

Announcements Sunday, Dec 5th, 2021

Hi there!

Are you ready? Ready for what? Advent is about getting ready spiritually as well as materially for Christmas and getting ready for Christ's return. Advent serves to counter skepticism and indifference and challenge us with God's refining fire. On this Second Sunday of Advent, with the help of insights of the prophet Malachi, we'll explore the question 'are you ready?'

Welcome to Christ Church Oshawa! Today is Dec 5th, 2021. My name is Kit Greaves, Pastor of Christ Church. We're delighted to have you with us today in person and at home! To pre-register for in person Sunday attendance at our 8 am communion or 10:30 am service, please contact the church by Fri noon 905-728-8251 or email through our website Christchurchoshawa.ca.

Christ Church Oshawa is making Jesus known as we connect, grow, equip and send people with the Good News of God the Creator and as we acknowledge the territory of the Mississauga's of Scugog Island First Nation, under Williams Treaty of 1923, present home of many First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples. We can sing in church again! We are now permitted to sing aloud at Church, please continue to wear your mask. Check toronto.anglican.ca for more information.

Our thanks to all who helped make Live Nativity a success yesterday! A great joy to share the good news of God's love in Christ's birth with our neighbours. Well done, Dave Rabjohn, Margaret Blackman, Tina Kouroupis, my son Justin Greaves, Barry Marshall, Laura Cleary and all who were part of Live Nativity.

Our **monthly update** for December is available for pick up or was emailed to you. **Two notices today: Nancy Cudmore is asking for desserts** for the free turkey dinner that we are

delivering on Christmas Eve to any in need. Please bring donations of dessert to the Church by Tues Dec 21. **Second notice: Parish meeting today at 1 pm on Zoom.** We need your input regarding our plans for 2022. The MAP team will present their report. Check your recent emails from Christ Church for a Zoom link and background information on the MAP Zoom meeting today at 1 pm. The more from our Congregation who can join us, the better prepared we will be to respond to God's lead in loving our neighbour for the coming year. For more information, resources, archived sermons, ways to engage with those in need, and to donate to Christ Church online or by e-transfer from your phone, head to our website **christchurchosawa.ca**

Assisting with worship today are Karen McGinty, Sue Ann Gorassi, Brian and Rev Catherine Desloges, Deacon Warren, Associate David Reed, Gloria and the Worship Band and our production team.

Here at Church, please stand as you are able. At home, we invite you to join in the Advent responses on the screen as we light the second candle of Peace.