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“When your faith is challenged and battered, hear the songs of angels pointing beyond yourself to the permanence of God’s love.”

– Julia Mayo-Quinlan

Join us for Hark! A Christmas Concert on November 26



Hark! Christmas is nearly upon us!

MCC Toronto invites you to get into the holiday spirit by joining us for **Hark! A Christmas Concert with The Choir of MCC Toronto & Special Guests** being hosted in our beautiful

Sanctuary on **November 26 with 3 PM and 7 PM** performances. Along with amazing performances from The Choir of MCC Toronto and Pride & Joy, we are thrilled to welcome some of our favourite musical guests including Bruce Dow, Kelly Holiff, Gavin Hope, Mary Kelly and Cantor David Rosen, all under the music direction of Jason Jestadt.

Come all ye faithful for a Christmas Concert filled with holiday standards and favourites – and a few surprises too!

Hark! is made possible by a gift from Walter Donovan, made in loving memory of his partner Lee Hill.

Tickets cost \$25 for the 3 PM performance and \$40 for the 7 PM performance.

[BUY TICKETS NOW](#)

Welcoming Michael Bradet-Cassabon



We've gotten to hear some fantastic sermons during Rev. Jeff's sabbatical – and not just from Deana and Junia. We've heard from some excellent guests preachers, and we'll be hearing from one more next Sunday. Michael Bradet-Cassabon will be joining us. Fifteen years ago, Michael was ordained as a Roman Catholic Priest in South Carolina. Well, lots of things changed for him. In the years since his ordination, Michael came out as gay. Today, he lives here in Toronto with his husband, Luc. But what hasn't changed is Michael's desire to see, to know, and to love God – and to help others do that, too. You won't want to miss the word he has for us.

Michael Cassabon studied theology at the Vatican and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 2007. After coming out, he left active ministry as a pastor in 2016 and moved to Toronto from his home in South Carolina. While a priest, Michael honed his skills in community

engagement, public speaking, and mindful leadership. He exercises these skills today as the Director of Advancement at the University of Toronto Libraries.

Michael holds philosophy and theology degrees from the Pontifical College Josephinum, Duke University and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

He is now married to his partner Luc, a Canadian pair skating world champion and Olympic athlete. They live in downtown Toronto near St. Lawrence Market with Logan, their French bulldog who is equally parts handsome and stubborn!

Watch the video below to learn more about Michael journey!



Musical Guest



Shannon McCracken is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Shannon is a singer, actor, voice-over artist and teacher. Some of Shannon's oratorio work includes Handel's *Messiah*, Vivaldi's *Gloria*, and Bach's *Magnificat in D Major*. As well as frequenting as a guest soloist for choirs and orchestras, Shannon has been featured in cabarets at the *Banff Centre*, with *New Stages*, and at the inaugural *Women of Musical Theatre Festival* in Toronto, and her recital and concert work have taken her across Canada.

On the stage, some of Shannon's favourite credits include: Esme in the world premiere of *Buying the Farm* (Port Stanley Festival Theatre); Galinda in *Wicked*; Amalia in *She Loves Me* (CMTP); *Oklahoma!* and *The Sound of Music* (Port Hope Festival Theatre); and Barbarina in *The Marriage of Figaro* (Opera Laurier).

Shannon teaches voice from her home studio in Peterborough, loves going for walks with her dog, and is excited to be a part of MCC Toronto this week.

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

Children's Church | Oct 23

Our every second Sunday Children's Church returns Sunday, **October 23** for kids from kindergarten to grade five. No registration is required but please click [here](#) to tell us about your child/children should you be interested in having them join us.

Bible Study on Gospel of John | Oct 25 | 7 PM

Our Bible Study series on the Gospel of John continues on Tuesday (**Oct 25**) at **7 PM** on Zoom.

Written decades later than the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, or Luke, John's perspective on the life of Jesus is distinctively mystical. What makes this book unique? What does John say about Jesus that isn't in the other accounts of his life?

Join us to reflect on these questions and more!

[JOIN BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID: 840 3113 2013
Passcode: 493156

All Saints' Day | Oct 30

Commemorating

All Saints' Day

October 30, 2022



All Saints Day, for the Christian faith, is a Holy Day that commemorates those that have departed this living world. While this celebration may be interpreted in a variety of different ways, regardless of how it is observed, this day is still a special time to commemorate our loved ones that we have lost in the past. On Sunday, October 30, we will be taking some dedicated time in our worship service to recognize those who have passed in our lives, no matter what their perspectives on faith was. If you would like to share the name of a loved one to be honoured during the service, please click on the link below.

[SHARE THE NAME OF YOUR LOVED ONE HERE](#)

Become a Monthly Donor



It is always a pleasure to acknowledge and celebrate members and congregants enrolled in our weekly and monthly giving program! The on-going support of our 300+ sustaining donors is so critical to the work MCC Toronto does everyday, and we are extremely grateful for your gifts. However, like a lot of churches, MCC Toronto has seen our weekly and monthly contributions decline over the past two years. Today, we invite you to consider joining our family of weekly or monthly donors. Whether your gift is \$5 a week, or \$25 a month, every bit helps. You can sign up on our [website](#) or contact giving@mcctoronto.com for more information.

MCC Toronto's Community Outreach Partnership Grant



Community Outreach Partnership Grant Application

A reminder that the application portal for our 2022 Community Outreach Partnership (COP) Grant is now open. Do you know an organization with a vision and mission that aligns with MCC Toronto's? If so, please encourage them to make an application.

This annual up-to-\$5,000 grant is awarded to organization(s) doing important community work in the areas of LGBTQ+, social justice, youth supports, and/or health programs, with priority being given to smaller organizations.

To view full grant criteria and to see the application, please click on the link below. Deadline for applications is **November 10**.

[COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP GRANT](#)



Volunteer with us!

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.

Right now we urgently need volunteers familiar with **webcasting, sound operation multimedia and information desk**.

To sign up for these or other opportunities, please click the link below.

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE](#)



Taking care of each other is more important than ever these days, and if you are in need of some care we are here for you. Just hop on the link below and fill out the form to let one of our pastors know about your needs.

Want to learn more? [Watch this video by Rev. Junia Joplin!](#)

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**Online and In-Person Programming
October 23 - 29**

OCTOBER 23-29	SUNDAY 23 11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service	MONDAY 24	TUESDAY 25 7 PM - Bible Study	WEDNESDAY 26
		THURSDAY 27 10:30 AM - Ever Wonder Group Discussion (ZOOM)	FRIDAY 28	SATURDAY 29

Sunday:
11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service
Tuesday:
7 PM- Bible Study

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



Bible Study

Bible Study
Tuesday | 7 PM
[ZOOM Link](#)
Meeting ID: 840 3113 2013
Passcode: 493156



Sunday Service Worship
Online | 11 AM | In-person | MCC Toronto YouTube

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