



As of this Sunday, we are now in the Season of Advent, when the colours of the church turn to purple, and our hearts and minds turn toward the coming of baby Jesus – and anticipation for MCC Toronto's Christmas Eve Service.

This year – and for the *first time* ever at our 115 Simpson Ave home - MCC Toronto opens its doors for Christmas Eve with four (4!) celebratory Services.

**5 PM** –Children & Family Service featuring a special performance from Katie Winchester

**7 PM & 9 PM** –Christmas Eve Celebration Services featuring music from The Choir of MCC Toronto and performances by Alana Bridgewater, Gavin Hope, Julie Michels, and Billy Newton-Davis

**11 PM** –Candle Service featuring Julie Michels

This year's Services will be led by MCC Toronto's Worship team of Revs. Jeff, June and Deana along with Music Director Jason Jestadt. And for those unable to attend in person, we be livestreaming the 9 PM Service on our YouTube Channel.

Attendance is free (general admission) but pre-registration is required as the capacity for each service will be limited to 200 people. **Registration opens on Friday, December 3.** Watch for the link in next week's Query.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## Interested in volunteering at our Christmas Eve Services?

MCC Toronto is always grateful to the many volunteers that help us out at Worship Services and other program areas. And to realize our big ambitions for Christmas Eve Services 2021, we need your help. Are you interested in serving as a greeter/usher or communion server?

Volunteer registration is now open and it's the best way to ensure admission for yourself and a guest. Sign up now!

**REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER ON CHRISTMAS EVE**

## Sunday Service Musical Guests

Kevin Barrett and Julie Michels are our in-person Offertory Performers this Sunday!



Kevin Barrett is a guitarist, musical director, composer, and producer based in Toronto, Canada. He is known as a passionate soloist, a dynamic band leader, a first-rate accompanist, and a versatile and creative side musician. Over his more than 30-year career, Kevin has worked with some of Canada's finest artists, including Patricia Cano, Molly Johnson, Lillian Allen, Louis Simão, Kevin Quain & the Mad Bastards, Kellylee Evans, Julie Michels, and the Stratford Festival.

He is musical director for both Daniela Nardi's Espresso Manifesto and Ron Davis's symphRONica, and maintains a recording and teaching studio in Toronto's Kensington Market.



Julie is, quite simply, a woman with a beautiful voice. She sings everything and anything that catches her ear: jazz standards, rhythm and blues, Brazilian sambas, African chanting – in a world full of music, it's a banquet of sound just too delicious to pass up! She has played with George Koller, Ottawa's Chelsea Bridge, Kevin Barrett and her bands Sutra and The Parley at many popular jazz venues including the Montreal Bistro, Top of the Senator, the Rex, Hugh's Room, Ottawa's National Arts Centre, Toronto's own Statler's and Canadian

and European festivals.

Julie's CDs include *Singing Naked* (duets with bassist George Koller), *Live at Statler's* (with guitarist Kevin Barrett), the soundtrack for *Pivoting Echoes* (debuted with one of Canada's premier dance companies, the Decidedly Jazz Danceworks) and *Seriously Happy* with the Royal Jelly Orchestra.

Julie is a featured artist on The Choir's second CD, *Connected: Songs for the Heart*, which is available for sale at our Information Centre and online on iTunes. Julie is also one third of the popular trio *Broadway*, also featuring Heather Bambrick and Diane Leah. For details, go to their website: [www.thebroadwayshow.com](http://www.thebroadwayshow.com)

**November 28 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel**

**CLICK HERE TO JOIN US FOR THIS SERVICE ONLINE**



Tickets for the 3 PM Hark! A Christmas Concert with The Choir of MCC Toronto & Special Guests performance are now sold out! A limited number of tickets are still available for the 7 PM performance. Don't be disappointed – purchase your tickets today!

[READ MORE AND PURCHASE TICKETS](#)



This Christmas, MCC Toronto invites our communities 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 (scroll to “Make a Christmas Memorial Donation”)

[MAKE A DONATION](#)



Ring the bells and deck the halls! MCC Toronto is thrilled to announce the return of our Community Meals Program!

Thanks to the returning leadership of Linda Leenders, Dameon, Andre Goh and Cyril Kearney, the program is being kicked off again with a special Christmas Day Dinner in our Social Hall on December 25, at 2 PM.

Linda and her team are currently looking for volunteers to assist on Christmas Day with setup, cooking and serving, or to bring a dish or contribute to the day in any way. Interested in helping? Please email Linda at [communitymealsmcct@gmail.com](mailto:communitymealsmcct@gmail.com) with your phone number so she can contact you.

**Pre-registration to attend the dinner will be required. The registration portal will open on December 3, via the Query.**

Breaking bread and sharing a community meal together is something we at MCC Toronto cherish. We are so thrilled to see this vital program returning – and just in time for Christmas!



And the presents were piled to the ceiling with care! Santa and Mrs. Claus asked us to remind all their MCC Toronto elves to pick up their Star Santa Boxes tomorrow (Saturday, November 27) at their allotted times. Ho-Ho-Ho!

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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. Please click below to review current opportunities at MCC Toronto, including the opportunity to serve as part of our Information Desk team.

[PLEASE REGISTER HERE](#)

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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)

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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  
November 28 - December 4

NOV 28/ DEC 04	<div>SUNDAY28</div> <div>9 AM - Onsite &amp; Online Sunday Service</div> <div>11 AM - Onsite &amp; Online Sunday Service</div> <div>1 PM - Digital Coffee Hour (ZOOM)</div>	<div>MONDAY29</div>	<div>TUESDAY30</div>	<div>WEDNESDAY01</div>
		<div>THURSDAY02</div> <div>10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion (ZOOM)</div>	<div>FRIDAY03</div>	<div>SATURDAY04</div> <div>3 PM - Hark! A Christmas Concert with The Choir of MCC Toronto &amp; Special Guests</div> <div>7 PM - Hark! A Christmas Concert with The Choir of MCC Toronto &amp; Special Guests</div>

**Sunday:**  
9 AM - Onsite Sunday Service  
11 AM - Onsite & Online Sunday Service  
1 PM - Onsite & Online Celebration of Life Service

**Thursday:**  
10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion  
(Email: everwonder@mcctoronto.com)  
7 PM - Online Membership Class

**Saturday:**  
3 PM - Hark! A Christmas Concert with The Choir of MCC Toronto & Special Guests  
7 PM - Hark! A Christmas Concert with The Choir of MCC Toronto & Special Guests



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



Sunday Service Worship  
Online | 11 AM | MCC Toronto YouTube

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We'd love to hear from you!

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