



# Leaside Presbyterian Church

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

**Third Sunday in Advent  
December 14, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.  
LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE**

\*please stand as you are able

## **PRELUDE**

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme  
("Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us"), BWV 645 by J. S. Bach

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **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 say "mercy" as you relax and let go of any thoughts. Repeat. Feel the spirit of community in this moment of silence.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

PWS&D ADVENT LITURGY - Joy (please See the insert)

*He came down (To be sung together)*

*He came down that we may have joy (x3)*

*Hallelujah forevermore*

\*CAROL *Once in Royal David's City No. 166,  
arr. David Willcocks,  
(Jessica Sherman, verse 1 soloist, vs. 2,3,4 sung by all)*

## **BIDDING PRAYER**

### **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, the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. AMEN**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

FIRST LESSON *Genesis 3:8-15,17-19*

*Adam and Eve disobey God's command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation*

CAROL *O little town of Bethlem No. 165, vs. 1, 4*

SECOND LESSON *Genesis 22:15-18*

*God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed*

CAROL *Long ago, prophets knew No. 121, vs. 1, 2*

THIRD LESSON *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

*The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah*

CHOIR *Myn Lyking by R. R. Terry*

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

*The Messiah will come from the root of Jesse to restore the peace of creation*

CAROL *Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel No.122, vs. 1, 7*

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-35, 38

*An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child*

SOLO

*Gesu, Bambino by Pietro Yon*

Paul Williamson, soloist

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1, 3-7

*Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Mary gives birth to her child*

CHOIR

*Gaudete*

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-16

*Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah*

CHOIR

*Torches by John Joubert*

EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2:1-11

*Magi from the East come seeking the Messiah and offer gifts to the baby Jesus*

CAROL

*In the bleak midwinter No. 145, vs. 1, 2, 4*

NINTH LESSON

John 1:1-14

*The Word of God becomes flesh and lives among us, full of grace and truth*

\*CAROL

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, No.139*

arr. David Willcocks, vs. 1, 3

**OFFERING**

*In Dulci Jubilo ("In sweet rejoicing")*

*by Marcel Dupre*

**\*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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: God can bring something out of nothing.  
From a seemingly dead stump, life can sprout  
anew.

**All: "A shoot shall come out from the stump of  
Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his  
roots."**

**We claim the impossible possibility of the new  
creation!**

**\*CAROL**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful No. 159  
arr. David Willcocks, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5*

**\*BENEDICTION**

One: Follow the light of hope's guiding star.

**All: Seek the child.**

One: Listen to the words of a heavenly host.

**All: Find the child.**

One: Offer as gifts the best that you have.

**All: Serve the child.**

One: Peace be among us.

**All: God be with us. Amen.**

**\*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:**

*In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729 by J. S. Bach*

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**WORSHIP HOSTS**

Vestry Elder: Caroline Scripture: Many voices

Usher: Weida

Coffee Hour: Isobel and Paula

**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.
- Today is our annual **Lessons and Carols** service. Please note: the titles of the lessons and carols will

not be announced. Please follow along in your bulletin or on the screen.

- Thank you **Conrad and the Choir** as well as all who are participating in the service today.
- **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 in the Glebe Community Room from 12:30pm - 1:30pm exploring the Advent theme of joy. Please bring a bag lunch. All are welcome.
- 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.
- **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.
- 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. If you are able and feel so moved, please consider making **a special offering to our**

**church** to help us meet our annual budget. Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting our church.

- Please ensure that any donations sent by e-transfer for 2025 are received by Dec 31 to be credited to the 2025 tax year. Any cheques dropped off at the church must be dated Dec 31/25 (or before) to be included in the 2025 offerings.
- If you have any outstanding receipts that need reimbursement, please forward those to the office by Dec 19 for payment this year.
- **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.
- **“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](mailto:paul@leasidepc.ca) for a Zoom link.
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on both the website and on Facebook.
- Happy birthday to **Helen** and all who will be celebrating birthdays this week. If we forgot to include your name here, please let the office know.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **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

### **Sunday December 28, 10:30am**

- 1st Sunday after Christmas with the Rev. Bill Elliott

## **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.