

Welcome to St Timothy's

**The Second Sunday of
Advent**



December 7, 2025
In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

*Excerpt from Amazing Peace:
A Christmas Poem*

It is Christmas time, a halting of hate time.

On this platform of peace, we can create a
language
To translate ourselves to ourselves and to each
other.

At this Holy Instant, we celebrate the Birth of
Jesus Christ
Into the great religions of the world.
We jubilate the precious advent of trust.
We shout with glorious tongues at the coming of
hope.

All the earth's tribes loosen their voices
To celebrate the promise of Peace.

We, Angels and Mortals, Believers and Non-
Believers,
Look heavenward and speak the word aloud.
Peace. We look at our world and speak the word
aloud.

Peace. We look at each other, then into ourselves
And we say without shyness or apology or
hesitation.

Peace, My Brother.
Peace, My Sister.
Peace, My Soul.

- *by Maya Angelou*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming (Johannes Brahms)
(Performed by Edward Connell)

Processional Hymn: (Please stand as you are able)

101, Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing.

To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove.
His name shall stand for ever:
that name to us is Love.

(Crüger)

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Penitential Rite

Celebrant: Now is the time to wake out of sleep.

All: For the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

Celebrant: Our Sovereign and Saviour draws near.

All: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Celebrant: A voice cries out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'
This Advent let us heed the prophet's call and
turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.
Heavenly Father,
you have created a universe of light,

All: forgive us when we return to darkness.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world,

All: cleanse and heal our blinded sight.

Celebrant: Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts,

All: renew us in faith and love.

Kyrie Eleison (sung)

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.**

(Page 1 in the Mass for Advent booklet)

Absolution

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*The Children are invited to come forward for
the lighting of the Candle of Peace, the 2nd of Advent.*

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. Last Sunday we lit the First Candle to remind us of our Hope in Christ.

(The first Advent candle is lit)

Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace who reigns in our hearts today, and through all eternity. As we look at the light of this candle, let our faith bring us comfort that, at times, may surpass our understanding.

All: **Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.**



(The second Advent Candle is lit)

Song:

A Candle is Burning

A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease
For Jesus is coming to show us the way
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

(Sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger")

The Prayer of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of compassion and truth,
you sent John to point us toward your Son,
the source of lasting peace.
Quiet our anxious hearts
and teach us to follow where Christ leads.
Help us to walk in your ways without hesitation,
ready to welcome Jesus,
who lives and reigns now and always.

All: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

A branch will grow from a stump of a tree that was cut down.
So a new king will come from the family of Jesse.
The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon that king.
The Spirit gives him wisdom, understanding, guidance and power.
And the Spirit teaches him to know and respect the Lord.
This king will be glad to obey the Lord.
He will not judge by the way things look.
He will not judge by what people say.
Then wolves will live in peace with lambs.
And leopards will lie down to rest with goats.
Calves, lions and young bulls will eat together.
And a little child will lead them.
They will not hurt or destroy each other on all my holy mountain.
The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the sea is full of water.
At that time the new king from the family of Jesse will stand as a banner for the people. The nations will come together around him. And the place where he lives will be filled with glory.

Isaiah 11: 1 – 3, 6, 9 - 10 (ICB)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72: 1 – 7

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.

**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.

**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.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name’;

and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come,

the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;

in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15: 4 – 6, 9b, 12 - 13 (NRSV)

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand as you are able)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Christ appears on earth to reign.

(Helmsley)

The Gospel

(Please stand as you are able)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

He said, 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Matthew 3: 1 - 12 (NRSV)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation

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Christ appears on earth to reign.

(Helmsley)

(Please be seated)

Presentation

Maria Reolin

(Executive Director of Flemingdon Park Ministry)

(Please remain seated for the Anthem)

Anthem: **Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes**

Thou shalt know him when he comes
not by any din of drums,
nor his manners nor his airs,
nor by anything he wears.

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
not by his crown or by his gown,
but his coming known shall be

buy the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.

(Mark Sirett)

The Affirmation of Faith

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we
exist?

All: We believe and trust in God.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who
took our human nature, died for us, and rose
again?

All: We believe and trust in God.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God and makes
Christ known in the world?

All: We believe and trust in God.

Celebrant: This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one
God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you during the prayers
of the people and respond as indicated.)*

Leader: ... We pray:

All: Lord, show us your light.

Celebrant: Gracious God, hear our humble prayer
that we may serve you in holiness and faith
and give voice to your presence among us

until the day of the coming of your Son, Jesus
Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Peace

(Please stand as you are able)

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

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

91, People, Look East! The Time Is Near

People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able;
trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad! Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
give up your strength, the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
guard the nest that must be filled;
even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

(Besançon)

If you wish to make a donation and would like to use a donation envelope, they are available at the back of the church.

All cheques should be made payable to Church of St. Timothy.

*You can also donate online through Canada
Helps – just open your camera app and
scan this code.*



*If the collection plate doesn't reach you and you have a donation,
please hand it to a greeter as you leave the church.*

Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: God our strength,
 we are nothing without you.
 Receive all we offer you this day
 as you sustain us with your mercy;
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you - stand, sit or kneel)

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also 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.

Celebrant: 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.

**All (sung): Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blest the One who comes in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(Page 3 in the Mass for Advent booklet)

Celebrant: 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."

All: Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: 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 sons and daughters;
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: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**All (sung): Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive our sins as we forgive those, forgive
those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
Deliver us from evil.
The kingdom, the power and the glory are
yours,
Now and forever, Amen.**

(Page 4 in the Mass for Advent booklet)

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: **Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

The Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei (sung by all)

Lamb of God, you take away our sin:
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away our sin:

Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us, O grant us peace.

(Page 5 in the Mass for Advent booklet)

*All persons are welcome to receive **Communion or a Blessing** as appropriate at our services. You may choose to receive both the bread and the wine or just the bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask the priest for these as you come to receive. If you choose to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you stand at the altar rail.*

*If you would like to receive an **Anointing**, please proceed to the chapel on the right where one of the anointers will meet with you.*

Communion Hymn: *(Congregational singing while seated)*

103, On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within.

Prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

(Winchester New, vs. 1-3, 5)

117, Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
of Jesse's lineage coming
as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Saviour,
when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispel in glorious splendour

the darkness everywhere;
true man, yet very God,
from sin and death now save us,
and share our every load.

(Es ist ein' Ros)

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Faithful God,
we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly
banquet.
Help us always to hear the prophet's call
to turn our hearts to you;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant: 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.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring
in love all the days of your life;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Community Notices

(Please be seated)

Recessional Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

106, There's a Voice in the Wilderness

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places,
where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, give voice to good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish,
like flowers they shall decay;
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.

But your word, O God, is faithful,
your arm, O Lord, is strong;
you stand in the midst of nations,
and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them,
and give to the weary rest.

(Ascension, vs. 1-3)

The Dismissal

Leader: As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to
love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Rhapsody in g minor, Op. 79, No. 2

(Johannes Brahms)

(Performed by Edward Connell)

**Our worship is over
– our service begins.**

Altar Flower Memorial

The flowers in the church today are given to the glory of God, with thanksgiving for the lives of departed friends and for the love and support of family, friends and neighbours by The Rt. Rev. Ann Tottenham.



Coffee Hour



A warm welcome is extended especially to all visitors and newcomers. Please join us for refreshments in Soward Hall.

Your hosts today will be Donna and Malcolm Bryce.

Gluten free options are available.

Week of December 8th to 12th



The office is open for in-person drop ins on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday this week from 10:00am – 3:00pm.

Please call ahead and **make an appointment** if you wish to meet with a specific member of the clergy or staff.

This Week at St. Timothy's

- *Morning Prayer with a Thought for the Day* will be broadcast online via Zoom every morning, **Monday to Friday at 9:30am.**
 - *ESL Reading & Career Mentoring* and *ESL Conversation and Practice Groups* meet in the Children's Chapel on **Tuesdays at 10:00am and 11:00am respectively.**
 - *Open Church Hour* every week on **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 1:00 - 2:00pm.**
The church will be accessible for drop-in quiet prayer, and if desired, pastoral care and time with the clergy. Please use the Ridley Boulevard entrance and ring the bell for access.
 - *Contemplative Art* every **Wednesday at 10:00am** in the Loft. *All materials provided. Open to all.*
 - *St. Andrew's Group* meets online via Zoom **on Wednesdays at 12:00nn** for lunch and fellowship.
 - **Next Sunday, December 14th – *The Third Sunday of Advent***
 - **8:30am:** Adult Christian Education in the Parlour
 - **10:00am:** Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming
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Children's Programming

The children are preparing for our Christmas pageants during the Sundays of Advent.

New to St. Tim's?

Are you new to St. Tim's?

Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to join us.

Please consider completing a **Newcomer Information Card** (ask a member of the Welcome Team) or contact Ashani directly 416-488-0079 or office@sttimothy.ca so that we can accurately record your information in the parish directory and ensure you are kept up to date with news and events.

Photo Directory

Our **photo directory** is now online, you are encouraged to use your unique login to verify your information and upload your photo, if you haven't already done so. If you haven't received your unique login, please contact Ashani and she will create a new one for you.

We would also love **volunteer photographers** to help take pictures of parishioners who may not have one to submit — thank you in advance for helping us keep this community resource up to date.

Our Christmas Services

Thursday, December 18
at 7:30 pm

Carols by Candlelight
An evening of lessons & carols

Wednesday, December 24
at 4:30 pm

Christmas Eve Children's
Pageant & Family Service

at 7:30 pm

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Eucharist

Thursday, December 25
at 10:00 am

Christmas Day Eucharist