



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022 AT 10:30 A.M.

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

We are in the heart of downtown Toronto, and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today. We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus, and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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We begin in silence with our focus toward the altar.

Please bring conversations to a close when entering the worship space.

All are invited to say the following Land acknowledgement prayer silently:

We acknowledge with respect that we gather today to celebrate on many traditional lands. We give thanks for those peoples whose lands are home to Redeemer; the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We pray that as we celebrate this Advent, We may help to create those things for which we wait: hope for a truthful tomorrow, a justice filled peace The joy of hearts and lives reconciled, and the love which binds us all as one. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The service begins in darkness. The Advent Candles are lit.

Phos Hilaron: O nata lux (Thomas Tallis)

Please rise as you are able

*O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum
laudes preces que sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi
dignatus es pro perditis.
Nos membra confer effici,
tui beati corporis.*

O Light from Light, resplendent birth,
Jesus redeemer of the earth,
in mercy grant us this reprieve:
our prayers and praises to receive.
Thou who in flesh didst once appear
to set souls free from sin and fear:
gather us all, O Lord we plea,
in thy blest Body, one with thee.

The Light of Advent is shared. Tapers are lit. Please light the candle of the person next to you

Litany

Cantor: Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.



Lord, in your mer-cy hear our prayer!

Cantor: That God's reign may come with judgement and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer!**

Cantor: That God may establish among the nations the sceptre of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer!**

Cantor: That we may seek Christ in the scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer!**

Cantor: That God may bind up the broken-hearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer!**

Cantor: That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer!**

Cantor: That with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights of the world, let us pray to the Lord:

All: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer!**

Cantor: So we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of God our Maker and Redeemer

All: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer!**

Text: Celebrating Common Prayer (SSF used with permission). Music: Sr. Sue Elwyn, SSJD.

We pause to offer our prayers and thanksgivings silently or aloud

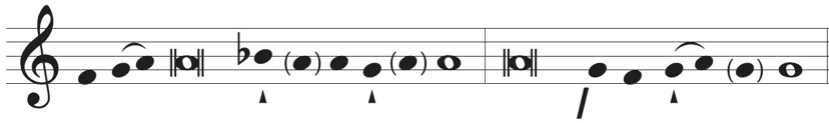
Collect of the Day

Priest: God of justice,
clear our lives of hatred and despair
and sow in us seeds of joy and peace;
so that shoots of hope may spring forth in us
as we await the coming of the Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please extinguish your tapers

Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19 (*Plainsong*)

Please be seated



Reading 1: “Making the House Ready for the Lord” (*Mary Oliver*)

Dear Lord, I have swept and I have washed but
still nothing is as shining as it should be
for you. Under the sink, for example, is an
uproar of mice it is the season of their
many children. What shall I do? And under the eaves
and through the walls the squirrels
have gnawed their ragged entrances but it is the season
when they need shelter, so what shall I do? And
the raccoon limps into the kitchen and opens the cupboard
while the dog snores, the cat hugs the pillow;
what shall I do? Beautiful is the new snow falling
in the yard and the fox who is staring boldly
up the path, to the door. And still I believe you will
come, Lord: you will, when I speak to the fox,
the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-goose, know
that really I am speaking to you whenever I say,
as I do all morning and afternoon: Come in, Come in.

Response 1: “Tryin’ to Get Ready” (*arr. Clayton White*)

Please rise as you are able and sing

Tryin' to get read - y, tryin' to get read - y, tryin' to get

read - y, Lord, Read - y to try on my long, white robe,

Read-y to try on my long, white robe. long, white robe.

African American Spiritual, arr. Clayton White. © 2006 by GIA Publications, Inc.

A moment of silence is observed

Reading 2: Isaiah 11.1-10

Please be seated

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Response 2: "A Tender Shoot" (*Otto Goldschmidt*)

A tender shoot hath started
Up from a root of grace
As ancient seers imparted
From Jesse's holy race
It blooms without a blight
It blooms without a blight
Blooms in the cold bleak winter
Turning our darkness into light

This shoot Isaiah taught us
From Jesse's root should spring
The Virgin Mary brought us
The branch of which we sing
Our God of endless might
Our God of endless might
Gave her this child to save us
Thus turning darkness into light

A moment of silence is observed

Reading 3: “O Quickly Come, Dread Judge of All” (*Laurence Tuttiett 1825-1897*)

O quickly come, dread Judge of all,
For, awful though Thine advent be;
All shadows from the truth will fall,
And falsehood die, in sight of Thee.
O quickly come, for doubt and fear
Like clouds dissolve when Thou art near.
O quickly come, great King of all;
Reign all around us, and within;
Let sin no more our souls enthrall,
let pain and sorrow die with sin.
O quickly come, for Thou alone
Canst make Thy scattered people one.
O quickly come, true Life of all;
For death is mighty all around;
On every home his shadows fall,
On every heart his mark is found.
O quickly come, for grief and pain
Can never cloud Thy glorious reign.
O quickly come, sure Light of all
For gloomy night broods o’er our way;
And weakly souls begin to fall
With weary watching for the day.
O quickly come, for round Thy throne
No eye is blind, no night is known.

Response 3: “God in the Darkness”

Please rise as you are able and sing



1. God in the dark-ness, God be-yond our know-ing, pa-tient cre - a - tor,
2. God in the dark-ness, God in all our griev-ing, friend of our tears, com-
3. God in the dark-ness, God of ho - ly dream-ing, gi - ver of hope, and



seed in se-cret grow-ing, rock of the liv - ing, wa - ter e-ver
pan - ion ne-ver leav - ing, draw-ing us past the li - mits of be-
pledge of our re - deem-ing, Spir - it of truth, our mem-or - y and



flow - ing, come and re - new us.
liev - ing, come and re - new us.
mean- ing, come and re - new us.

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A moment of silence is observed.

Reading 4: Matthew 3.1-12

Please be seated

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”’

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

Response 4: "Blackbird" (*John Lennon / Paul McCartney*) *Please rise as you are able and sing*

Blackbird singing in the dead of night
Take these broken wings and learn to fly
All your life
You were only waiting for this moment to arise

Blackbird singing in the dead of night
Take these sunken eyes and learn to see
All your life
You were only waiting for this moment to be free

Blackbird fly, blackbird fly
Into the light of a dark black night

Homily: Steven Mackison *Please be seated*
A moment of silence is observed.

The Peace *Please rise as you are able*

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

***People:* And also with you.**

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- Place your gift in the offering plate
- Use the tap and give kiosk at the door
- Visit theredeemer.ca/donate
- Use this QR code



Your support allows us to be witnesses to God's love on our corner of Bloor and Avenue Road - now, and in the future.

Thank you for joining us today.

Offertory Hymn: #101 (Common Praise) “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

All sing



1. Hail to the Lord's a - noint-ed, great Da-vid's great - er Son! Hail,
2. He shall come down like show-ers up - on the fruit - ful earth, and
3. Kings shall fall down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring; all
4. O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest, from



in the time ap-point-ed, his reign on earth be-gun! He comes to break op-
love, joy, hope, like flow-ers, spring in his path to birth. Be - fore him on the
na-tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo-ple sing. To him shall prayer un-
age to age more glo-rious, all-bless-ing and all-blest. The tide of time shall



pres-sion, to set the cap-tive free, to take a - way trans-gres-sion, and
moun-tains shall peace the her-ald go, and right-eous-ness in foun-tains from
ceas-ing and dai - ly vows as-cend, his king-dom still in - creas-ing, a
nev - er his cov - e - nant re-move. His name shall stand for - ev - er: that



rule in eq - ui - ty.
hill to val - ley flow.
king-dom with-out end.
name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music: Melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); adapt. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God our strength,
we are nothing without you.
Receive all we offer you this day
as you sustain us with your mercy;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving



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: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
You comforted your people
with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge
the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus: #722 (Common Praise)

All sing



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of power and might, heav'n and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho-



san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes, who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the



high - est.

Music: Picardy; French carol (17th cent.); arr. Patrick Wedd (1948-2019) ©.

Priest: Holy One,
the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophet's hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying, Take and eat: this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Therefore we proclaim our hope,

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Priest: With this bread and cup we remember your Word
dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Priest: Holy God, we long for your spirit.
Come among us. Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Priest: All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer: #744 (Common Praise)



Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

Text: Matthew 6.9-13. Tr. © 1989 *English Language Liturgical Consultation*. Music: Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); arr. George Black (1931-2003) ©.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

People: **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Advent Antiphon (*Ephrem Feeley*)

Jerusalem,
Arise and stand upon the heights,
And behold the joy
Which comes to you from God.

The Communion



All in the church are asked to remain at their seats to receive communion. If you are wearing a mask, please keep it on while the priest offers you the bread. After the priest moves on to the next person, remove your mask, eat the bread and replace your mask. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the priest. If you wish to partake of the wine, remove your mask as the communion minister offers you the chalice and then replace your mask. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms as shown in the picture above and the priest will be pleased to offer you a blessing.

Communion Song: “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” (*Steven Schwartz*)



Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord, Pre - pare ye the



way of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Please rise as you are able

Priest: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: **And your faithful servants bless you.**

Gracious God

we thank you for feeding us

with the body and blood of your Son

Jesus Christ.

May we, who share his body,

live his risen life;

we, who drink his cup,

bring life to others;

we, whom the Spirit lights,

give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,

so that we and all your children shall be free,

and the whole earth live to praise your name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Please be seated

Departing Hymn

Please rise as you are able and sing

The Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in peace to serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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

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Ministry Updates

Mask-wearing

The diocese is strongly recommending as much as possible that we all wear a mask when in indoor settings, including our church building.

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 are sent out each week through eNews. The order of service is on our website (theredeemer.ca).

Tuesday Meditation

Tuesday Meditation with Lilian Junkin gathers for 30 minutes in the chancel at **12:15 PM** for a peaceful mid-week reflection. If you have any other questions, please contact Lilian (lilian.n.junkin@gmail.com).

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](http://theredeemer.ca) (theredeemer.ca).

Garden Eucharists this Autumn

Our Garden Eucharists at the home of Karen and Michael Visser have continued throughout the autumn. Please join us on **Saturday December 31, at 1:00 PM**, weather permitting. If you have any questions, please be in touch with Susan Haig (shaig@theredeemer.ca) or Andrew Kuhl (akuhl@theredeemer.ca).

Blue Christmas Service

For those who have lost loved ones near the Christmas season, this time can be difficult as remembrances of close friends and family no longer with us. This special service will take place on **Tuesday, December 13 at 6 PM** in the church and on Zoom.

On Sunday

Rock Eucharist and Bach Vespers

Join us at **7 PM tonight** for a Rock Eucharist featuring music of the Beatles with Redeemer singers and band. This service will be in-person and live streamed on YouTube.

Bach Vespers will also be in-person and live streamed on YouTube at 7 PM on **Sunday, December 18**. It will feature Part III of Bach's Christmas Oratorio with the Redeemer choir and orchestra.

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to contribute towards the flowers and decorations for Christmas, please mark your donation “Christmas Flowers” and include any memorial information you would like mentioned in the Christmas bulletins. The deadline for these dedications is **Friday, December 16**. Any late submissions unfortunately will not be able to be published until after Epiphany as the church is closed over the holidays and all bulletins including Epiphany will be prepared before Christmas.

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 included but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a [prayer request form](http://theredeemer.ca) on the website (theredeemer.ca). These will be offered silently by one of the priests during the appropriate petition of the intercessions.

In the Community

Zoom Coffee and Conversation

After the services, the connection on Zoom will be kept open for a post-service coffee time. We will pause for about five minutes to allow time to grab a cup of coffee, tea or a cool beverage and return for a time of conversation.

Coffee Time at the Church

All who attend worship services in the church building are invited to linger for a time of conversation and coffee in the narthex – the space at the back of the church – immediately following the service.

Sunday Driver Needed

The Pastoral Care Team is looking for someone to drive one of our parishioners to Redeemer on Sunday mornings from time to time. They live near St. Clair and Birchmount. If you are able to assist, please speak to Susan Haig or email her at shaig@theredeemer.ca.

Redeemer Gifts – Invitation for Delivery Friends

Amid the hustle and bustle, Christmas can be a difficult time of the year for people who have experienced a loss or illness, or who feel isolated and sad during these continuing challenging times. The Pastoral Care Team, with the help of many members of our community, responds by delivering gift bags and cards to these folks to remind them that we are holding them in our hearts, and to bring a touch of cheer!

Redeemer Gifts will be delivered on **Saturday, December 17**. We are seeking Delivery Friends (on foot, bicycle, or by car) to deliver the gift bags. Please contact Mary-Jane Wilson at mjwdhp@icloud.com or 647-227-0952 if you are able to help. Thank you!

Cookie Bakers Needed

The welcome that a home-baked cookie conveys just can't be beaten and between Sunday coffee-time and a couple of events with receptions, we would welcome donations of home-made treats. For more information about what is needed and when, please contact Susan Graham Walker (sgwalker@theredeemer.ca).

Sunday Brunch for the 20s/30s Group

If you're in your 20s or 30s and you'd like to join a group of us from Redeemer who meet up around the corner at Hemingway's, then join us **today and December 18**. We'll meet at the stone baptismal font near the church entrance after the service before heading out. Reach out to [Nate Wall](mailto:nwall@theredeemer.ca) (nwall@theredeemer.ca) if you have any questions.

Open Doors

Would you like to join the Open Doors Docent team? Each Wednesday from 12-2 and each Friday from 11-2 we open our doors and in pairs we welcome any who wish to enter to rest or look around. If you would like to be introduced to this ministry or be added to the rota [let us know](mailto:office@theredeemer.ca) (office@theredeemer.ca).

The Spirit Garden

The parishes of the Diocese of Toronto are responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Call to Action #82. It calls for the installation of Residential School Monuments in each provincial capital. The **Spirit Garden** at Toronto City Hall will be a place for teaching, learning, sharing and healing, especially for school groups. Please watch Bishop Asbil's call at <https://fb.watch/cCKff5EAbP/> and a 'fly-through' of the project at <https://www.councilfire.ca/spirit-garden.html>. You can donate here: toronto.anglican.ca & clicking "Spirit Garden". Thank you from your ISWG.

Marginalia

Marginalia – church school for grown-ups and the place where we at Redeemer meet to learn, ponder, and debate the puzzles of the Bible and the Mysteries of Faith – has returned! **Today and December 11** at 9:30 AM in the church: Kingdom Come: Praying the Future with Jesus.

Predictive models and pundits try to get us ahead of the future. If the recent past has taught us anything, though, it's that the future will always be uncertain and unknown. What is a follower of Jesus in the winter of 2022—war ongoing, viruses ganging up, inflation rising—supposed to *hope for*? In this year's final Marginalia series we pose that question to the one prayer Jesus taught his disciples, the "Lord's Prayer." How can Jesus' prayer help us face the future? Registration is open at www.theredeemer.ca. Contact Nate Wall (nwall@theredeemer.ca) for more information.

I Wonder as I Wander: Walking Together Monday Evenings in Advent

Redeemer Explorers invites you to join fellow travellers each **Monday in Advent** for a guided evening candlelit walk of 30 to 40 minutes. The walks will begin at 5:30 PM, setting out from and returning to Redeemer. There's the option of heading off together for dinner at a nearby pub afterwards. Further details and registration links for any or all of the walks are on the website under the "[What's Happening/Redeemer Explorers](#)" tab.

Christmas in the City

The annual benefit concert in support of The Common Table will be on **Saturday, December 17 at 2 PM.**

The Common Table, Church of the Redeemer's drop-in community provides a safe space for some of our neighbourhood's vulnerable members to enjoy a hot meal, good company and have some of their basic needs met. Join Kevin Breit, Wendell Ferguson, Michelle Rumball, Danny Marks, Fraser/Daley, Greg Wyard, Karen Weigold, Clela Errington, Michael-Robert Broder, The Redeemers and more in this afternoon of music-making to help provide support and care for our community. Tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#).

An Update from the Refugee Settlement Committee

As we approach Advent, the season of hopeful expectation, we too are filled with hopeful expectation that Abdikadir and Asho's arrival with their six sons will soon be announced.

Back in 2016, in the midst of the surge of Syrian refugees, Mary Jo Leddy gave this advice: "Pay attention; don't wait until you are ready; do what you can". An MPP in the audience spoke up and said, "I've been waiting to do something, because I didn't think I was ready, and I didn't know what to do. Now I do, so if you're interested in joining me, call my office tomorrow".

Clearly, Redeemerites and their friends are ready and doing what they can to help prepare for the family's arrival. Thanks to your generosity, we have all the clothing, furniture, and supplies that are needed for now, and are putting a pause on requests for more items until the family arrives. A big thank you to all who have contributed.

We are still seeking housing for this large family, so if you hear of any housing possibilities, please contact [Alison Colvin](#) (acolvin@sympatico.ca) or [Henry Krol](#) (henrykrol@yahoo.com), committee co-chairs.

Settling such a large family in a new country requires funding. You can donate through Canadahelps.org and the **[Welcome Abdikadir and Family to Canada campaign](#)** page. Canadahelps.org will provide an immediate tax receipt. (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/118863729RR0001-church-of-the-redeemer/p2p/welcomingAbdikadir/>). May your Advent season be filled with hopeful expectation.

Children, Youth and Families

We have resources available in church for children, and all families are invited to participate in worship together. Please find these resources in the back pew on the west side of the church!

Our regular Church School and Youth Group gatherings have returned. Youth group gathers at 9:30 AM and Church School happens during 10:30 service. Children are invited to go downstairs after the collect with our Church School Volunteers for a 30 minute lesson, returning at the Eucharist. If you have children or youth who are school aged, feel free to contact Andrew Kuhl to get on our contact list!

If you are a family with young children interested in programming for young families, please contact Andrew Kuhl (akuhl@theredeemer.ca).

How Are You Doing?

Our clergy are available to meet with you to talk and for prayer as is helpful to you. You can contact them through the church office (416-922-4948) or by email (Steven Mackison – smackison@theredeemer.ca, Susan Haig – shaig@theredeemer.ca, Andrew Kuhl akuhl@theredeemer.ca).

Pastoral Care Calls

Volunteers from the pastoral care team continue to call members of the Redeemer community to check in with them. Please contact Tony Crosbie (tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca) if you know someone who would benefit from a call from one of the pastoral care team.

Interim Administrator On-Site

Susan Graham Walker, the Part-time Interim Administrator, is on-site most Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 AM to 12 PM. Please don't hesitate to connect by email (sgwalker@theredeemer.ca) or text (647-215-8814).

Advent Resources

Below is a list of resources that members of our community may find helpful during Advent. Whether you embrace one (or more!) of these on your own or whether you gather some friends and neighbours to journey with together, may your Advent be blessed.

PWRDF Advent Resource

The Primates World Relief and Development Fund offers an Advent resource “The Birth of Hope”, written by Sylvia Keesmaat, with daily scripture readings, reflections, prayers and PWRDF stories that arrive in your inbox, starting Sunday, November 27 or you can download the entire PDF (available November 9). For further information, [visit their website](https://pwrdf.org/advent2022/) (<https://pwrdf.org/advent2022/>).

Light One Candle

Bishop Andrew Asbil is offering a series of four Advent reflections for use by parishes and people in the Diocese. “Light One Candle” explores the four themes of the season: hope, peace, joy and love. The videos are available on the diocese's [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/tordio135). (<https://www.youtube.com/tordio135>).

Advent Word

AdventWord is an online Advent calendar that invites a global community to come and pray together. As they note on the [AdventWord website](https://adventword.org/en/home/) (<https://adventword.org/en/home/>):

There are many ways to participate in AdventWord! And all of them are correct!

- Read and pray over the daily emailed meditation during Advent
- Connect and discuss the day's word with other disciples on our social media pages
- Share your own personal meditation to inspire others—whether visual or written. Haikus and poems, paintings, photographs, personal reflections, and more are all encouraged.

WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday, December 4 (Advent 2)

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

7 PM – Rock Eucharist, featuring music of the Beatles – in the Church and through YouTube

Tuesday, December 13

6 PM – Blue Christmas – in the Church and on Zoom

Sunday, December 11 (Advent 3)

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

Sunday, December 18 (Advent 4)

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube

7 PM – Bach Vespers, featuring Part III of Bach's Christmas Oratorio – in the Church and through YouTube

Saturday, December 24 (Eve of the Nativity)

5 PM – in the Church and through YouTube

7:30 PM – Rockin' Christmas Eve – in the Church and through YouTube

10:30 PM – in the Church, on Zoom and through YouTube

Sunday, December 25 (The Nativity of the Lord)

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube