

# Christ Church Deer Park

January 5, 2025  
The Epiphany of the Lord  
**Holy Eucharist**  
at 10:30 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.



**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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*Readers & Intercessors* – The Rev. Stephen Drakeford  
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*Climate Action Group* – Brad Lennon, Lead  
*Christmas Sale* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead

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*Truth and Reconciliation* – TBD, Lead  
*Rummage Re-Imagined* – Jayne Miles Simpson, Lead  
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**Preludes**     *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, "How Splendid Shines the Morning Star" BuxWV223 D. Buxtehude*

**Welcome & Gathering**     *(please note all hymn numbers are from Common Praise, the blue hymnal)*

**Processional Hymn #143 v. 1-3, 5**     *(please stand as you are able)*

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
you who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Refrain:*

Come and worship, come and worship  
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant Light: *Refrain*

Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations;  
you have seen his natal star: *Refrain*

Though an infant now we view him,  
he shall fill th'eternal throne,  
gather all the nations to him;  
every knee shall then bow down: *Refrain*

**Gathering**     *(please remain standing)*

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.**

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his  
 peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly, King, Al - might - y,  
 God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks,  
 we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:  
 re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the  
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: *New Plainsong*, David Hurd, © 1981, GIA Publications, Inc.

## The Collect of the Day

Presider: Eternal God, who by a star led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may know your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

**All: Our hearts and minds are open.**

## Listening to God – The Lesson

*(please be seated)*

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 72 v. 1-7, 10-14

G. Johnston

*The refrain is first sung by the cantor, then by all.*

Refrain:



Lord, ev - ery na - tion on earth will a - dore you.

Cantor: Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;  
That he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;  
that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the little hills bring righteousness. *Refrain*

He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor  
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another. *Refrain*

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.  
In his time shall the righteous flourish;  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. *Refrain*

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.  
All kings shall bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.  
For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,  
and the oppressed who has no helper. *Refrain*

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight. *Refrain*

**Sequence Hymn #158 v. 1, 2, 3**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Earth Has Many A Noble City

STUTTGART

Earth has many a noble city;  
Bethl'hem, thou dost all excel:  
out of thee the Lord from heaven  
came to rule his Israel.

Fairer than the sun at morning  
was the star that told his birth,  
to the world its God announcing  
seen in fleshly form on earth.

Eastern sages at his cradle  
make oblation rich and rare;  
see them give in deep devotion,  
gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; tr. Edward Caswall; Music: *Psalmodia Sacra*, adapt. Henry Gauntlett

## The Gospel

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Matthew 2:1-12*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sequence Hymn #158 v. 4, 5**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Earth Has Many A Noble City

STUTTGART

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:  
incense doth their God disclose,  
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,  
myrrh his sepulcher foreshows.

Jesu, whom the Gentiles worshipped  
at thy glad Epiphany,  
unto thee with God the Father  
and the Spirit glory be.

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius; tr. Edward Caswall; Music: *Psalmodia Sacra*, adapt. Henry Gauntlett

## Homily

### Music for Reflection

#### The Nicene Creed

*(please stand as you are able)*

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

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### Prayers of the People

*(please stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)*

#### Confession and Absolution

*(please continue to stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)*

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept*

Presider: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**



**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*(please remain standing)*

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

**All: And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.*

## **Sharing What We Have**

Priest: Friends, 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 by what we can give away.  
Let us give away generously, in this offering,  
to bless God's church, God's people, and God's 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*
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We are thankful for all your gifts as they sustain the life and work of this parish.

## Offertory Hymn #622

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

How bright appears the Morning Star,  
with mercy beaming from afar;  
the host of heav'n rejoices;  
O Righteous Branch, of Jesse's Rod!  
true Light of Light and God of God!  
We, too, will lift our voices:  
Jesus, Jesus! Holy, holy, yet most lowly,  
ever near us; great Emmanuel, swift to hear us.

Though circled by the hosts on high,  
you looked on us with pitying eye  
and saved your sinful creature;  
the whole creation's Head and Lord,  
by highest seraphim adored,  
you took our very nature;  
Amen, amen, alleluia, alleluia,  
praise be given evermore by earth and heaven.

Text: Philipp Nicolai; tr. and adapt. William Mercer  
Music: Philipp Nicolai; adapt. J.S. Bach

## Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

## Celebrating the Eucharist

*(please remain standing)*

The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus Mass of Comfort and Joy

based on IN DULCI JUBILO

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might, Heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

IN DULCI JUBILO  
Arr. by Kevin Keil © 2016, WLP

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

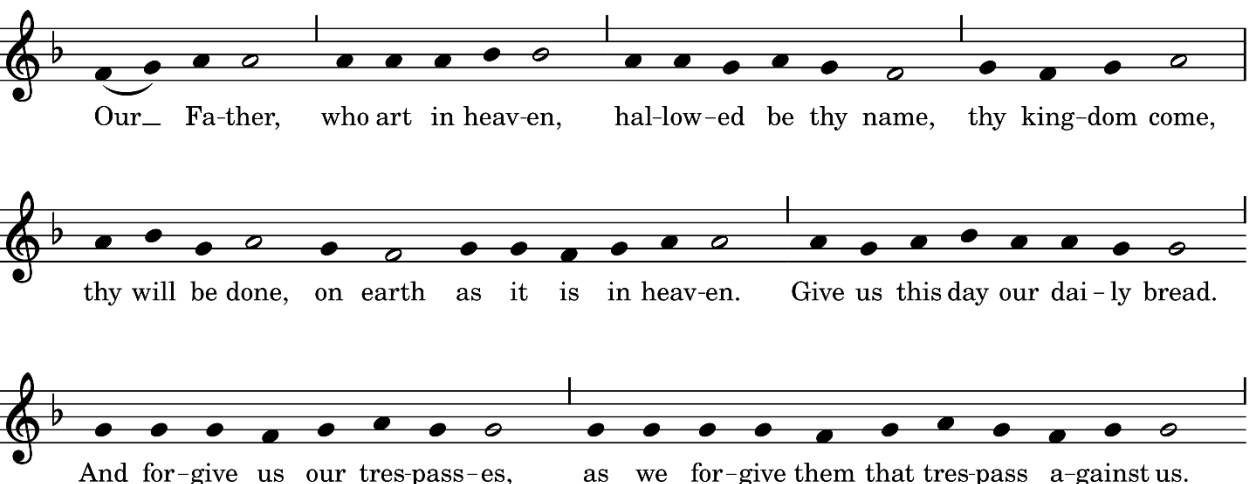
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All:** 

The Lord's Prayer

John Merbecke

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**All:** 

And lead us not in - to temp-ta-tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
 For thine is the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for-ev - er and ev-er. A - men.

### Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Presider: The gifts of God, for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(please be seated)*

**Agnus Dei** New Plainsong

David Hurd

Choir: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
 have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
 have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
 grant us peace.

## All are welcome to receive communion with us

As the sidespeople pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.

- **To receive a blessing**, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
- **To receive the bread**, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
- **To receive the wine from the cup**, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth. (Please note the dipping of bread into the wine is no longer permitted in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.)
- **If you prefer to take only the bread**, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.

## Communion Motet

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

On this day earth shall ring  
with the song children sing  
to the Lord, Christ our king,  
born on earth to save us;  
him the Father gave us.

*Ideo, Ideo,  
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

(Therefore, glory to God in the highest!)

God's bright star, o'er his head,  
wise men three to him led;  
kneel they low by his bed,  
lay their gifts before him,  
praise him and adore him. *Ideo...*

On this day angels sing;  
with their song earth shall ring,  
praising Christ, heaven's king,  
born on earth to save us;  
peace and love he gave us. *Ideo...*

Text: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582, tr. Jane M. Joseph  
Music: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582, arr. Gustav Holst

## Communion Hymn

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

All: We three kings of Orient are,  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain,  
moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

*Refrain:*

O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading,  
still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!

Lower voices: Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King for ever,  
ceasing never  
over us all to reign. *Refrain*

Upper voices: Frankincense to offer have I:  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising,  
gladly raising,  
worshipping God Most High. *Refrain*

Lower voices: Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing,  
bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

All: Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
alleluia, alleluia,  
earth to the heavens replies. *Refrain*

Text and Music: John H. Hopkins

### **Prayer after Communion**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Presider: Glory to God,  
**All: 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: May the news of the angels fill your life and your heart with great joy.  
May the star that guided the wise lead you to the truth of understanding.  
May the witness of the shepherds affirm in you the message of the Gospel.  
May the sound of the incarnate Word bring you peace and hope.  
May the presence of the holy child remind you of your own holiness.  
And may God bless you, comfort you, inspire you, as you journey into another year.

## Announcements

### Closing Hymn #160

As With Gladness Men of Old

DIX

As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped  
Saviour to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
thee, whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek the mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare  
at that cradle rude and bare;  
so may we with joyful song,  
raising voices pure and strong,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

In the heavenly country bright  
need they no created light:  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing  
alleluias to our king.

Text: William Chatterton Dix; Music: Konrad Kocher



**Dismissal**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the newborn King.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Postlude** *Noël Suisse*

Louis-Claude Daquin

*Please join us in Elliott Hall for Coffee Hour.*

***Assisting with the Liturgy***

Presider:  
Stephen Drakeford

Preacher:  
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Stefani Bedin

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Crucifer:  
Bianca Mathews

Reader:  
Pat Butler

Prayers:  
Andrew Harding

Warden on Duty:  
Paul Kingston

Sidesperson:  
Anne Welch

Livestream Technician:  
James Harding MacDonald

Vergers:  
Rikk Scapillato

### **A Poem by Chelan Harkin**

You don't have to believe in God but please collapse in wonder  
as regularly as you can  
Try and let your knowledge be side swiped by awe  
and let beauty be so persuasive you find yourself willing to lay your opinions at her feet

Darling, you don't have to believe in God but please pray for your own sake great prayers of  
thanks for the mountains, the great rivers, the roundness of the moon just because they're here at  
all  
and that you get to know them and let prayer bubble up in you as a natural thing like song in a  
bird

You don't have to have a spiritual path but do run the most sensitive part of your soul over the  
soft curves of this world with as much tenderness as you can find in yourself and let her edgeless  
ways inspire you to discover more

Just find a way that makes you want to yield yourself that you may be more open to letting  
beauty fully into your arms and feel some sacred flame inside of you that yearns toward learning  
how to build a bigger fire of love in your heart

You don't have to believe in God but get quiet enough to remember we really don't know a damn  
thing about any of it and if you can, feel a reverence to be part of This Great Something whatever  
you want to call it that is so much bigger and so far beyond the rooftops of all our knowing

## ----ANNOUNCEMENTS----

### WORSHIP

**HEALING SERVICE** on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the evening. Book your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

**CHURCH ON TAP:** We will gather together at 7pm on Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> for an hour of worship, music, and prayer – followed by a time of fellowship over snacks and beer! Please join us!

**JAZZ VESPERS:** Our January services are at 4:30pm on January 12<sup>th</sup> and January 26<sup>th</sup>. Please see our website for more details!

**JOIN OUR CHOIR:** Have you rediscovered your love of singing this Christmas? Then consider joining CCDP's choir! The parish choir (currently 18 voices) meets for weekly rehearsal from September to June on Thursday evenings from 7:00pm-9:00pm, and at 9:45am on Sunday mornings in preparation for singing at the 10:30am service and other special events. Our first rehearsal of 2025 will be on January 9<sup>th</sup> and it's a great time to come and see what we do. If you are potentially interested in joining, please contact Stefani (Director of Music) at [sbedin@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:sbedin@christchurchdeerpark.org)

### PASTORAL

**PASTORAL CALLS:** An integral part of Christian community is to support one another through times of joy and celebration and also times of grief and confusion. If you or someone you know may benefit from a call or visit from one of our clergy, please reach out to our congregational care team by email at [communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org).

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE DRIVERS NEEDED:** We are very much in need of 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; any commitment would be very helpful! Please contact Ann Atkins at [communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:communitycare@christchurchdeerpark.org)

### COMMUNITY BUILDING

**9:15AM POTLUCK:** Our potluck has been moved to Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>! Join us after the 9:15am service in Elliott Hall for fellowship and feasting.

**10:30AM RETREAT:** On Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> we'll gather after the 10:30am service in Elliott Hall for a time of reflection, prayer, and a catered lunch. Please RSVP to Rev. Stephen at [sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:sdrakeford@christchurchdeerpark.org)

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**CLIMATE ACTION GROUP:** Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) levels in the Earth's atmosphere have reached levels not seen for millions of years, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) declared in 2022. The last time CO<sub>2</sub> levels were this high, more than four million years ago, sea levels were somewhere between five and 25 metres (16-82 feet) higher than they are now, the agency adds. There's enough glacial ice in Greenland alone to raise sea levels about twenty-five feet. Greenland lost a record 12.5 billion tons of ice in just one day in August 2019.

**TRUTH & RECONCILIATION WORKING GROUP:** The search for lithium is putting new pressures on Northern Indigenous communities and the demand is being spun into a provincial "mining boom". Ontario has its first ever Critical Mining Strategy (CMS) noting the province is "blessed with exquisite deposits of nickel, lithium, platinum, cobalt and dozens of other strategically important raw materials". The move to "green tech" will seem to have major environmental impacts as explorations continue and the testing is being done on lands belonging to four First Nations: Grassy Narrows, Wapekeka, Neskantaga and Big Trout Lake. The 4 Nations have formed an alliance to defend their lands and waters from this frenzy. Despite the focus on reconciliation these First Nations are protesting that they have been disregarded in the process. (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/first-nations-mining-act-court-application-1.7292351> )

**Please note: we are looking for more participants for the Truth & Reconciliation Working Group.** This group helps inform our congregation about current developments in Indigenous Reconciliation, especially where they pertain to the Anglican Church of Canada's historic and current relationship with Indigenous communities. Please email Cathy if you are interested, have suggestions, or have questions: [cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org](mailto:cgibbs@christchurchdeerpark.org)





## 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, January 8**  
11am Holy Eucharist (BCP)

**Saturday, January 11**  
8-9:30am Community Breakfast

**Sunday, January 12**  
8:00am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
9:15am Contemporary Worship

10:30am Holy Baptism (BAS)  
*In person & Livestreamed*



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