Leaside
Presbyterian Church

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

First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2026 - 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

CALL TO WORSHIP
Please see bulletin insert – First Sunday in Advent
Hope

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

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Begin in silence
We confess, Surprising God, that our sense of anticipation has been dulled. We have ceased to expect any wonders from your hand. We do not see the marvels around us in the people and happenings we view as commonplace. We are not alert to your presence or your action within us. Wake us up, God, lest sleep be our death. Pardon and redeem us. Send

your light that it may shine through us into a needy world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***HYMN** *Give us, O God, the grace to see No. 335*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

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

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 64:1-9 OT pg.694

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: But the Word of the Lord stands forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC Saviour of the Nations, Come by Ambrose of Milan and Martin Luther

SCRIPTURE Mark 13:24-37 NT pg.50

One: The Word of the Lord**.**

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The End of Things

***HYMN** *People, look east No.125*

OFFERING

One: We offer our gifts to God in gratitude,

All: trusting God to multiply what we bring.

OFFERTORY *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659*
by J. S. Bach

***DOXOLOGY**

He came down that we may have hope (x3)
Hallelujah forevermore

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Salt Prayer**

"The cure for anything is salt water –
sweat,tears, or the sea." - Isak Dinesen

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**

***HYMN** *Christ is coming No.795*

***SENDING**

One: We are looking for God in our world.
All: **May we see what God wants us to see.**
One: We are looking for God in our lives.
All: **May we be who God wants us to be.**
One: And may God our Shepherd, Protectors, Awakener, and Holy Spirit,
All: **bless us through these Advent days. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

***SUNG BENEDICTION** *Hope is a star (v. 1) No. 119*

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
Leading us on till the morning is bright.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

POSTLUDE: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599*
by J. S. Bach

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: TBD Scripture: Caroline
Usher: Weida
Coffee Hour: Isobel

MISSION MOMENT

Dona Antoine was worried when her baby Doriana started to show serious symptoms like swelling, diarrhea, vomiting and trouble urinating. Her health worsened quickly. Initially, Dona tried a traditional healer. When that failed, she took Doriana to various clinics, but nothing helped. Feeling desperate, Dona followed a community health worker's advice and took Doriana to a hospital operated by PWS&D's partner in Haiti, Zanmi Lasante, where she was admitted to the malnutrition program. She received six days of intensive therapeutic feeding, a transition to home care, and has now fully recovered. This project, funded through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is saving the lives of many children in Haiti every year.

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.

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.
- As part of our **Mission program,** we will once again be **contributing casseroles to Evangel Hall** in December. Pans are available on the table outside the office along with Alice Morgan's recipe but please feel free to make your own favourite! Please label your casserole and put it in the church freezer in the Silverthorn Hall kitchen by Sunday, **December 6**. Please speak with **Judith** with any questions.
- As we begin the Advent season and approach the end of the calendar year, we would like to invite you to consider making **a special offering to the church** (if you are able and feel so moved) to help us meet our year-end budget. Thank you for your support.
- **Blessed are you** is a Bible study series based on the Beatitudes led by the **Rev. Harry Klassen**. It takes place in the Glebe Community Room on Tuesday December 1and 8 from 1:00 - 2:30pm.
  Tuesday, December 1: Matthew 5:1-7
  Blessed are the merciful. What does it mean to exercise mercy? Who are the pure in heart? How can they see God? Do we really understand what this describes? Please email **admin@leasidepc.ca** to sign up.
- **Soles4Souls Canada** is a program through **Bioped**, that **collects gently used shoes** that **help women and families, who are less**

fortunate, start micro businesses that let these families earn money to send their kids to school, put shelter over their heads, and provide food for themselves. Please consider donating shoes you no longer wear or need. There will be a collection box outside the office **for 3 weeks,** until **December 6**.

- The annual **Lessons & Carols** service will take place on Sunday December 20th at 10:30am.
- The **Christmas Eve Candlelight service** will be on Thursday December 24 at 7:00pm.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Make this very special event the first thing you mark on your calendar for 2027. The Annual Women's Days Away at Crieff Hills has been reserved for September 24th to 26th. It may seem early, but block off the dates now so you'll be able to join us there for all the fun! The more the merrier!!!
- **Centring prayer** takes place online every Wednesday at 9am. Praying in silence for twenty-minutes can help us live more fully in the present moment as we grow more conscious of God's presence abiding within us. Email **paul@leasidepc.ca** for details.
- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on the website and on Facebook.
- Happy birthday to **Blythe H.,** and all who will be celebrating birthdays this week.