing your financial support of our vital ministry. If you have given all you can - thank you. Your gifts have made a difference. Please remember that any donations received after December 31 at midnight that are not postmarked in 2021 cannot be receipted for 2021 due to Canada Revenue Agency regulations. If you have the capacity to make an additional gift or to give for the first time, please consider one of these options:

- **online through CanadaHelps**
- **e-transfer.** Please **contact** the treasurer, Richard Heystee (treasure@thredeemer.ca), for more information on how to do this.
- **a cheque, dated in December 2021, mailed to the church and postmarked in 2021.** The church address is 162 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON M5S 1M4.
- **hand-delivered envelopes** dropped through the mail slot in the door to the right of the main doors before midnight December 31, 2021 (if you can do this safely while following pandemic protocols).

Thank you for supporting the ministry of our community.