



Leaside Presbyterian Church

December 1, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent - The Lord's Supper

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Moses Hogan; Neal Armstrong, Soloist

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP - PWS&D ADVENT LITURGY - Hope (insert)

Hope is a star - vs 1 No. 119

*HYMN *O Come O Come Emmanuel* (v1,3,5,6,7) No. 122

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

**All: God of compassion, you offer us truth to live by,
and yet so often we love with fantasies. You
promise new life but we confess that we are in
love with our old ways, with hurts that we nourish,
and hatreds that hold us hostage. You offer to us
unconditional love, but we reject our neighbours.
Recreate us in the image of your son and for your
glory's sake forgive us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN

People, look east No. 125

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in
your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover peace;
through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33:14-16 pg: OT 738

Psalms 25:1-10 pg: OT 502

Luke 21:25-36 pg. NT 85

CHOIR ANTHEM

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

SERMON

*HYMN

Long ago, prophets knew No.121

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

One: Let us give voice to the gratitude and love that rest within our hearts.

All: Generous God, we thank you for bringing us together in this circle. We thank you for the gift of knitting and the gift of praying. We thank you for those who have passed on this ancient art to us. We thank you for those who created the yarn, those who brought it to market, and those who stocked the shelves. We are blessed by the love of the many people who make our knitting possible.

One: Let us pray for those who will receive these shawls.

All: Compassionate God, We ask you to bless all the people for whom our shawls are knit. May these shawls be a reminder of your presence in their lives. May these shawls bring them love and light, hope and joy.

Blessing:

One: May God's grace be upon these shawls, warming, comforting, enfolding, embracing. May these mantles be a safe haven, a sacred place for security and well-being, sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the ones who receive these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Blessed Be!

Adapted from Knitting in the the Mystery, Morehouse Publishing, 2003

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

Chorale Prelude on Nun, komm, der Heiden

Heiland (Saviour of the Nations, Come) by J. S. Bach

DOXOLOGY

No. 830

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts:

All: we lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give God thanks and praise:

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The minister continues the prayer concluding with the words, "...we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise."

All: (sung) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The minister continues the prayer concluding with the words "...proclaim together the mystery of faith."

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

The minister continues the prayer concluding with the words, "...we pray as Jesus taught us saying":

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. AMEN

SHARING THE BREAD AND WINE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN *Lo Christ comes with clouds descending* No. 120

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN (CONGREGATION AND CHOIR) No.780

POSTLUDE *Chorale Partita on Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele*
by Georg Bohm (excerpt)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please join us following worship for refreshments and fellowship in Glebe Community Room if you are here in person. Please stay with us for our virtual coffee hour following worship if you are online.
- A reminder that the service is being recorded and will be available on both the website and on Facebook.
- Take Two! Last year we heard some amazing **Christmas stories from our Leaside family**. This was enjoyed so much we are moving forward with a second act. We encourage everyone to share a story, tradition, most memorable gift, or photo about something that makes them smile at Christmas. If you shared last year you are still welcome to share something new. Mary will be hosting a zoom meeting in the coming weeks to record your memories. The shared videos will be shown on **Sunday Dec 22nd**. Please contact Mary if you are interested in participating.
- If you would like a **PCC 2025 Calendar**, please let Naomi in the office know by TOMORROW. They are \$6 each.
- If you are interested in reading an **advent liturgy and lighting the Advent candle**, please contact the church office or sign up via the Worship volunteer link in your emails. Also, if you would like to **read during the Choir Carol Service** on Dec 15, please contact the church office.
- Today we welcome back **Rev Ian Ross-McDonald**, our interim moderator

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude and humility this land on which
Leaside Presbyterian Church ministers.

Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people
from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the
opportunity to worship on this land.

Wherever we are, we acknowledge the privilege of inheriting this
land from those who have gone before us. Wherever we are, we
recognize the responsibility of caring for this land to pass on to
those who come after us. We are grateful for this gift of being on
this land.

Notice of Preaching for a Call and Congregational meeting

Dec 8, 2024

- Letter from the Clerk of Session: November 12, 2024 - In consequence of the Session of Leaside Presbyterian Church accepting the recommendation of the Search Committee that the **Rev. Paul Kang be invited to preach for the call** to fill the vacancy at Leaside Church, the Session has called a **congregational meeting for 12:00 pm on December 8, 2024**. At the congregational meeting, to which all are invited, motions will be made to proceed to considering a call and its terms. If the congregation approves these motions, an additional motion will be made to insert the name of the Rev. Paul Kang into the call document. The call will then be forwarded to the Presbytery of East Toronto for consideration. If the congregation accepts the various motions, arrangements will be made to sign the call between December 8, 2024 and January 5, 2025. Arrangements are in place for those who are not able to concur with the call by signing in person. These arrangements will be explained at the meeting and facilitated by the elders in the weeks following the congregational meeting. Please be in touch if you have any questions, Grace McCreary, Clerk of Session, clerkofsession@leasidepresbyterianchurch.ca, 416-886-9317