

"Keep on beginning, and failing. Each time you fail, start over again, and you will grow stronger, until you have accomplished a purpose -- Not the one you began with perhaps, but one you will be glad to remember."

- Anne Sullivan

This coming Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany which occurred yesterday, January 6. Today, January 7, is what is known as Orthodox Christmas and is celebrated in places like the Ukraine and Greece and much of the Eastern Christian World. For us in the West Epiphany marks the end of the holiday season and perhaps you've already put your Christmas decorations away, or maybe you're leaving them up a little longer this year. Either way, Epiphany is a celebration of ideas and experiencing God's love, of spreading light and love, and when we traditionally contemplate the story of the Maji.

Speaking of spreading light and love, and new ideas... this week the Province announced a new series of restrictions for indoors gatherings as we seek to stop the spread of the Omicron variant of COVID 19. While faith communities are permitted to continue meeting at 50% capacity, MCC Toronto has decided to continue with Online Worship only for the time being. However, we will continue to share light and love through Online Worship, incredible music, poignant Lessons for Life, ZOOM Check-ins, and an expanding host of online programing. And, we will return to a hybrid of In Person and Livestreamed Services as soon as it feels safe to do so. A reminder that in these uncertain times, YOU ARE NOT ALONE, WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE, AND WILL MAKE IT THROUGH TOGETHER.

If you find yourself experiencing financial hardship, would like to be added to our prayer list, or would like one of our Congregational Care Lay-Ministers of Clergy Staff to be in touch, please fill out the form at www.mcctoronto.com/care

Rev. Jeff Rock, Senior Pastor





Andrew Prashad is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Andrew is a solidly trained and versatile dancer, musician, singer, composer, writer and actor. He is one of the leading tap dance artists in Canada, teaching and choreographing around the world.

His self-produced 2: A Short Film was officially selected to show in 12 festivals around the world and has won four awards, including Best Short Film.

He was a featured singer and dancer on the 20th Anniversary World Tour of *Riverdance*, and has played Cogsworth in Young People's Theatre's *Beauty and the Beast*, Billy in *Once* at Theatre St John's in Newfoundland, and Boutons in Neptune Theatre's *Cinderella* (Merritt Award, *Outstanding Supporting Actor*). He also originated the role of Jonas in *Jukebox Hero* at the Ed Mirvish Theatre.

He recently finished doing *Holiday Inn* at the Shaw Festival and is preparing to tour his multimedium one-person show *One Step at a Time*, which chronicles his family's journey with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. It has been presented by numerous schools and theatres, raising \$11,500 (to date) for SickKids Hospital and ErinOak Kids.

Andrew is a graduate of the University of Toronto at Mississauga, with Honours Bachelor of Arts degrees in Theatre and Performance as well as French Literature.



MCC Toronto is looking for 5 volunteer Digital Ushers to serve on a once-a-month basis as a welcoming online moderator for either our online or livestreamed Worship Services. Digital Ushers are volunteers proficient in YouTube chat who will act as goodwill ambassadors during the live broadcast of our Services. Ushers will welcome viewers to the Service, respond to enquiries and questions, and create a warm and participatory experience for all. Full training will be provided. Sign up to be a Digital Usher today.

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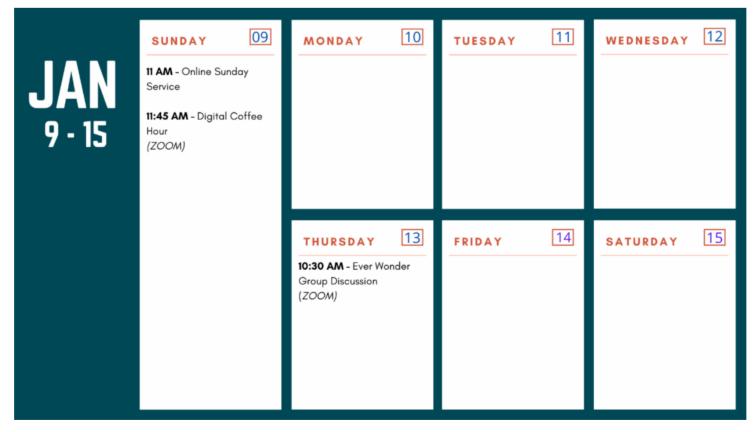
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Online Programming January 9 - 15

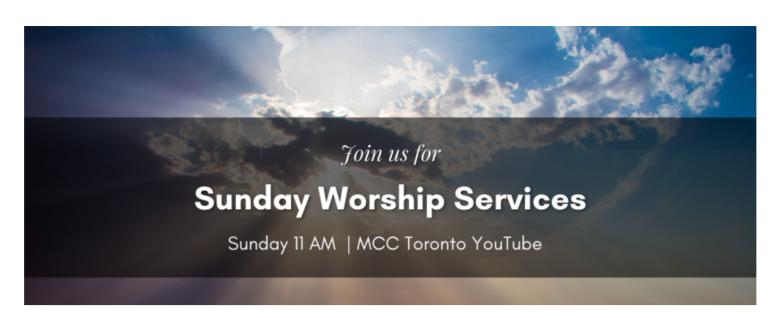


Sunday: 11 AM Online Sunday Service 11:45 AM - Digital Coffee Hour Thursday:

10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion (Email: everwonder@mcctoronto.com)



Sunday Digital Coffee Hour Sunday | 11:45 AM **ZOOM Link** Meeting ID: 828 3849 6709 Password: 797837



Sunday Service Worship Online | 11 AM | MCC Toronto YouTube

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