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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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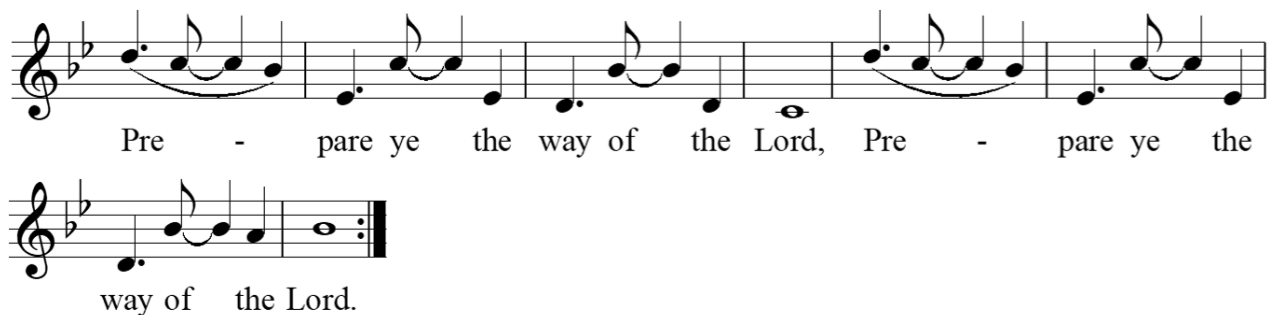
## Introductory Remarks

*Moderator*

## Welcome

*Steven Mackison*

**Opening Song:** “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” (*Steven Schwartz*)     *Redeemer Music Team*



## Litany

Pauline Walsh

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

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

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

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

*Leader:* 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!**

*Leader:* 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!**

*Leader:* 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!**

*Leader:* 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!**

*Leader:* 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!**

*Leader:* 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.

## Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

*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.**



**GIVE THĚ king your justice, O God, \***  
**and your righteousness to the kĭng'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.**

**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.**

**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \***  
**like showers that water thē earth.**

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

**Blessed be God, the Holy One of Israel, \***  
**who alone does wōndrous deeds!**

**And blessed be that glorious Name for ever! \***  
**and may all the earth be fill with God's glory. Amen Ämen.**

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

*Pauline Walsh*

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-geese, 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)

*Redeemer Music Team*

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,  
 1. Read-y to try on my long, white robe. 2. 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**

*Henry Krol*

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*)

*Redeemer Music Team*

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 Tuttielt 1825-1897*)     *Henry Krol*

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:** "Blackbird" (*John Lennon / Paul McCartney*)

*Redeemer Music Team*

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

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**Reading 4:** Matthew 3.1-12

*Margaret Rodrigues*

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.'

## **Homily**

*Steven Mackison*

## **The Peace**

*Steven Mackison*

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

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



# Offertory Hymn: #106 (Common Praise) “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness Crying”

*Redeemer Music Team*



1. There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry-ing, a call from the ways un-
2. O Zi-on, give voice to good tid-ings, as - cend to the heights and
3. But your word, O God, is faith-ful, your arm, O Lord, is
4. There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry-ing, a call from the ways un-



trod: pre - pare in the des-ert a high-way, a high-way for our  
sing! Pro - claim to a des - o-late peo - ple the com-ing of their  
strong; you stand in the midst of na-tions, and you will right the  
trod: pre - pare in the des-ert a high-way, a high-way for our



God! the val-leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the lof - ty hills brought  
King. The works of pride all per - ish, like flowers they shall de-  
wrong. You will feed your flock like a shep-herd, and fold the lambs to your  
God! the val-leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the lof - ty hills brought



low; make straight all the crook - ed plac - es where the  
cay; the power and the pomp of na - tions shall  
breast; in pas - tures of peace you'll lead them, and  
low; make straight all the crook - ed plac - es where the



Lord our God may go!  
pass like a dream a-way.  
give to the wea - ry rest.  
Lord our God may go!

Text: Is. 40.3-11; para. James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961), alt. Music: Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988). Used by permission of Eldred Bancroft. ©Estate of Henry Hugh Bancroft.

## The Lord's Prayer

Steven Mackison

*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 Giving and Receiving of Communion

Steven Mackison

*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 Doxology

Steven Mackison

*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

Steven Mackison

## Closing Hymn: #101 (Common Praise) “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” *Redeemer Music Team*



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 Dismissal

*Margaret Rodrigues*

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

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

*Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. For health and safety reasons, we would appreciate your donations via the “Online Donation” link below, where you will be redirected to the gifts section of our Website. Thank you for your generosity.*

## Online Donation

# 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](mailto: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](#) (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 this last Saturday afternoon of the year, weather permitting: **Saturday December 31, at 1:00 PM**.

If you have any questions, please be in touch with Susan Haig ([shaig@theredeemer.ca](mailto:shaig@theredeemer.ca)) or Andrew Kuhl ([akuhl@theredeemer.ca](mailto: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](#) 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sgwalker@theredeemer.ca)).

### Sunday Brunch for the 20s/30s Group

Sundays are good days for low-key brunch after church. 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 put these dates on your calendar: **today and December 18**. On those days we'll meet at the stone baptismal font near the church entrance after the service before heading out. Reach out to [Nate Wall](#) ([nwall@theredeemer.ca](mailto: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](#) ([office@theredeemer.ca](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.theredeemer.ca). Contact Nate Wall ([nwall@theredeemer.ca](mailto: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](mailto:alison.colvin@sympatico.ca) ([alison.colvin@sympatico.ca](mailto:alison.colvin@sympatico.ca)) or [Henry Krol](mailto:henrykrol@yahoo.com) ([henrykrol@yahoo.com](mailto:henrykrol@yahoo.com)), committee co-chairs.

Settling such a large family in a new country requires funding. You can donate through [Canadahelps.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:smackison@theredeemer.ca), Susan Haig – [shaig@theredeemer.ca](mailto:shaig@theredeemer.ca), Andrew Kuhl [akuhl@theredeemer.ca](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>).

### 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>).

### 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/>):

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