



Leaside Presbyterian Church

***To grow in relationship with Jesus Christ,
so that we feel loved and share God's love with others.***

Second Sunday in Advent - The Lord's Supper

December 07, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

**please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE *Fantasy on Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland
by Nicolaus Bruhns*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

The Time of Centering: We use this time to make the transition between "getting here" and "being here." Take these few moments of quiet to get in touch with the calm places, the still, deep places in you where God dwells. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind. Take a deep breath in and say "Jesus." Take a deep breath out and let go of any thoughts. Repeat. Be aware of being with others. Feel the spirit of community in this moment of silence.

CALL TO WORSHIP

See the insert - peace

After the prayer, we sing:

He came down that we may have peace (x3)

Hallelujah forevermore

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

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of hope,
we confess that too often
we prefer darkness to light,
and our plans to your principles.
We have distorted the truth and accepted half-truths.
We have praised our own cleverness rather than
your glory.
We have neglected neighbours,
abused the earth,
and chosen strife instead of peace.
In your mercy,
hear our silent confession of sin; *(silence is held)*
forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct who we shall be. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow
to anger, abounding in love.

**All: As far as the east is from the west, so far has
God removed our sins from us.**

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*HYMN

People in darkness No.124

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear your word with joy.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:1-5 OT pg.631

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: But the Word of the Lord stands forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gaudete

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:1-18 NT pg.34

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Voice Crying in the Wilderness

*HYMN

All who hunger, gather gladly No.534

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

OFFERING

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

*DOXOLOGY

Shout to the Lord

All the earth, let us sing

Power and majesty, praise to the King
mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
nothing compares to the promise I have in You

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you;

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts;

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

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

(the prayer continues concluding with the words below)

One: Therefore, with choirs of angels
and archangels and with those of
every time and place, we give you
praise and glory:

Verse 6 of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" No. 122

*Oh come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

(the prayer continues concluding with the words below)

One: And so, remembering Christ's life, love, death,
and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery
of faith

All: Christ was born.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

(the prayer continues concluding with the words below)

One: As Christ taught his disciples we now pray together:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. AMEN

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN

Hark the glad sound No.118

*SENDING

One: go now to feed the world.
As those who have been given hope,
bring hope in place of despair.

All: May God help us to do so.

One: And always remember that we are never cut off from the Source.

The Bread of Life, the True Vine is with us always. And so we always share in Hope's Banquet.

**All: Thanks be to the One who hosts the banquet!
Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION

Sing amen No. 264

Sing amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Sing amen: Amen, amen,
amen, amen,
amen, we praise your name, O God.

Following the sung benediction, feel free to make your way to the Glebe Community Room for refreshments or to the back of the sanctuary to greet the minister or to remain seated to listen to the postlude.

POSTLUDE:

Toccata on Veni Emmanuel
by Adolphus Hailstork

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Nancy

Scripture: Nancy

Usher: Kathy

Coffee Hour: Caroline

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to Leaside Presbyterian Church. Whether you have come to worship in person or online, we are grateful to be connected as we worship together.
- A special welcome to the **Rev. Barry Van Dusen** and **Peggy**. Barry's association with our church is now as minister-in-association (MIA). This was approved by presbytery at the session's request. As MIA, Barry will continue to be a helpful resource to LPC by offering pastoral support to staff and congregation. Barry will also be offering the sermon this morning.
- **Advent** is a four-week period before Christmas when the church prepares to look back and celebrate the coming of Jesus as well as look forward to the fulfillment of God's purposes when one day the

kingdom of God will be here fully. Paul will host an **Advent lunch-and-learn** today and the next two Sundays in the Glebe Community Room from 12:30pm - 1:30pm. Today's advent theme is peace. Please bring a bag lunch.

- Please take an **origami star** from the Christmas box in the narthex to put on the Christmas tree to symbolize your generous contributions in 2025 towards **PWS&D** (Presbyterian World Service & Development) and **Presbyterians Sharing**. More details are in the weekly newsletter.
- As the year soon comes to an end, the session and board of managers of LPC are grateful for the signs of new life in our church which are a gift from God. As the year will soon come to an end, we would like to invite you to consider prayerfully making a **special offering to our church** (if you are able and feel so moved). Our offerings this past year have been much improved compared to 2024, however, they remain \$25K below what we have budgeted. If you can help us reduce this shortfall before year-end, it would be received with gratitude.
- **Annual Winter Coat Drive for Evangel Hall.** Please consider donating any near new or new articles of winter outer wear, heavy sweaters, warm socks, winter caps, scarves or new underwear. Place in the box outside of the church office. If you have any questions please speak to Nancy W., Marg R. or Rev. Paul.
- **Thank you to Mary, Nancy and others** who helped organize and promote The Knitting Pilgrim. Over seventy people attended the show on Wednesday. A special **thank you to Keith** for his A/V help.
- **"Be still and know that I am God!"** (Psalm 46:10). Learn how to still your mind and your heart through the spiritual practice of Centering Prayer. Join us online at

9am for twenty minutes every Wednesday. Email paul@leasidepc.ca for a Zoom link.

- **LPC Website Update:** Please be aware that Susan Rogers will be taking random candid images for the LPC website over the next several weeks. Some may be taken during the service, some at coffee time, and some at special events. All images are for the use of LPC only. Please pay no attention to the woman behind the camera.
- **WOMEN OF LEASIDE:** Please mark your calendars for our annual Women's Days Away Weekend. Crieff Hills Retreat Centre has been booked for October 23rd to 25th, 2026. Of course there's no need to commit this far in advance, but please make note of the dates. More info will come your way next spring.
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on both the website and on Facebook.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday December 7, 10:30am

- 2nd Sunday in Advent - The Lord's Supper

Sunday December 14, 10:30am

- 3rd Sunday in Advent - Lessons and Carols

Sunday December 21, 10:30am

- 4th Sunday in Advent

Wednesday December 24, 7:00 pm

- Christmas Eve Service

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude and humility this land on which Leaside Presbyterian Church ministers. Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to worship on this land. Wherever we are, we acknowledge the privilege of inheriting this land from those who have gone before us.

Wherever we are,
we recognize the responsibility of caring for
this land to pass on to those who come after us.
We are grateful for this gift of being on this land.