



"Christmas is a time when we get homesick... even when we're home."

- Carol Nelson



As an old carol goes, Christmas is "the most wonderful time of the year", but for many of us it can be a real struggle. The days are short, and the nights are long; we may miss loved ones who we've lost due to death, distance, or conflict; and with the latest COVID news the feeling in the air is heavy this Christmas. If you find yourself struggling this season we invite you to join us this Sunday (December 19) at 7 PM for our **Longest Night - Blue Christmas Service**, where we will talk openly about the struggles and mixed emotions of the holidays. Please join us for this intimate service as you look to find a space for reflection, comfort and understanding the busy holiday season.

The Service will be Livestreamed on MCC Toronto's Facebook Page!

[WATCH HERE](#)

**Christmas Eve Services**



While all of us are watching the rise of COVID-19 case numbers with concern, MCC Toronto wants to reassure you that we are doing - and will do - everything in our power to make our Christmas Eve Services safe for all. We will be rigorously inspecting vaccine passports or proof of vaccination for those over 12 years of age, and single vaccinations for those 5-12 years of age, at the door and will require mandatory masking throughout the service. And while the government of Ontario's recent directive that large scale gatherings be limited to 50% capacity (as of December 18), our plans were always based on no more than a 38% capacity with a limit of 230 attendees including congregants, choir, and volunteers per Service. We are also redoing the seating plan to encourage better social distancing. If you have already registered, but might now prefer to watch the livestreamed **9 PM** Service from home, please email [office@mcctoronto.com](mailto:office@mcctoronto.com) to let us know.

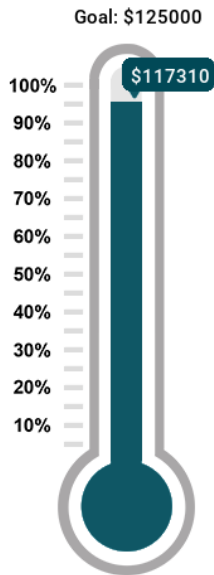
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[Click Here to Read More About our Christmas Eve Services!](#)



With less than two weeks until the end of the year, we remain heartened by the incredible generosity of our communities. We now stand at a remarkable \$117,310 towards our \$125,000 goal – or 94% of our goal! If you are able, please consider making a Year-End **RESPOND RESTORE RENEW Campaign** gift today. Your support today will help MCC Toronto continue to build up its spiritual and human rights work for tomorrow.

[Click here to read more about our Year-End Appeal.](#)



MAKE A YEAR-END APPEAL GIFT

Sunday Service Musical Guest



Shannon Linton is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Shannon is a singer-songwriter from Cobourg, Ontario. In addition to her solo work, she is one-half of the folk pop duo Northern Hearts. You might hear hints of Shannon’s operatic training in her powerful voice, adding a unique and rich flavour to her music. Shannon is the mom of two kids and lives on her fourth-generation family farm. You can currently hear her perform if you park at the end of her driveway while she sings and plays on her front porch! She is also one of the co-founders and choral directors of SONG, a free, socially inclusive music program for youth in Northumberland County. Shannon has two singles available everywhere you buy or stream music online. Follow her on Instagram [@shannonlintonmusic](#), to stay in touch.

December 19 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN US FOR THIS SERVICE ONLINE](#)

**Announcing our  
2021 Community Outreach Partnership (COP)  
Grant Recipients**



Thanks to the support of donors to our monthly 10-10-10 Giving Program, MCC Toronto is thrilled to announce this year’s recipients of our Community Outreach Partnership (COP) Grant.

A \$5,000 grant was awarded to Act-On Ability Foundation, a new start-up charitable initiative dedicated to providing an employment platform for persons with disabilities who typically are not accommodated when it comes to training to work within film, television and theatre. John Stevens, a Board member of the Act-On Ability Foundation, was on-hand at our December 12, 11 AM Worship Service to speak about the important work they are doing.



A \$500 grant was also awarded to The Ecumenical Chaplaincy at the University of Toronto to support programming for queer students of faith at U of T.

MCC Toronto’s Community Outreach Partnership (COP) Grant serves to support underfunded community organizations that are doing important work in the areas of LGBTQ2S+, human rights, health and/or social services that are aligned with our vision and mission. Since 2004, over \$155,000 has been granted through the COP program to 37 community organizations.





This Christmas, MCC Toronto invites you to consider making a Christmas Memorial Gift in memory of a loved one. All donors and their named loved ones will be listed in the December 24 edition of The Query. To make a Christmas Memorial Donation, click on the link below (scroll to “Make a Christmas Memorial Donation”).

[MAKE A CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL DONATION](#)

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After careful consultation with our Community Meal volunteer team, MCC Toronto has made the decision to cancel this year’s Christmas Day Community Meal. As food service remains a higher risk activity, and for the safety of our volunteers and those who were planning to attend, we thought it would be the most prudent thing to do – despite our collective disappointment.

If you are in need of special supports during the holiday season, including financial need, please do make application through our Benevolence Fund.  
<https://www.mcctoronto.com/care/>

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### Upcoming Services Announcement

A reminder that there will be **no 9 AM services** on **December 26, January 2, and January 9.**

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Volunteers have always been at the heart of MCC Toronto. We would not be the strong, inclusive and welcoming community we are, without the support and dedication of volunteers who help support our Worship Services and our other public programs.

Are you interested in serving as a greeter/usher or communion server for our Christmas Eve Services? Click on the link below to register:

[PLEASE REGISTER HERE](#)

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# Become a Monthly Donor



MCC Toronto is enormously grateful for the support of over 300+ donors who contribute to our work and mission through our monthly giving program.

Interested in joining our family of monthly donors? Contact [giving@mcctoronto.com](mailto:giving@mcctoronto.com)




Do you or a congregant you know need emotional support? Financial assistance? Someone to pray for them? A call from one of our Congregational Care Lay Ministers?

Please fill out a request form for yourself or for the individual you are requesting for.

SUBMIT FORM HERE

## On-line and In-person Programming December 19 - 25

DEC 19 - 25	<div>SUNDAY19</div> <div>9 AM - Onsite Sunday Service</div> <div>11 AM - Onsite &amp; Online Sunday Service</div> <div>1 PM - Digital Coffee Hour (ZOOM)</div> <div>7 PM - Onsite Blue Christmas</div>	<div>MONDAY20</div>	<div>TUESDAY21</div>	<div>WEDNESDAY22</div>
		<div>THURSDAY23</div> <div>10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion (ZOOM)</div>	<div>FRIDAY24</div> <div>5 PM - Children &amp; Family Service</div> <div>7 PM - Christmas Eve Celebration Service</div> <div>9 PM - Christmas Eve Celebration Service </div> <div>11 PM - Candle Service</div>	<div>SATURDAY25</div>

**Sunday:**  
9 AM - Onsite Sunday Service  
11 AM - Onsite & Online Sunday Service  
1 PM - Digital Coffee Hour  
7 PM - Onsite Blue Christmas (Facebook)

**Thursday:**  
10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion  
(Email: [everwonder@mcctoronto.com](mailto:everwonder@mcctoronto.com))

**Friday:**  
5 PM - Children & Family Service  
7 PM - Christmas Eve Celebration Service  
9 PM - Christmas Eve Celebration Service (YouTube)  
11 PM - Candle Service



Sunday Digital Coffee Hour  
Sunday | 1:00 PM  
[ZOOM Link](#)  
Meeting ID: 828 3849 6709  
Password: 797837



Sunday Service Worship  
Online | 11 AM | MCC Toronto YouTube

Share Us Digitally!

If you know of anyone who might be interested in anything we're doing at MCC Toronto please invite them to join us digitally via the button below.

SHARE THE QUERY HERE



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We'd love to hear from you!

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