

Christ Church Deer Park

December 25, 2021

Christmas Day

9:00 am



WELCOME!

We are glad that you can
celebrate Christmas with us!

At Christ Church Deer Park 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 in as we celebrate
Christmas together.



Welcome & Gathering

We gather as a community, meeting God and each other.

Opening Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light,
lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
very God, begotten not created: *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest: *Refrain*

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to the be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

The Greeting

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: The people who walked in darkness

All: have seen a great light.

Officiant: For to us a child is born

All: to us a Son is given.

Officiant: His name will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

All: the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Officiant: Glory to God in the highest
All: and peace to his people on earth.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: Let us pray.
Gracious God, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem, may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God now and for ever.

All: Amen

Carol The First Nowell

The First Nowell

The first nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

Listening to God

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Of Eternal Love Begotten

Divinum Mysterium

Of eternal love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessed,
when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bare the Saviour of our race,
and the babe, the world's redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heaven adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
all dominions bow before him,
and extol our God and king;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore.

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be,
honour, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory, evermore and evermore.

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 John

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. *John 1: 1-14*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Message

Motet Whence is that Goodly Fragrance

Baker

*Whence is the goodly fragrance flowing,
Stealing our senses all away,
never the like did come a-blowing,
Shepherds, in flow'ry fields of May,
Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing,
Stealing our senses all away.*

*What is that light so brilliant, breaking
Here in the night across our eyes.
Never so bright, the day-star waking,
Started to climb the morning skies!*

*What is that light so brilliant, breaking,
Here in the night across our eyes.*

*Bethlehem! there in manger lying,
Find your Redeemer haste away,
Run ye with eager footsteps vieing!
Worship the Saviour born today.
Bethlehem! there in manger lying,
Find your Redeemer haste away.*

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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

Leader: As we gather rejoicing in the love of God that has taken flesh among us in Christ Jesus, let us confidently bring to the Lord, petitions of our hearts this Christmas night. Please respond to *Let us pray to the Lord* saying **Hear us Lord.**

The Peace

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

All And also with you.

Prayers in Place of the Celebration of the Eucharist

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Officiant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: How we long to gather in community at the table that you have prepared.

Officiant: How we long to eat of the bread and drink from the cup, and, in this way, proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. But since we cannot now come together to embrace each other and receive the sacrament of communion, we pray instead:

All: Help us to trust and embrace the unity we have with you and with one another, for you have gathered us together like a hen gathers her chicks under the strength of her wings.

Officiant: May we hold to the hope you give us through your resurrection, may we embrace the new life you breathe into us, and may we move from this time together, burning with your justice, peace, and love. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

All: Amen.

Officiant: Because you are one with us, O Christ, make us one with you as we pray the prayer you taught us:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; 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

The Blessing

Officiant: May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the magi, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

Priest: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

Antioch

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive the King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns:
let us glad songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.



Officiant:
The Reverend Robert Gorham

Preacher:
Ali McIntosh

Reader:
Pat Butler

Gospeller:
The Reverend Canon Cheryl Palmer

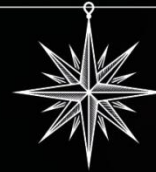
Intercessor:
Vivia Kay Kieswetter

Interim Director of Music:
Dermot Muir

Soloists:
Sonya Harper Nyby
Gwenna Fairchild-Taylor
Peter Warren

Announcements

CHRISTMAS 2021 AT CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK



UPDATED SCHEDULE as of December 22

CHRISTMAS EVE – DECEMBER 24th

4:00 pm

ONLINE on ZOOM

A Christmas Service with Pageant, for young families. Register online at www.christchurchdeerpark.org and join in via Zoom.

9:00 pm

IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAMED

A traditional Christmas Eve Liturgy with Choir, Carols and Communion. Vaccine certification with identification required. Reserve your free ticket online.

PLEASE NOTE!

Vaccine certification with identification required for the in-person service. **Limited space** available. Reserve your **free ticket online**.

CHRISTMAS DAY – DECEMBER 25th

9:00 am

ONLINE on ZOOM

Begin your Christmas Day with a liturgy of Carols with the Christmas Story and Sermon. Join in via Zoom.

BOXING DAY – DECEMBER 26th

9:15 am

ONLINE on ZOOM

Online Christmas Carol Service. Join in via Zoom.

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Music Leadership at CCDP

Ours is a parish that values a vast array of music. Whether traditional, contemporary, or jazz, the liturgical music of Christ Church enriches the faith of many of us, as well as draws in newcomers. Thus, every effort is made to offer engaging and uplifting music. None of this occurs without the leadership of a good and strong musician.

CCDP has been fortunate to have gifted musicians leading our choir over the years. However, since September of 2020 when Matthew Otto left, we have had a number of Interim Directors of Music. With the pandemic in full force and the choir “working from home”, we have not launched a search for a permanent Director of Music. This will soon change. In the new year the Management Team will strike a search committee for a new organist and Director of Music who we hope will be able to begin soon after Easter.

In the meantime, we have engaged a new Interim Director of Music, who will be with us until Easter. Nicholas Wanstall is a young, new graduate with a lot of enthusiasm and eagerness, who is keen to get started working at CCDP. I am thankful we have this opportunity to have Nicholas with us, because we have a role (as a strong musical parish) to raise up and encourage vibrant, new vocations. In nurturing his ministry as a young organist, we can offer a gift to the wider church.



Born in 1999 in Toronto, Ontario, Nicholas began taking piano lessons at a very young age with his grandmother, Arden Broadhurst. He started singing in the Bach Children's Chorus during grade school, and this sparked his passion for choral music. In Grade 7 Nicholas began his studies at St. Michael's Choir School in downtown Toronto where he developed a love for and knowledge of sacred choral repertoire. During his time at the Choir School, Nicholas also learned to play the pipe organ under the direction of his first organ teacher, Peter Daly.

After high school, Nicholas continued his studies at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Music, completing a bachelor's degree in Organ Performance with a minor in Composition. He studied organ with John Tuttle and composition with Roger Bergs, two fantastic musicians and educators. Nicholas now works professionally as an organist, pianist, singer, conductor, composer, arranger, and as an audio and video editor.

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.



Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring except for... Mrs. Claus, who was trying to find the wrapping paper, and the ribbon, and all she could see in that cupboard, (you know which one) were items that should be in the CCDP Reimagine Rummage Sale!

We are ready to accept donations. Please bring your gently used items to the heath street office entrance of the church on any of the following dates:

-January 8th 12-4pm.

-January 22nd 12-4pm.

-February 12th 12-4pm

And don't forget to save the date for our rummage sale on **April 23rd, 2022.**

The Reimagine Rummage team thanks you for your support!



Truth and Reconciliation Working Group

The Huron Carol is a well-known Canadian Christmas carol which presents the birth of Jesus from an Indigenous perspective. However, the English lyrics we know do not reflect Huron-Wendat spirituality and in fact the term 'Gitchi Manitou' is actually Algonquian, not Wendat at all. While some Wendat people find the song offensive, others continue to sing the original version, which was written in Wendat and reflects traditional Huron-Wendat worldviews much more than the English version does. For more on the history of the carol, see this article: <https://broadview.org/the-complex-history-of-the-huron-carol/>.

Got kids with big questions? We welcome them!

- Our youth aged 10-17 gather on Sunday mornings from 9:15- 10:15.
- Be part of a welcoming, encouraging, and supportive group of amazing kids!
- email our Children and Youth Coordinator Vivian Kay Kieswetter for more information and for a zoom link at:

vkay@christchurchdeerpark.org





Our light has come, the true light which enlightens everyone is here, and it shines in the darkness of our lives, and the darkness will not overcome it. Unto us a child is born, and the cry of that babe is our sign of hope.

A joyous and blessed Christmas and a hope-filled New Year to you and all whom you love.

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:

**Sunday, December 26 – 1st Sunday after
Christmas**

9:15 am Christmas Carol Service – Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3936684248?pwd=OUd6a0ZuNk55dEZ3WEExWQ2s1MmRaQT09>



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