



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022 AT 11:15 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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### **Hymn of the Epiphany:** Star in the East vv. 1 (William Walker/Reginald Heber)



### Station at the Gifts

*Priest*: The rulers of Sheba and Saba bring gifts. Alleluia.

People: Gold, frankincense and myrrh. Alleluia.

*Priest:* O God, who by the shining of a star

guided the magi to behold your Son, our Lord:

Show us your heavenly light,

and give us grace to follow until we find him,

Priest: and finding him, rejoice.

And grant that as they presented gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we now may bring him the offering of a loving heart, an adoring spirit, and an obedient will; for his honour, and for your glory, O God most high. **Amen.** 

**Hymn of the Epiphany:** Star in the East vv. 2-3 (William Walker/Reginald Heber)



#### Station at the Crèche

*Priest:* We have seen the star in the East. Alleluia.

People: And have come to worship. Alleluia.

*Priest:* O God the Son, highest and holiest,

you humbled yourself to share our birth and our death:

bring us with the shepherds and magi

to kneel before your lowly cradle,

that we may come to sing with the angels

your glorious praises in heaven,

where you live and reign, world without end. Amen.

## Hymn of the Epiphany: Star in the East v.4 (William Walker/Reginald Heber





## Collect of the Day

Priest: Eternal God,

who by a star

led wise men to the worship of your Son.

Guide by your light the nations of the earth,

that the whole world may know your glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

## **▼** The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,

and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,

and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;

they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,

and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;

your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,

the young camels of Midian and Ephah;

Please he seated

all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 60.1-6

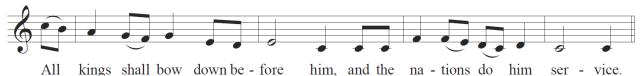
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## **Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14** (George Black)

Please remain seated

#### Refrain:

All:



Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. Refrain

He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. **Refrain** 

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,

like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, and all the nations do him service. Refrain

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight. Refrain

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*Reader*: The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. All:

Ephesians 3.1-12

A moment of silence is observed



ev-er.

## The Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 2.1-12

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Steven Mackison

Please be seated

We pause for music and meditation.

## The Prayers of the People

*Leader:* As we enter a new year,

we rejoice in the incarnation of your son Jesus, our Redeemer, and we look with hope to a year where your glory is manifested in ways unseen and unknown.

You are invited to add your petitions and

thanksgiving silently, aloud, or in the chat box on Zoom.

Your response to Isaiah's bidding "Arise, shine, for your light has come", is: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: Isaiah writes,

"Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn".

We pray for the world and for the leaders of the nations,

that they will be imbued with a passion for justice and equity.

The gospel story hints at the genocide of the children of Bethlehem,

and the flight of Jesus and his family into exile.

We remember the victims of genocide throughout the world, and for refugees, wherever they may be.

We give thanks for those families we have sponsored over the years, and for the safety of those still to come.

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

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

All: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: We pray for the church throughout the world.

Give us the strength to speak truth to power.

Give us the humility to ask for healing and reconciliation.

Give us the gratitude to acknowledge the beauty of your creation.

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

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

All: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: We give thanks for the gifts of ministry we offer to this community and this city. In our own community, we remember those who are systemic victims of hunger,

addiction, homelessness, and loneliness.

We give thanks for our front-line workers in healthcare and other sectors,

who are once again being called upon to minister

in the face of fearsome assault from a pandemic that knows no borders.

Equip us with the resources to share equitably

the benefits of medical research so that all the children of God, wherever they may be, will be safe.

Be with those in our community and their families

who are sick, troubled, or in need.

We give thanks for our pastoral care team,

who labour quietly and often unseen to bring comfort and support.

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

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has com',

All: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: As we begin a new year,

we give thanks for the life and witness of those who have died in the past year.

May we carry their light and life as we take up their witness.

Bring comfort and strength to those who mourn.

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

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

All: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: Finally, we give thanks for all the blessings we have received.

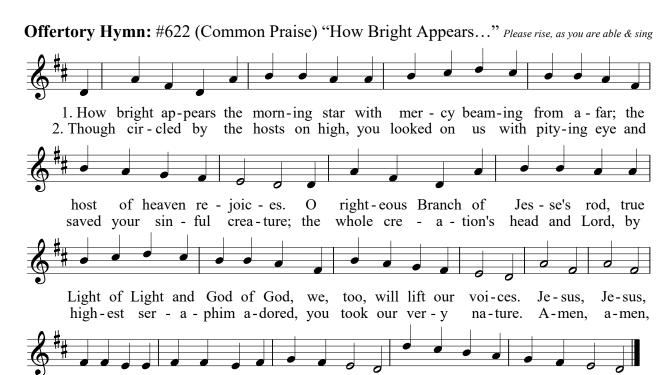
For health, family, friends, shelter, food, freedom to worship.

The magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the new-born Jesus.

May we bring our gifts, our talent, our treasure, our time, to the table of the Lord, unconditionally and with gratitude for all that we have received

in your holy name.

All: Amen.



ho-ly, ho-ly, yet most low-ly, e - ver near us, great Em-man-uel, swift to hear us. al-le-lu-ia, al - le - lu-ia, praise be giv-en ev - er-more by earth and heav-en.

TEXT: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. and adapt. William Mercer (1811-1873), alt. MUSIC: Melody Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

#### 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.

## **▼** The Celebration of the Eucharist

## The Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
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,

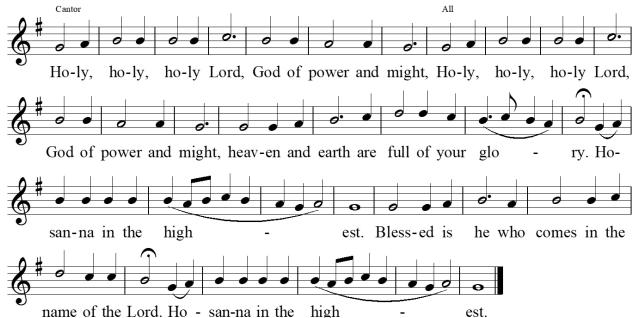
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,

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 All sing



MUSIC: Byzantine; arr. George Black (1931-2003) ©.

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: #161 (Common Praise) "Wise Men, They..."

All sing



- 1. Wise men, they came to look for wis-dom, find-ing one wi-ser
  - 2. Pil grims they were, from un-known coun-tries, search-ing for one who
- 3. Ma gi, they stooped to see your splen-dour, led by a star to
- 4. Guests of their God, they o-pened trea-sures in-cense and gold and



than they knew; rich men, they met with one yet rich - er King of the knows the world; lost are their names and strange their jour-neys, famed is their light su-preme; pro-mised Mes - si - ah, Lord e - ter - nal, glo - ry and sol - emn myrrh; wel-com - ing one too young to ques-tion how came these



kings, they knelt to you: Je-sus, our wis-dom from a - bove, wealth and rezeal to find the child: Je-sus, in you the lost are claimed, a - liens are peace are in your name. Joy of each day, our song by night, shine on our gifts, and what they were. Gift be-yond price of gold or gem, make a-mong



TEXT: Christopher Idle (1938- ). 1982 Hope Publishing Co. MUSIC: Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

 demp-tion, life and love. found and known and named. path your ho - ly light. us your Beth - le - hem.

## **Prayer After Communion**

Priest: God of all the nations of the earth,

guide us with your light.

Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us

in this eucharist and in our neighbours.

May we welcome him with love,

for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

## The Doxology

Priest: Glory to God,

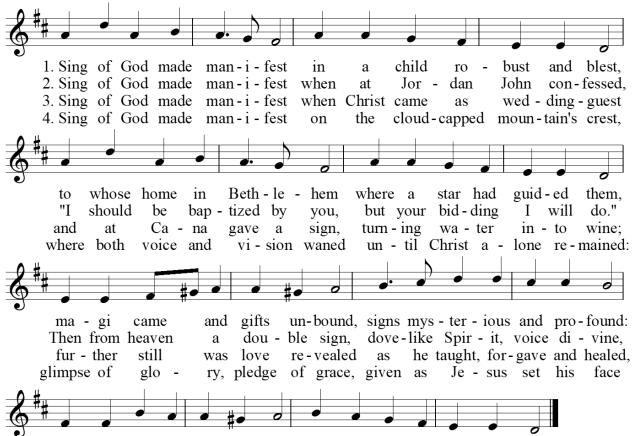
All: whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus

for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Announcements**

Closing Hymn: #162 (Common Praise) "Sing of God..." Please rise, as you are able & sing



myrrh and frank-in-cense and gold grave and God and king fore-told. hailed the true A-noint-ed One: "This is my be-lov-ed Son." bring-ing light and life to all who would lis-ten to God's call. towards the wait-ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

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### Dismissal

Priest: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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## **Upcoming Worship Services**

## 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 (<u>akuhl@theredeemer.ca</u>) 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 <u>on our website</u> (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 <u>online</u>. 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 <u>City of Toronto website</u>. 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 (<a href="mailto:shaig@theredeemer.ca">shaig@theredeemer.ca</a>) 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 donated needed resources, please contact <a href="Paul Wasswa">Paul Wasswa</a> (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 <a href="The Common Table's page">The Common Table's page</a> 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**

Last year was one where hopes for a return to life as it once was, seemed within reach and still not yet. Through it all, we have worshiped, learned, served and celebrated together. In the midst of on-going uncertainty, there is still much to be grateful for. As the calendar year starts anew, please consider reviewing your financial support of our vital ministry. If your givings need to remain the same or be reduced - thank you for your continuing donations. Your gifts make a difference. If you have the capacity to increase your givings or to give for the first time, we are grateful.

Here are the ways you can offer your financial support:

- update your Pre- Authorized Remittance information or sign up for PAR. There is a form on the church website <a href="www.theredeemer.ca/donate">www.theredeemer.ca/donate</a>
- online through CanadaHelps. There is a link on our website www.theredeemer.ca/donate
- e-transfer. Please contact the treasurer, Richard Heystee, for more information on how to do this.
- by cheque or cash on the collection plate when we gather for worship in the church.

## Thank you for supporting the ministry of our community.



# Floral Dedication

The Chancel Flowers are placed to the Glory of God, and in celebration of the marriage between Andrew MacIsaac and Victoria Mathieson on Dec. 31, 2021.