



# Leaside Presbyterian Church

December 8, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

\*please stand as you are able

INTROIT                    *O Rest in the Lord* by Felix Mendelssohn;  
Neal Armstrong, soloist

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP - PWS&D ADVENT LITURGY

Peace(insert)                    *Hope is a star* - vs 2 No. 119

\*HYMN                    *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* No. 110

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: As we gather before God we acknowledge our turning away from God: from all that is good, that is loving, that is true. In this time of Advent, let us focus in particular on the times we turn away from peace, accepting also God's unconditional forgiveness of us.

*We begin in silence*

One: God of peace, we come before You tired and weary, worn out from a hard week of tasks, weary from a short night of rest, fragile as dew on a blade of grass, yet You set before us a fresh morning, a window of opportunity, an offer of a new start.

**All: For this we praise You.**

One: God of peace, we come before You doubting and confused, senses dulled by relentless worry, minds restless with niggles and cares, fragile as frost on a winter's morning, yet You set before us an anchor of openness, the wide arms of questions and acceptance that know nothing of right or wrong.

**All: For this we praise You.**

One: God of peace, we come before You often judging, living on the breath of assumptions, fragile as a half-heard whisper, yet You draw us in to Your unconditional love, embracing us in our diversity and uniqueness.

**All: For this we praise You.**

One: God of peace, forgive us our fickleness, release us from our inner critic, lead us gently by Your living, constant flame to the glory of Your love and peace in which we are welcomed, renewed, made whole.

**All: This we ask in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*HYMN *Herald! Sound the note of judgement* No. 117

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Malachi 3:1-4 OT pg. 889  
Luke 3:1-18 NT pg. 60  
CHOIR ANTHEM *The angel Gabriel from heaven came*  
(Basque traditional melody)  
SERMON Baptized by Fire  
\*HYMN *Lord, the light of your love is shining* No. 376  
OFFERING *Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
arr. John Carter  
DOXOLOGY No. 830  
PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. AMEN**

\*HYMN *All earth is waiting* No. 109  
\*BENEDICTION  
CHORAL AMEN (CONGREGATION AND CHOIR) No.780  
POSTLUDE *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*  
(Saviour of the nations, come), BWV 599 by J. S. Bach

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## 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.
- **Christmas Memories:** Please join Mary on **Wednesday December 11th at 10:30am on Zoom** to share a Christmas story, most memorable gift, favourite tradition, or something that makes you smile at Christmas. Your stories will be recorded and shared during the service on Sunday Dec 22nd. If you would prefer to record your own video, you may upload it to the Google drive. The Zoom link for Dec 11 and the Google drive link are in the weekly email. Please contact Mary if you have any questions or are interested in sharing.
- Please also join us next week, Dec 15th, for the **Lessons and Carols** service led by the Leaside Choir, and on Dec 24th at 7pm for the **Christmas Eve Service**.
- Today we welcome the **Rev Paul Kang to preach for the Call at Leaside PC**. The congregation will meet back in the sanctuary at **12 noon for a Congregational Meeting** to consider the Call of the Rev Paul Kang.

#### 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.