



December 5, 2021
2nd Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist
9:15 am



WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK
We are glad to have you worship with us!

We are a growing, diverse, and energetic faith community learning to follow Jesus together.
Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.

Prelude Master Tallis' Testament

Herbert Howells

The Welcome

Opening Hymn #106

(please stand)

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

Ascension

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places,
where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, give voice to good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish,
like flowers they shall decay;
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.

But your word, O God, is faithful,
your arm, O Lord, is strong;
you stand in the midst of nations,
and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them,
and give to the weary rest.

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The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. With the prophets of long ago we place our hope in God. We share Isaiah's vision of a world where the wolf shall live with the lamb. We share John the Baptist's dream of making crooked paths straight. We hope while we wait. Come Lord Jesus. Come soon.

Reader Let us pray.
God of hope, you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age a son called John. He grew up strong in spirit, prepared the people for the coming of the Lord, and baptised them in the Jordan to wash away their sins: Help us, who have been baptised into Christ, to be ready to welcome him into our hearts, and to grow strong in faith, and place all our hope on you. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world. Amen.

All Lord Jesus, Light of the world, as John the Baptist waited for you, he told the people to prepare, for you were very near: As Christmas grows closer day by day, fill us with your Advent hope and help us to be ready to welcome you. This we pray in your name. Amen.

Music: Christ, Be our Light
Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

The Greeting

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen

Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:3-11

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Canticle Benedictus Collegium Regale

Herbert Howells

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Holy Gospel

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" *Luke 3:1-6*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Message

Musical Interlude

I Exalt Thee

What We Believe

(please stand)

Presider: Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Presider: Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Presider: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Presider: This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the needs of our world, the Church, and ourselves.

Intercessor: In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying,

All: Lord Jesus, come soon!

The Confession

As we approach God's Table, we confess the ways we have not loved God and others.

**All: Almighty God,
We need your healing and forgiveness:
give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us, some escape us,
some we cannot face.
Forgive us, set us free to hear your word to us;
set us free to serve you,
in all that we do, say and think.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Prayer of Pardon

Presider: Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace;
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen**

The Peace

Presider: In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

Sharing What We Have

(please be seated)

We rejoice that God has blessed our community and we have the opportunity to give back to God and serve others in the name of Christ. Your generous support helps anchor our mission and ministry as together we navigate these turbulent times. Many of us give with weekly donation or by pre-authorized giving. And there is a place on our website to make a donation. We are grateful for all gifts however if this is your first time here today please know that you are very welcome, we are glad you are here, and there is no obligation to contribute financially.

Offertory Hymn

Living Hope

Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness, your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me his own
Beautiful Saviour, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope
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Prayer over the Gifts

(please stand)

Presider: 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.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: Holy and mysterious God, in the beginning the darkness waited, and you created light. Sarah and Abraham waited for a future, and you sent descendants greater than the stars. The Hebrew slaves waited for rescue, and you sent Miriam and Moses to enact your liberation. Israel waited in exile for renewal, and you empowered prophets and poets with your life-giving speech.

Presider: As the whole world groaned in waiting for release and rebirth, you sent Jesus, born of strong Mary, fathered by humble Joseph, incarnate in our humility, in solidarity with the suffering and the poor, full of wisdom and grace for all.

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.

Hoping beyond hope, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Presider: Remembering all your promises fulfilled in Jesus' body given for the beloved universe, in the great hope of the resurrection, and in all that is to come by your mercy, with eager expectation we cry out:

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

Presider: Send your Spirit into this broken world, into our hopeful, imperfect gathering, and on this sacred bread and wine so we may be healed and whole again and be filled with the courage to love.

All: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

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The Lord's Prayer

Presider: 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

Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Presider: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Motet

(please be seated)

Audivi Media Nocte

Thomas Tallis

A loud noise arose in the night, behold the Bridegroom arrives!

Prayer after Communion

(please stand)

Presider: Let us pray.

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

All: Glory to God, 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.

Blessing

Presider: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn #103

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Winchester New

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within.
Prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.



Presider:
The Reverend Canon Cheryl Palmer

Preacher:
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Advent Wreath Lighting:
Azure Lingham
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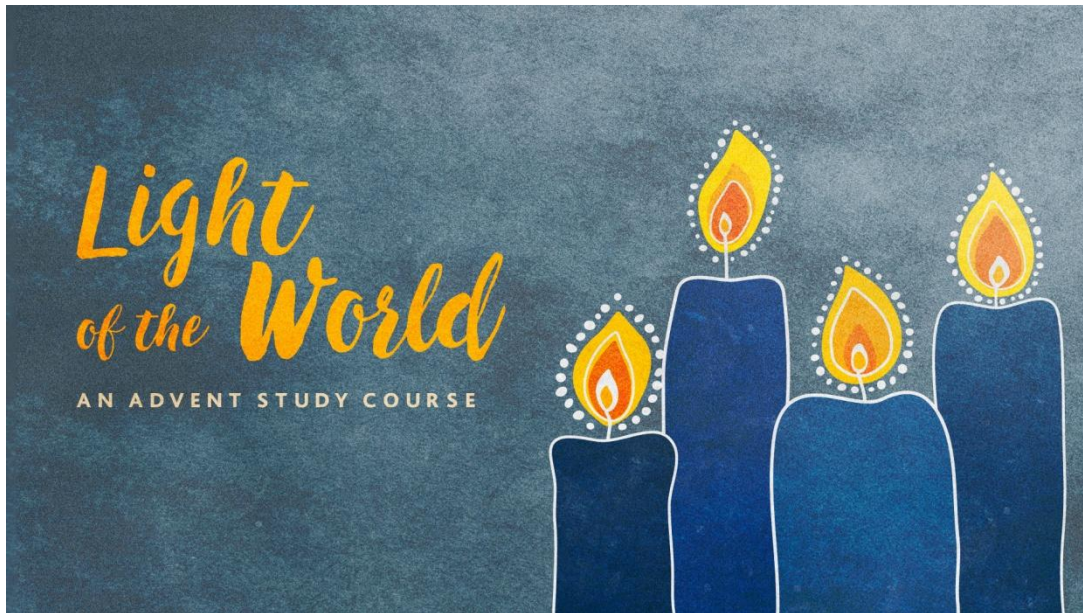
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Sonya Harper Nyby
Julia Barber
Peter Warren
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Musician:
Nick Gan

Live Stream Production:
James Finnerty

Vergers:
George Vargas-Lujan

Announcements



An Advent Study

Explore Advent through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem and the visit from the Magi. Written and presented by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School, the internationally renowned scholar and teacher breaks open the birth narratives for us to engage in rich Advent discussions. Through videos and conversations, we will explore the relationship of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt. In *Light of the World*, Levine's focus is to understand Jesus in his historical context and within his own religious tradition, Judaism. Please join us for an exciting journey of faith this Advent.

Dates: Tuesdays; November 30, December 7, 14, 21

Time: 7:00-8:30

Place: Zoom

Registration: please email Cathy Gibbs (adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org)



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SUNDAY ❄️ DECEMBER 12 ❄️ 2 PM

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and Readings by
JUDY MADDREN
and Soupepper Actor
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The **December issue** of *Spiritus* is now available. Please enjoy our newsletter [online](#) or if you are attending the service in person, please pick up a copy when you leave.

The 10:30 Service is Back!

On January 9th we will re-launch our 10:30am service, in addition to the existing 9:15am. At the 10:30am liturgy, proof of double vaccination will be required. Bishop Asbil is allowing us to institute such a liturgy in order to include and encourage everyone to attend worship, including the immune-compromised. Masks and contact tracing will still be in effect. However, in order to launch this service, we will need volunteers to help check vaccine verifications each Sunday. If you are able to help with this, please contact the office (info@christchurchdeerpark.org) or any of our wardens. No proof of vaccination is needed to attend church at 9:15am.

With a “vaccine verification service” at 10:30am, we look forward to seeing many more of you in attendance each Sunday. An added feature of the first rebooted service will be the introduction of our new interim Director of Music. Come out to meet and welcome him.

**JAZZ
VESPERS
IS BACK!**



JAZZ VESPERS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
4:30 PM**

'A Charlie Brown Christmas'

Join us for a special Christmas Jazz Vespers with

John Sherwood (piano),

Brian Barlow (drums)

& Scott Alexander (bass)

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The Reimagine Rummage sale team has been meeting virtually since early 2021. However, as things have slowly begun to reopen we got a chance to meet in person this Fall and we have an exciting announcement: the Rummage Sale will be returning! It's going to look a little bit different from previous years as we adapt to the pandemic context, but we promise the same great selection and prices. The sale will occur in April of 2022, which is exciting because April is Earth Month and this event is a chance to reuse & recycle, and celebrate CCDP's commitment to the environment. Please start bringing your gently used clothes, shoes, and accessories to the church on the advertised dates starting in the new year.

Key Dates:

Saturday January 8th: First Saturday to bring your rummage to CCDP between the hours of 12-4 (there will be more Saturdays to follow)

Saturday April 23rd: Rummage Sale



A bus uses approximately 9 litres of fuel per 100 kilometers. A 747 plane uses approximately 1200 litres of fuel per 100 kilometers. Therefore going by bus is 133 times kinder for the environment.



Truth and Reconciliation Working Group

The Diocese of Toronto's annual Faithworks Campaign in 2020 included funding that provided 854 Indigenous Peoples with pastoral, outreach and mentoring support, and 20 families in the Pikangikum First Nations community with clean water and sanitation services. Donations may be made to Faithworks at <https://Faithworks.ca>. Donations may be directed to a particular area, and may be attributed to the parish by entering the parish name in the comments box.

YORKMINSTER PARK BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS



Friday, December 10 | 8:00pm

**A FREE, LIVESTREAM EVENT IN SUPPORT OF
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Brett Polegato, internationally acclaimed, operatic baritone
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (*ho-den-oh-show-nee*), and Anishinabek (*ah-nish-nah-bek*) Nations, and most recently, the territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. This territory is part of the *Dish with One Spoon Treaty*, an agreement between the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee, and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, Toronto is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (*North America*) and we seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations with them as we meet and worship on this territory. We are grateful for the resources we are using, and honour all the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people who have been living on this land since time immemorial.

! VISITOR INFORMATION



Hearing Assistance Devices are located on the table beside the bell-tower entrance.

Large Print Orders of Service are available.

Happening this week at Christ Church Deer Park:

Tuesday, December 7

7:00 pm Advent Study - Zoom

Wednesday, December 8

7:30 am Holy Eucharist – In Person

Sunday, December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Children and Youth meet in the Arthur Smith room for C/Y Ministry--also available online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/545018894?pwd=TIhuRVBram51b2ZtQkg1SDdBN1IKQT09#success>

9:15 am Holy Eucharist – In Person & Live Stream

2:00 pm Glad Tidings Concert



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