

# Christ Church Deer Park

December 10, 2023  
Advent Lessons & Carols  
10:30 am



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## 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.



**Hello!** Whether this is your first time through our doors or your one thousandth, we are glad you are here! At our church you are welcome to participate as much or as little as you are comfortable doing.

**So, what is our community like?** Well, we are a church community from different generations and different walks of life. We are here because we want to follow Jesus and live in community with one another and our neighbours in this little corner of Toronto. We care deeply about feeding the hungry and welcoming refugees; we affirm that all people, including our LGBTQ2SI+ siblings, are made in the image of God and should be included in all the practices of our life of faith; and, no matter where we are on our spiritual journeys, we strive to lament together, rejoice together, and hold each other up on this journey of faith and life.

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*Prayer Circle* – Jan D'Angelo, Coordinator

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*9:15am Coffee Hour* – Zara Arvini, Coordinator

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*Spiritus* – Emily Chatten, Melissa Walter &

*Christmas Sale* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

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## Prelude

**Introit**            The Truth From Above

*Vaughn Williams*

## **Processional Hymn #101**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*Crüger*

Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth.  
Before him on the mountains  
shall peace the herald go,  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing.  
To him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend,  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-best.

The tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove.  
His name shall stand forever:  
that name to us is Love.

### **A Bidding Prayer for Advent**

Presider: Beloved in Christ, as we enter the season of Advent and await the great festival of Christmas, let us gather this day to proclaim and receive in our hearts the good news of the coming of God's Kingdom; and so prepare ourselves to celebrate with confidence, the joy of our Saviour's birth. Let us hear, in lessons from Holy Scripture, how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem his waiting people. Let us rejoice in our carols and hymns that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will bring his people and all things into the glory of God's eternal Kingdom; where the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the Gospel is proclaimed.

But first, let us pray for the world which God so loves, especially for those in need of his care and protection: the sick in body, mind or spirit; those who suffer from loss of dignity or loss of hope; those who live with war and violence; those who face the future with fear, or walk in the shadow of death. And we pray for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may be freed from all evil and fear, and may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God, giving thanks for Christ's kingdom; its works of justice and its promise of peace, its blessing and its hope. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God, in the words which Christ himself 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.**

**First Lesson**    *Our fall from grace*

*Read by Nigel Johnson*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you

shall die.” But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ He said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ He said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?’ The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.’ Then the Lord God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’ The Lord God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.’ To the woman he said, ‘I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband.’ And to the man he said, ‘Because you have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, “You shall not eat of it, cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.’ The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all who live. And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. Then the Lord God said, ‘See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever.’

*Genesis 3: 1-15*

## **Anthem**

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

*Poston*

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
laden with fruit and always green:  
the trees of nature fruitless be  
compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:  
by faith I know, but ne'er can tell  
the glory which I now can see  
in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
and pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see  
'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,  
here I will sit and rest a while:  
under the shadow I will be,  
of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
it keeps my dying faith alive;  
which makes my soul in haste to be  
with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

## **Second Lesson**

*Read by Mary Bredin*

*God comforts the people and calls them to prepare for redemption*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

## **Hymn #100**

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

*Psalm 42*

Comfort, comfort ye my people; speak ye peace: thus says your God.  
Comfort those who sit in darkness bowed beneath oppression's load;

Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them:  
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Hark! The herald's voice is calling in the desert far and near,  
calling us to new repentance since the reign of God is here.  
Oh, the warning call obey! Now prepare for Christ away;  
let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked; make the rougher places plain.  
Let your hearts be true and humble as befits Messiah's reign.  
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
and all flesh shall see the token that God's Word is never broken.

### Third Lesson

*Read by Ruwani de Fonseka*

*The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look east because salvation is near*

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

*Baruch 4: 36-5:9*

### Hymn #91 v. 1, 4, 5

People, Look East! The Time is Near

*Besançon*

People, look east! The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch: when night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

**Fourth Lesson**     *God's peaceful kingdom is foreshown*

*Read by Elsa Jones*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

*Isaiah 11: 1-9*

**Hymn #117**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

*Es ist ein' Ros*

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.  
It came, a blossom bright amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.



Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Saviour,  
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispel in glorious splendour the darkness everywhere;  
true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,  
and share our every load.

**Fifth Lesson** *The Angel Gabriel announces the birth of Jesus to Mary* Read by Katherine MacDonald

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. *Luke 1: 26-38*

**Anthem**

Fair in Face

*Healey Willan*

Fair in face, but fairer far in thy faith, blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary;  
despising the world, thou shalt rejoice with the angels:  
Pray thou for us all. O holy and spotless maidenhood,  
I wot not how to praise thee. Pray thou for us all.

**Sixth Lesson** *John the Baptist proclaims the coming Messiah* Read by The Rev. Cathy Gibbs

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the

baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."  
*Mark 1:1-8*

## Hymn #102

Prepare the Way, O Zion

*Bereden Väg För Herran*

Prepare the way, O Zion,  
your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley  
a level way appear.  
Greet one who comes in glory,  
foretold in sacred story.

### *Refrain*

Oh, blest is Christ that came  
in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion;  
he comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom,  
and justice, truth, and love.  
Lift high your praise resounding,  
for grace and joy abounding. *[Refrain]*

Fling wide your gates, O Zion;  
your Saviour's rule embrace.  
His tidings of salvation  
proclaim in every place.  
All lands will bow before him  
their voices will adore him. *[Refrain]*

## Homily

## Sharing What We Have

Presider: We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.  
In the upside down world of the gospel,  
we measure our wealth not by what we have,  
but what we can give away.  
Let us give away generously, in this offering,  
To bless your church, your people, your creation. Amen.

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## Sharing What We Have

We give as an expression of gratitude for all that God has done for us  
and because God has designed us to be givers.

### Ways to Give Financially

- Through automatic monthly credit card or pre-authorized debit donations  
please contact [bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:bookkeeper@christchurchdeerpark.org) if you are interested in setting up a monthly offering
- Cash or cheque made out to *Christ Church Deer Park*
- Debit/credit via the mobile credit machine at the back of the church
- E-transfer to [donations@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:donations@christchurchdeerpark.org)
- Online via Canada Helps (scan the QR code to the right to be brought to the website)



We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this parish.

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### Collection 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.

### **Closing Collect**

Presider: O God, who makes us glad, with the yearly expectation of the coming of your only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so may we behold him with sure confidence when he shall come to be our judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Advent Blessing**

Presider: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Saviour Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: May he whose Second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn #95**

O Come, Divine Messiah

*Venez, Divin Messie*

O come, divine Messiah;  
the world in silence waits the day  
when hope shall sing its triumph  
and sadness flee away.

*Refrain:*

Dear Saviour, haste! Come, come to earth.  
Dispel the night and show your face,  
and bid us hail the dawn of grace.  
O come, Divine Messiah;  
the world in silence waits the day  
when hope shall sing its triumph  
and sadness flee away.

O Christ, whom nations sign for,  
whom priest and prophet long foretold,  
come, break the captives' fetters,  
redeem the long-lost fold. *[Refrain]*

You come in peace and meekness  
and lowly will your cradle be;  
all clothed in human weakness  
shall we your Godhead see. *[Refrain]*

## **Dismissal**

Presider: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*Communion is available in the chapel for all who wish to partake.*

*And please join us upstairs in Elliott Hall for Coffee Hour!*

### ***Memorial Flowers***

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Samuel and Kathleen Thompson  
and Edward Saunders.

Presider:  
The Reverend Ali McIntosh

Preacher:  
The Venerable Cheryl Palmer

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Edward Cockerton

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Melissa Walter  
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Ted Southey  
Richard Wu

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Pat Butler

Vergers:  
Rikk Scapillato

# Announcements

- 1. UPCOMING JAZZ VESPERS:** Join us on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm for a festive Jazz Vespers as The Brian Barlow Big Band perform Ellington's *Nutcracker*!
- 2. HOPE IS A VERB (ADVENT STUDY):** Advent is the time we set aside to prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus and it is always easier to do this in community. So please join us as we actively hope for change and newness in our lives anticipating the birth of our redeemer. *Dates:* December 5, 12, 19 *Time:* 7-8pm *Place:* Zoom *Registration:* Email Cathy ([cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org)) to be put on the list.
- 3. SATURDAY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** is in need of winter socks, sweaters, hoodies, winter coats, shoes, boots, slippers, gloves, hats, scarves for our guests. We are also looking for toiletries (soap, body wash, lip care, lotion, shampoo). Please leave in the bins at the Bell tower door or Yonge street door. Our guests are very appreciative – thank you!
- 4. CONGREGATIONAL CARE DRIVERS NEEDED:** We are looking for a few more “drivers” we can add to our list, who upon occasion, can assist with providing a ride to church for fellow parishioners. This does not have to be an every week commitment, as we currently have a “pool” of drivers, but it would be very helpful having additional help when the need arises. Please contact Carl Wehniainen at [communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org) or 647-808-5631.
- 5. CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS & GREENERY:** If you would like to contribute towards the purchasing of poinsettias and greenery for our Christmas Services in memory of a loved one, please designate ‘Christmas flowers’ on your envelope and include with your gift the name(s) you’d like printed in the Christmas bulletins. Donations for flowers & greenery will be accepted until December 17<sup>th</sup>. You may include a donation for flowers & greenery with your normal offering; simply indicate the amount that is to go towards Christmas flowers. Thank you!
- 6. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** Looking to support Indigenous artists and makers as you shop for Christmas presents? Toronto has a number of shops featuring authentic Indigenous art, home goods, and other gifts. Some options include: Pacha Indigenous Art Collection (789 Dundas St. W), the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto's Cedar Basket Gift Shop (16 Spadina Rd.), and Mino Bimaadiziwin Indigenous Art Market (1107 Queen St. E).

- 7. CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** The holidays are all about gathering together with friends and family over lots of food! While breaking bread together is important (nay, biblical!), all of us can endeavour to be mindful about food waste and the environmental impact of our consumption choices. Food production is the biggest cause of tropical deforestation – tips to reduce waste include planning ahead, being realistic about how much food you need, using leftovers, and having re-usable containers on hand for food storage. Additionally, poultry is in the top 10 most wasted foods; the livestock industry as a whole generates 14.5% of all human-made greenhouse gas emissions and requires huge amounts of space, water, and feed. Eating more plants or being extra careful about wasting any meat products are good ways to honour the planet this Christmas. [“Top Tips For A Sustainable Christmas”, [wwf.org.uk](http://wwf.org.uk)]
- 8. CHURCHES ON THE HILL FOOD BANK:** Every holiday season, the Churches on the Hill Food Bank (of which CCDP is a supporting partner), requests donations to help make Christmas a bit more festive for the clients who rely on the food bank for provisions. A gift of \$30 will help a family in need. Donations can be made directly to the food bank ([www.cothfoodbank.ca](http://www.cothfoodbank.ca)) or you can drop your gift in the offering plate at CCDP, but please indicate it should go towards the Churches on the Hill Food Bank.





# Advent & Christmas



## **December 3 - The First Sunday of Advent**

*With guest preacher Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat*

8:00am Holy Eucharist (*Book of Common Prayer*)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Holy Eucharist

4:30pm Jazz Vespers (*A Charlie Brown Christmas*)

## **December 10 - The Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00am Holy Eucharist (*Book of Common Prayer*)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Advent Lessons & Carols

## **December 17 - The Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00am Holy Eucharist (*Book of Common Prayer*)

9:15am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Holy Eucharist

4:30pm Jazz Vespers (*Duke Ellington's Nutcracker*)

## **December 24 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve**



9:00am Holy Eucharist (Advent IV)

4:00pm Family Service *with children's story*

7:00pm Casual, Contemporary Service

9:00pm Traditional Holy Eucharist

*We'll have one morning service for Advent IV, and then our usual three Christmas Eve services.*

## **December 25 - Christmas Day**

9:00am Traditional Holy Eucharist

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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

**Wednesday, December 13**

11:00am Holy Eucharist  
*In person, followed by lunch*

**Saturday, December 16**

8-9am Community Breakfast

**Sunday, December 17**

8:00am Holy Eucharist  
*In person*

9:15am Holy Eucharist  
& Sunday School  
*In person*

10:30am Holy Eucharist  
*In person & Livestreamed*

4:30pm Jazz Vespers  
*In person*



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