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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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Thank you for joining us today.

Introductory Remarks

Moderator

Welcome

Andrew Kuhl

Opening Hymn: #40 (Sing a New Creation) "No Wind at the Window"

Redeemer Music Team



1. No wind at the win - dow no knock on the door; no
2. "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, don't hide from my face, Be
3. "This child must be born that the king - dom might come: sal -
4. No pay - ment was prom - ised, no prom - is - es made; no



light from the lamp - stand, no foot on the floor; no dream born of
glad that you're fav - oured and filled with God's grace. The time for re -
va - tion for man - y, de - struc - tion for some; both end and be -
wed - ding was dat - ed, no blue - print dis - played. Yet Mar - y, con -



tired - ness, no ghost raised by fear: just an an - gel and a
deem - ing the world has be - gun, and you are re -
gin - ning, both mes - sage and sign; both vic - tor and
sent - ing to what none could guess, re - plied with con -



wom - an and a voice in her ear.
quest - ed to moth - er God's Son."
vic - tim, both yours and di - vine."
vic - tion, "Tell God I say 'Yes.'"

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Litany

Anne Gircys

Leader: Let us pray:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

All: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

Leader: That we may be filled with longing for your kingdom
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

All: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

Leader: That your church may bear faithful witness to the light of Christ
O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

All: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

Leader: That your Word may lead us to speak the truth in love
O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

All: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

Leader: That we may be freed from the bondage of sin and death
O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem from every foe deliver them;
that trust your mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

All: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

Leader: That you may reveal to us the path that leads to new life
O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

All: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

Leader: That you may banish our darkness with the light of your presence
O come, O Dayspring, from on high and cheer us by your drawing nigh; disperse
the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

All: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

Leader: That you may bring us that peace which the world cannot give
O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease, and be for us our Prince of Peace.

All: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

Collect of the Day

Andrew Kuhl

Priest: God of grace,
give us the faith of Joseph
to see the Spirit's work
where the world sees only shame;
to listen to the promise
and to awaken to the cry of life renewed and love reborn;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**



HEAR, Ö Shepherd of Israel, leading / Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned / upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, / and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength / and come to help us.

Restore / us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your counte- / nance, and we shall be saved.

-- / O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the / prayers of your people?

You have fed them / with the bread of tears; *
you have given / them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision / of our neighbours, *
and our en- / emies laugh us to scorn.

Restore / us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your counte- / nance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon your / chosen people, *
those you have / made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never / turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may / call upon your name.

Restore / us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your counte- / nance, and we shall be saved.

Reading 1: “Advent Calendar” (Rowan Williams)

Anne Gircys

He will come like last leaf’s fall.
One night when the November wind
has flayed the trees to bone, and earth
wakes choking on the mould,
the soft shroud’s folding.
He will come like frost.
One morning when the shrinking earth
opens on mist, to find itself
arrested in the net
of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark.
One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him free.
He will come like child.

Response 1: “Dear Prudence” (*John Lennon / Paul McCartney*)

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Dear Prudence
Won't you come out to play?
Dear Prudence
Greet the brand new day
The sun is up, the sky is blue
It's beautiful, and so are you
Dear Prudence
Won't you come out to play?

Dear Prudence
Open up your eyes
Dear Prudence
See the sunny skies

The wind is low, the birds will sing
That you are part of everything
Dear Prudence
Won't you open up your eyes?

Dear Prudence
Let me see you smile
Dear Prudence
Like a little child
The clouds will be a daisy chain
So let me see you smile again
Dear Prudence
Won't you let me see you smile?

A moment of silence is observed

Reading 2: Isaiah 7.10-16

Heather Bennett

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Response 2: “Heliseb väljadel” (*Urmas Sisask*)

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Ave Maria,

Heliseb Väljadel, metsas ja mägedel

[Ave Maria Tervitus hell]

Helise, emale, kes üle tähtede, helise kell!

Helise, emale, helise örnake.

Kanna sa kõrgele,

Kanna sa kõrgele palvet mu poolt,

Mu palvet sa kõrgele,

Kanna sa kõrgele palvet mu poolt.

Maria mind,

Aita Maria mind mu elus ja surmas kanna

hoolt, Maria!

Heliseb Väljadel, metsas ja mägedel

[Heliseb kell]

Heliseb kellake ema Mariale

[Heliseb kell]

Ave Maria,

It's playing on the fields, on the forest and on the mountains.

[Ave Maria, kind greeting]

The bell is ringing for the Mother who is above the stars, it rings bell!

He plays for the Mother, he plays gently.

Raise my prayer, do it for me.

Mary, help me in life and take care of me at the time of death. Maria!

He's playing on the fields, on the forest and on the mountains.

[The bell is ringing]

The bell is ringing for Mother Mary

[The bell is ringing]

A moment of silence is observed

Reading 3: “Advent” (*Pamela Cranston*)

Heather Bennett

Look how long
the weary world waited,
locked in its lonely cell,
guilty as a prisoner.

As you can imagine,
it sang and whistled in the dark.
It hoped. It paced and pattered about,
tidying its little piles of inconsequence.

It wept from the weight of ennui,
draped like shackles on its wrists.
It raged and wailed against the walls
of its own plight.

But there was nothing
the world could do
to find its own freedom.
The door was shut tight.

It could only be opened
from the outside.

Who could believe the latch
would be turned by a pink flower —
the tiny hand
of a newborn baby?

Response 3: #122 (Common Praise) "In the Bleak Midwinter"*Redeemer Music Team*

1. In the bleak mid-win-ter, frost-y wind made moan, earth stood hard as
 2. Our God, heaven can-not hold him, nor earth sus-tain; heaven and earth shall
 3. An-gels and arch-an-gels may have gath-ered there; cher-u-bim and
 4. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a



i-ron, wa-ter like a stone; snow had fal-len, snow on snow,
 flee a-way when he comes to reign. In the bleak mid-win-ter a
 ser-a-phim thronged the air; but his moth-er on-ly
 shep-herd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man,



snow on snow, in the bleak mid-win-ter, long a-go.
 sta-ble place suf-ficed the Lord God al-might-y, Je-sus Christ.
 in her maid-en bliss, wor-shipped the be-lov-ed with a kiss.
 I would do my part; yet what I can, I give him - give my heart.

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A moment of silence is observed

Reading 4: Matthew 1.18-25*Steven Mackison*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel’, which means, ‘God is with us.’ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Homily*Nate Wall*

The Peace

Andrew Kuhl

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #90 (Common Praise) "How the World Longs for Your Birth"

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1. How the world longs for your birth, bear - ing news of hu - man worth;
2. How the earth a - waits your seed, parched and bar - ren from our greed;
3. How we ache to know your peace; wars and weap - ons still in - crease;
4. How our minds for heal - ing long, bro - ken bo - dies to be strong,
5. God, who sets your peo - ple free, God who comes, our flesh to be,
6. To our dark - ness bring your light; fill our long - ing eyes with sight.



to our la - bour bring your mirth: Ma-ra-na-tha, come, Lord, come.
now to hal - low it we need: Ma-ra-na-tha, come, Lord, come.
bid our fears and hate to cease: Ma-ra-na-tha, come, Lord, come.
wound-ed hearts to learn your song: Ma-ra-na-tha, come, Lord, come.
now we wait, your reign to see: Ma-ra-na-tha, come, Lord, come.
In our lives shine ev - er bright: Ma-ra-na-tha, come, Lord, come.

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The Lord's Prayer

Andrew Kuhl

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

Andrew Kuhl

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

Andrew Kuhl

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

Andrew Kuhl

Closing Hymn: #770 (Gather) “Soon and Very Soon”

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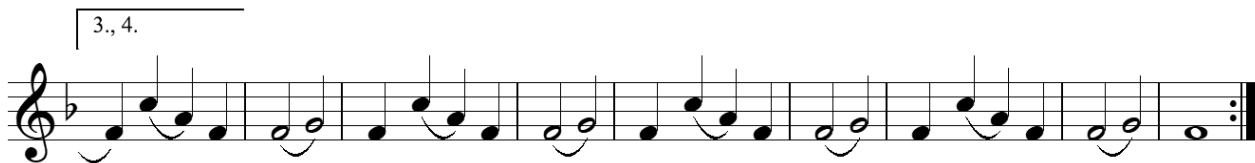
1. Soon and ver-y soon we are goin' to see the King, Soon and ver-y soon we are
2. No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King, No more cry-in' there we are
3. No more dy-in' there we are goin' to see the King, No more dy-in' there we are
4. Soon and ver-y soon we are goin' to see the King, Soon and ver-y soon we are



goin' to see the King, Soon and ver-y soon we are goin' to see the King, Hal-le-
goin' to see the King, No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King, Hal-le-
goin' to see the King, No more dy-in' there we are goin' to see the King, Hal-le-
goin' to see the King, Soon and ver-y soon we are goin' to see the King, Hal-le-



lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal-le - lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah.

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The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Go forth in hope 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.

Pastoral Care During the Christmas Season

Pastoral Care will still be available during the Christmas season. From December 25-28, 2022, please get in touch with Susan Haig **via email**. (shaig@theredeemer.ca). From December 29, 2022-January 2, 2023, Andrew Kuhl will be available **via email** (akuhl@theredeemer.ca). Do not hesitate to reach out if you are in need of some care.

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. Please note this group will not meet on Tuesday, December 27. 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 (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 PM**. If you have any questions, please be in touch with Susan Haig (shaig@theredeemer.ca) or Andrew Kuhl (akuhl@theredeemer.ca).

On Sunday

Bach Vespers

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

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.

News and Events

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.

Scholar-in-Residence

Our Scholar-in-Residence, Nate Wall, will be concluding his time with us at the end of December. He will be with us one more time on Sunday, January 29, as the preacher at both the 9 AM and 10:30 AM services when we will have the opportunity to bless Nate and Julia as they continue their journey.

George Black Fellow

Last Sunday it was announced that our George Black Fellow, Will Reid, will be concluding his time with us. Will has been part of our community for half of his life. The many ways he has served us from the music-making of our Sunday and seasonal liturgies to administrative support in the office and so much more has been a gift. There will be an opportunity to thank Will and bless his continuing journey as a teacher at Ridley College, St Catharines.

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

Redeemer Explorers invites you to join fellow travellers tomorrow, **December 19**, for the fourth and final Advent guided evening candlelit walk of 30 to 40 minutes. It 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 a registration link are on the website under the "[What's Happening/Redeemer Explorers](#)" tab.

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 we'll meet **today** 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.

Carolling on the Steps

The tradition of carolling on the front steps continues! Our choir gathers early for their final rehearsal before Christmas to bring the beautiful gift of Christmas carols to our busy street corner. Join them at 6 PM on **Thursday, December 22**.

Camino Party and Presentation

You're invited to a party hosted by the Spanish pilgrims who would like to share some of their experience with you. Join us on **Sunday, January 8 at 12 noon** in the church following the Eucharist. There will be

a light lunch, a video with photographs and music of the Way, the telling of stories, and answers to all the Camino questions you may wish to ask. **Please register** so that we will have enough provisions. Contact Susan Haig (shaig@theredeemer.ca) for more information.

Devotion on the Page: Up Close with Medieval Manuscripts

You are invited to be part of a small-group experience at the AGO, led by Sylvia Wang and David Townsend on **Friday, January 20**. Sylvia and David will give a short introduction to medieval devotional books, and then we'll look at two manuscripts up close—a book of hours and a psalter—in a private study room, in groups limited to eight participants each. Further details and a registration link are on the website under the “[What's Happening/Redeemer Explorers](#)” tab. **The deadline to register is January 12.**

Book Study Series

The Indigenous Solidarity Working Group is hosting a book study series, to be capped with a meet-the-authors special event. Perhaps this book would be a great Christmas gift suggestion!

The new book, **Valley of the Birdtail: An Indian Reserve, a White Town and the Road to Reconciliation**, by Douglas Sanderson (Amo Binashii) and Andrew Stobo Sniderman is a heart-rending true story about racism and the journey to reconciliation. ISWG invites you to [buy the book](#) — a great read — and then attend a three-part book study. There are two options to participate in the book groups.

The **in-person group** will gather in the church after the 10:30 AM service on **Sundays, January 15, 22 and 29**. [Please register](#)

A **group will meet on Zoom**, on **Mondays, January 16, 23, and 30**, from 7 to 8 PM. [Please register](#)

We are delighted that on **Saturday, February 4, from 1 to 4 PM** Douglas Sanderson (Amo Binashii) and Andrew Stobo Sniderman will join us at Redeemer to talk about the book, answer questions and meet members of Redeemer.

[Registration](#) for the meet the authors event is available now.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the impact of the Indian Act and residential schools on Indigenous people and how two communities began the journey of reconciliation together.

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).

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.

Refugee Settlement Committee Update - December 10, 2022 (International Human Rights Day)

They're coming! The committee has heard that Abdikadir, Asho, and their sons will be arriving on January 26. We are all thrilled to hear a date for this long-expected arrival, and eager to meet the family.

Besides Abdikadir, in his mid-forties, and Asho, in her late thirties, there are six sons, ranging in age from 19 years to 9 months. The oldest, Zakaria, speaks some English and is interested in furthering his education to go into the field of medicine. Abdiaziz and Arafat are younger teenagers who speak Somali, but not English. The younger boys, Ahmed and Abdirizak, will learn English quickly once they are in school. Baby Ayub will grow up in Canada.

We may have a "landing spot" for them, but have not yet secured permanent housing, so don't know when move-in day will be. If you might be available to help on a Saturday in January, please contact Susanna Jacob (andorrajosej@gmail.com).

If you'd like to contribute to welcoming this family to Canada, you can donate through CanadaHelps and the **Welcome Abdikadir and Family to Canada** campaign page. CanadaHelps will provide an immediate tax receipt.

Thank you for whatever you can do to provide a warm welcome to these strangers who will become friends.

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).

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).

In the Community

Bishop's Levee

Please join Bishop Andrew Asbil and the Suffragan Bishops to offer prayers for the New Year on **Sunday, January 1** at St James' Cathedral. Join in person, or tune in online on the **diocesan YouTube channel** (<https://www.youtube.com/tordio135>).

Festive music at 3:30 PM and Choral Evensong at 4 PM with presentations of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto and the Installation of the Chancellor, our very own Marg Creal! Please come and celebrate this important moment for Marg!

Food Drive

Since the pandemic began, our food banks have seen surging levels of demand. Coupled with the current food inflation prices, thousands of families in Toronto often do not have enough to eat.

As a result, we've decided to hold a food drive in the church for the Daily Bread Food Bank. There will be a collection box in the welcome area until **December 18**. Please take the time to drop off what you can; whatever your level of participation - from 1 item to 20 – everything will be most appreciated and put to good use.

Food donations will support the Daily Bread Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity. A list of the **most needed items is here**.

WORSHIP WITH US

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 – All-Ages Messy Pageant in the Church and through YouTube

7:30 PM – Christmas Rockin' 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

Sunday, January 1 (Epiphany)

9 AM - on Zoom

10:30 AM - in the Church and through YouTube