

"Of all the hardships a person had to face, none was more punishing than the simple act of waiting."

- Khaled Hosseini

Update on Our In-Person Services

Happy Friday MCC Toronto Friends and Family!

As you have likely heard by now, Ontario will begin easing public health restrictions starting Monday, January 31 and many indoor settings like restaurants and gyms will reopen to the public at 50 percent capacity. While we look forward to resuming in-person services, we also want to take the health and safety of our congregation into account. As a result, we will be waiting a little longer before we resume in-person services. We will continue to monitor the situation and hope to celebrate the sacred Season of Lent and the lead up to Easter with a hybrid of in-person and online services perhaps beginning as soon as March 6.

Meanwhile, we continue livestreaming our Online Worship Service at 11 AM, on our **YouTube** channel and stay connected with you through inspiring content on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and TikTok and our Weekly Digital Coffee Hour, new Mental Health and Trauma Information Group, and upcoming Lent Bible Study. Just search @mcctoronto on any of these platforms and follow us for more updates.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at office@mcctoronto.com.

We can't wait to see you!

Reminder: New Mental Health and Trauma Information Sessions



Don't forget to register for our new Mental Health and Trauma Information sessions!

To address the challenges of the past 22 months, we are hosting a four-part Mental Health and Trauma Information series every **Tuesday in February** at **7 PM on ZOOM**. All are welcome! These four 90-minute sessions will be an opportunity to learn about mental health and trauma from experienced counsellors and therapists. The sessions will be led by Kate McGee, Chaplain, Therapist, and Executive Director of Boarding Homes Ministry and with Deepak Kashyap a Counsellor and expert in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

To register, email **office@mcctoronto.com** and be prepared to commit to 4 consecutives 90 minute ZOOM session Tuesday evenings on February 1, 8, 15, and 22 on ZOOM.

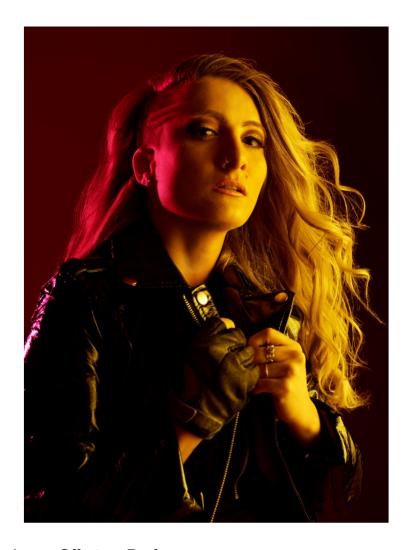
There's limited capacity so register by January 31, 2022, to hold your spot!

2021 Charitable Tax Receipt – Update

As we did last year, MCC Toronto will be emailing charitable tax receipts as opposed to having them available for in-person pick-up.

We are currently aiming to email all 2021 charitable tax receipts the week of February 14. If you have any concerns that we do not have your updated email or mailing address, please send your updated information to **giving@mcctoronto.com**.

Sunday Service Musical Guest



Dana Jean Phoenix is our Offertory Perf

Dana is a Canadian synthwave artist who has gained a following in the international synthwave scene, touring Canada, Europe, and the US with her original music.

Her songs have been featured in films and on television, and her collaboration with Dutch artist Timecop1983, entitled "Dreams (Feat. Dana Jean Phoenix)," was featured in the Netflix original films *You Get Me* and *Coin Heist*, and on the PS4/PC game "Crossing Souls."

Dana's latest release, "Megwave," with Vienna's Powernerd, is out now on Outland Recordings (UK).

Her website is www.DanaJeanPhoenix.com

January 30 | 11 AM | MCC Toronto's YouTube Channel

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What we do at MCC Toronto doesn't happen by accident it takes the coordination of dozens of staff and volunteers. This month's angels are, Graham and Cathy White(a.k.a Mr & Mrs Claus), who coordinated MCC Toronto's Toronto Star's Christmas Box campaign. We want to thank them both for their leadership!

We also want to appreciate the great work of Richard Davidson, who decorated our Church so beautifully for advent and for Hark! MCC Toronto's Christmas Concert. Even though we couldn't be with each other for Christmas Eve, those decorations shined brightly and were visible online. We thank Richard for making our Church so beautiful!

Birthday-O-Gram

Does someone in your life have a birthday coming up? Or some other special milestone? Consider sending them a Birthday-O-Gram!

For a gift of \$150, your special greeting will be delivered by a quartet from The Choir of MCC Toronto singing a dedicated song to your recipient! You will also receive a charitable tax receipt for your gift.

All proceeds go in support of MCC Toronto's Music Ministry. Please email Timothy Oakes at **Toakes52@gmail.com** to make a request.

***Please note, a minimum of 3 weeks is needed to create, record, and deliver Birthday-O-Grams. The more advanced notice the better!

Congregational Care - Reminder



It's hard to stay connected during the pandemic, but taking care of each other is more important than ever. Did you know that the best way to connect with our clergy team for care is on our website?

By completing the online request form below our Congregational Care team will quickly respond and provide the support you or someone you know needs.

SUBMIT FORM HERE

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.

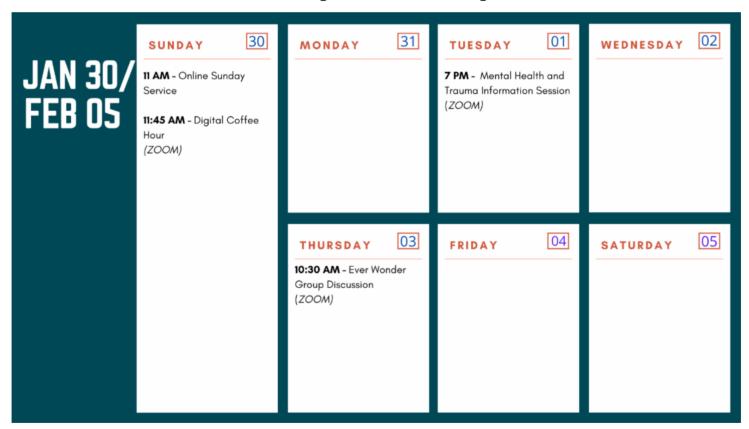
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Interested in joining our family of monthly donors? Contact giving@mcctoronto.com

Online Programming January 30 - February 5



Sunday:

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

Tuesday:

7 PM - Mental Health and Trauma Information Session

Thursday:

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



Sunday Digital Coffee Hour Sunday | 11:45 AM <u>ZOOM Link</u>

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.



Questions? Comments? Inquires? We'd love to hear from you!

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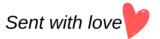












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