

# What's Happening at St. Timothy's



Friday, December 19th, 2025

**SERVICE  
TIMES**

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday,  
December 21st

**10:00am**

Service of Holy Eucharist –  
*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Monday,  
December 22nd to  
Friday, December  
26<sup>th</sup> (*except Thur.*)

**9:30am**

Morning Prayer via Zoom  
(<https://sttimothy.ca/services/upcoming-online-services/> for the links)

Wednesday,  
December 24th

**4:30pm**

Family Christmas Eve Service

**7:30pm**

Christmas Eve by Candlelight

Thursday,  
December 25th

**10:00am**

Christmas Day Eucharist

Sunday,  
December 28th

**10:00am**

Service of Holy Eucharist –  
*The First Sunday After Christmas*

All **education programs** will be taking a break beginning the week of December 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The church will be closed for drop-ins beginning the week of December 22<sup>nd</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup>.*

**Morning Prayer** will take a break from December 25<sup>th</sup> to January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## *From the Incumbent*



As Christmas draws near, I'd like to offer you my warmest greetings and best wishes for celebrations that are peaceful, meaningful, and truly nourishing. May this special season help you discern new directions for the year ahead, or, if life remains much as it is, may you find deeper meaning within familiar rhythms and commitments.

At Christmas we proclaim a mystery that is both cosmic and intimately personal: *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it"* (John 1:5). Our faith dares to tell us that God was not only born once *for* us, but seeks to be born *in* us again and again, whenever love becomes embodied in our choices and our patience, our courage and forgiveness, our prayers and care for one another, and the myriad other ways that belong to the mystery we call the Incarnation.

### **A Fruitful Advent at St. Timothy's**

As we look back over Advent, I am grateful for how much goodness and grace we have shared together. In particular, **our Christmas Pageant this past Sunday** was truly lovely—remarkably smooth, calm, and heartfelt. There was a gentle reverence to it that felt fitting for the story we were telling. **The Deanery Quiet Christmas service** was also beautiful, offering candlelight, spacious contemplative opportunities, a thoughtful message and prayers, and the deep warmth of the cello. It was especially moving how the service gathered favourite elements from each church's own traditions for this kind of liturgy. Our own **Carols by Candlelight** was once again a tour de force from our choir and Ed—an offering of beauty and devotion, and a real gift in the midst of a busy season.

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### **Looking Ahead: *Christmas at St. Timothy's***

#### **Christmas Eve — December 24**

**4:15 p.m.** Family "Warm-Up" with the *12 Days of Christmas* Song



### **4:30 p.m. Family Eucharist**

This year, our Family Christmas Eve service will take on a simple and contemplative form. Instead of a pageant, the familiar figures of the Nativity—Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels, magi, and a couple of animals—will be represented by members of our community in minimal costume, with all children in attendance receiving small props to help them enter the story. Each character will read a brief line of Scripture and an imaginative prayer, inviting us to consider how the miracle of the Incarnation might have been experienced by those who first witnessed it. There will also be plenty of opportunity to sing our favourite Christmas carols as we celebrate the joy and wonder of Christ's birth together. Think of it as a family-friendly version of Lessons and Carols!

### **7:30 p.m. Candlelight Eucharist with Choir**

## **Christmas Day — December 25**

### **10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

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### **Winter Break Schedule Note**

Please note that all our weekday activities and Sunday education programs will be on winter break starting next week and will resume in early to mid-January. Morning Prayer will continue and led by lay leaders.

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### **Looking Ahead to Breakaway**

Consider registering for **Breakaway**, or mark **Sunday, February 1**, in your calendar to attend a lunch and a recital-presentation by **Mike Janzen** following the service “at home.” We are also planning a Lenten follow-up study at the church to build on the themes introduced at Breakaway—both as continuity for those attending the retreat and as an additional opportunity for anyone who may not be able to join us at Fair Havens.

Christmas blessings,

*Irina+*

Incumbent





## One last word on Christmas Kitchen

Thank you to one and all who contributed big and small to the success of this year's Christmas Kitchen. We are thrilled to announce that after donating \$5,014 to the North York Harvest Food Bank our profits are \$10,180.

Congratulations everyone.

Marianne, Anne, Rosemary, Frances and Ginny



# Our Christmas Services

**December 24th at 4:30pm**  
Children's Pageant &  
Family Christmas Eve Service

**December 24th at 7:30pm**  
Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Eucharist Service

**December 25th at 10:00am**  
Christmas Day  
Eucharist Service

# Coffee Table Book of Illustrations

The new edition of Rev. Irina's book of illustrations is now available. This edition titled **"A Liturgical Journey in Image and Word"** features digital images, verses of scripture and reflections on the major feasts through the liturgical year.

**Cost:** \$35 per book

*All proceeds (less the cost of printing) will be donated to St. Tim's.*

Please contact Ashani, [office@sttimothy.ca](mailto:office@sttimothy.ca) to make your purchase.



## Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

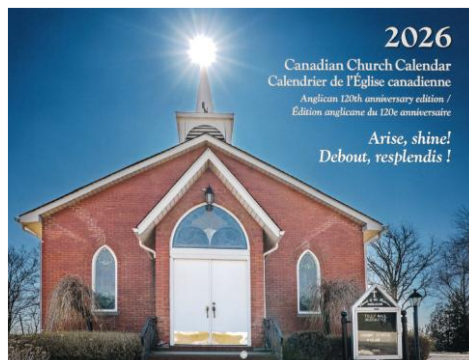
The draft minutes of the Advisory Board meeting held on **November 17th, 2025** are now available [here](#) or you can read them on the bulletin board outside the office.

## 2026 Church Calendars

Since 1906, the Canadian Church Calendar has been a useful and beautiful addition to the walls of homes, and businesses across Canada.

**The 2026 calendar is now available at \$10.00 each**

Speak to Jane Hutchinson on Sundays at church or call the office during the week to purchase your copy!







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# WARM FOR DECEMBER



**A HOLIDAY CONCERT**

Warm songs for a cold world



**Saturday December 20, 2025 | 7:30PM**

**Trinity-St. Paul's United Church**

427 Bloor Street West, Toronto

TICKETS & INFO AVAILABLE AT

**WWW.FORTECHORUS.COM**

## OUTREACH CORNER

### VACANCY ALERT!

Here is your chance to coordinate a dedicated family of volunteers who delight in their ministry.

Beside our front walk stands our Little Free Pantry, built, painted, and stocked daily by volunteers. In the 4 years since the Pantry was dedicated, we have never had a meeting.

Yet, the Little Free Pantry is restocked every day of the year, the indoor stock cupboard is kept brimming full, and delightful stories circulate among the volunteers. Neighbours take note and their donations turn up in the pantry all the time.

It has been my pleasure to coordinate this work via email for the last 4 years. The number of volunteers varies from 12-18. Everyone has a chosen duty and they happily cover for each other as necessary. The coordinator job is maximum fun for minimum effort. Highly recommended.

Still, 4 years is sort of a long time and this is not a one woman show. Will somebody please step up to take on this job? I am done at the end of 2025.

Thank you all for your bountiful support of this ministry.

Lanadee Lampman

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# Registration Now Open for BREAKAWAY 2026

We are thrilled to invite you to our annual weekend retreat, taking place once again at Fair Havens Resort from **Friday, January 30 to Sunday, February 1, 2026.**

**Registration is now open!** Sign up online using the [Breakaway Registration Form](#) or by emailing Joanna Maplazi at joannamaplazi@gmail.com. The cost of the weekend is \$230 per adult or \$260 for an individual premium room. There is no cost for children. Cost should not be a barrier to attend. If it is for you, please reach out to Irina as subsidies are available.

Breakaway is a beloved winter retreat that invites our parish community to step away from the city's pace and reconnect in a peaceful, scenic setting. Whether you're a longtime attendee or considering it for the first time, this is your chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy meaningful time together after the holiday rush.

Here's what you can look forward to:

- Inspiring sessions for adults led by engaging speakers
- Fun, age-appropriate programs for children and youth
- Delicious buffet-style meals — no cooking required!
- Outdoor adventures at Fair Havens, from cross-country skiing to a wagon ride

**At Fair Havens our Guest Speaker will be Dr. Michelle Voss**

Dr. Michelle Voss is the Director of Master of Divinity Programs and Professor of Theology at Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology. She was the 13th principal of Emmanuel College (2018–21) and the first



woman to lead the institution as Principal in its 90-year history. She led the school through a consolidation of its multireligious programs, a period of significant faculty renewal, and the first 18 months of the COVID-19 pandemic. She is also an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada. An expert in comparative theology, Dr. Voss has also written widely about aesthetics, gender, embodiment, disability, and interculturalism in the church.

**This year we will have an “At Home” component as well:**

**Lunch and Presentation/Recital by Mike Janzen**

Mike Janzen is a JUNO- and GMA-nominated musician who has performed in concert halls, churches and festivals across North America, and led worship at Little Trinity Anglican Church, combining undeniable talent with a desire to create music that draws attention to the Maker. Melding jazz, pop and classical styles, Mike brings an imaginative and fresh voice to the current music scene. From soul-stirring songwriting to mesmerizing piano solos, Mike's music is approachable and hits the deep places of the heart. His recent works include "The Psalms Project" (2021/Independent), a collection of Psalms-inspired sacred songs that emerged during his long period of recovery from a serious concussion injury.

We'd love to share either of these experiences with you. Come join us!  
For any questions, contact Joanna Maplazi at [joannamaplazi@gmail.com](mailto:joannamaplazi@gmail.com)

# Donating to the Church

We encourage all of you to continue to give generously in support of the work that continues at St. Tim's. The needs are great.

- Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) – If you are already on pre-authorized giving you do not need to do anything and we are very grateful for your continued support.

If you would like to shift to pre-authorized giving, even if only in the short term, please contact Jane Hutchinson, at [envelopesecretary@sttimothy.ca](mailto:envelopesecretary@sttimothy.ca)

- Envelopes & Cheques – If you use envelopes, we encourage you to mail those envelopes in, addressed to The Envelope Secretary.  
100 Old Orchard Grove, Toronto, ON, M5M 2E2  
Cheques should be made payable to **Church of St. Timothy.**

- Online Donations – We are able to receive electronic transfers. To donate, **add** Church of St. Timothy to your payee list and e-transfer your donation to [office@sttimothy.ca](mailto:office@sttimothy.ca)



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