



Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's power will make us strong!

- Ruth Duck

Hark! A Christmas Concert | Nov 26 | 3 & 7 PM



Hark is almost here! Tomorrow (Saturday) MCC Toronto kicks off the Christmas Season with Hark! A Christmas Concert with The Choir of MCC Toronto & Special Guests with performances at **3 & 7 PM**. Featuring performances from some of our favourite musical guests, the always wonderful Choir of MCC Toronto, Pride & Joy and other surprises and delights, Hark will put you in the Christmas spirit! And if that doesn't convince you, check out this message from our favourite elf!

You can purchase your tickets **online** or at the door. Doors open at **2:15 PM** and **6:15 PM**, respectively.

MCC Toronto is grateful to Walter Donovan for his gift in loving memory of Lee Hill. Walter's gift is making our Hark Concert possible.

The Best is Yet to Come | An Accessible Environment for All



As we approach 2023 and are planning to resume more programs and services in-person, it's caused us to reflect on the quality of services we provide and how more people can access them, with accessibility being at the forefront of these discussions.

As a progressive spiritual community, MCC Toronto is committed to equity, diversity, inclusion and creating an accessible environment for all – whether it be virtually or in-person, we want everyone to feel welcome and experience all MCC Toronto has to offer in a barrier-free setting.

Since earlier this year, MCC Toronto's Accessibility Committee has been working on identifying areas where we need to make improvements. As we head into 2023, we look forward to rolling out some of these tangible initiatives including:

- improvements to the building's physical space to increase accessibility throughout.
- enhancing audio-visual elements so those attending worship services in-person or online are able to fully experience worship.
- expanding the accessible seating area in the Sanctuary.
- installing a new hearing-assist system in the Sanctuary and Social Hall
- creating more accessible signage around the building that includes braille text.
- · making our website more accessible.

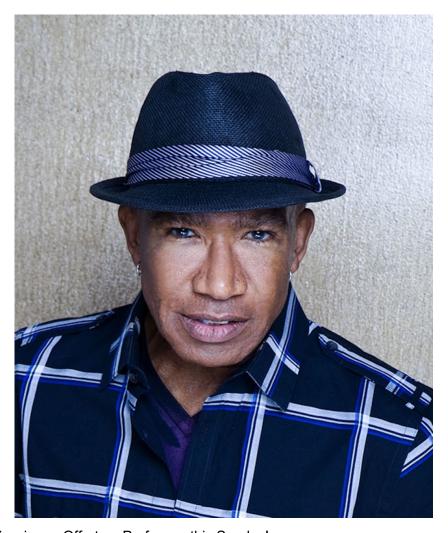
MCC Toronto knows that accessibility is an ongoing process that needs our continued attention, and we are committed to continued evaluation because we believe **The Best is Yet to Come** – a barrier-free environment that supports dignity, independence, integration, and equal opportunity for all individuals with disabilities.

-Shannon Malloch, Executive Director

MAKE A GIFT TO THE BEST IS YET TO COME CAMPAIGN TODAY

MCC Toronto would be grateful for your support of our Year-End Appeal. Questions? Need assistance? Contact giving@mcctoronto.com





Mark Cassius is our Offertory Performer this Sunday!

Mark is a concert and musical theatre artist. He is a graduate of Sheridan College's Music Theatre Program and is presently working on a Masters degree in Music Composition at York University.

He is highly recognized for his work as a member of the world-renowned acapella group, The Nylons (1997–2005). On Broadway, he has performed in *Ragtime*, the revivals of *Shenandoah* (1989) and *Jesus Christ Superstar* (2012). Other musical theatre credits include *Cats* (Canadian Premier), *The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber In Concert*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (with Donny Osmond), *Miss Saigon, Showboat*, and *The Musical of Musicals (The Musical)* (*Broadway World "Best Actor" nominee*).

He has been featured at both the Shaw and the Stratford Festivals. At Stratford, the role of "Mr. Magix" in *My One and Only* (2008), won him critical acclaim. He is a performance instructor at the Randolph College for the Performing Arts and is completely dedicated to the nurturing of the artist. Sharing at MCC Toronto is always a joy and an absolute blessing. Follow him on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter **@TheMarkCassius**

Advent Schedule



MCC Toronto has a host of special services and events through this holiday season, culminating in four (4!) no-cost/no-registration Christmas Eve Services. Check out all the details by clicking on the link below.

MCC TORONTO ADVENT CALENDAR

Santa Boxes | Nov 25 & 26



Graham and Cathy White (aka Santa & Mrs. Claus) would like to remind all the spectacular 2022 elves that they need to pick up their routes **this afternoon (Friday, November 25)** or **tomorrow morning (Saturday, November 26)**.

Please check your confirmation email - or other communications from Santa and the Mrs. -

for the specific time slot during which you should arrive. Please be prompt! If you encounter a problem on the way to get your boxes, please let Mrs. Claus know immediately – by text – to 416-605-9661. (She'll be too busy to answer the phone or check emails).

Children's Church | Sunday, Nov 27

Our every second Sunday Children's Church returns this Sunday (**Nov 27**) 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.



MCC Toronto will hold a vigil for the victims of the mass shooting at Club Q, in Colorado Springs.

Join us at **7 PM** on Sunday for a brief time of prayer, remembrance and reflection.

World AIDS Day Vigil | Nov 30 | 7 PM



MCC Toronto is pleased to host an **Interfaith Vigil for World AIDS Day**, on Wednesday, **November 30** at **7 PM** here at the church. We will be blessed to have musical and other guests from Indigenous, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, and Afro-Caribbean spiritual traditions. Please join us to remember and pray for those who have died of AIDS, and those living with HIV.

LEARN MORE HERE



We're looking for a full-time Office Manager to join our Staff Team. The successful candidate will serve 3 primary functions: 1) Office Management and Coordination of Staff Team 2) Administrative Assistance to the Executive Leadership Team – Senior Pastor, Executive Director, Human Rights Director; and 3) Worship, Events & Programs Support – project managing weekly worship, coordinating volunteers, preparing worship slides and orders of service, and assist with planning and execution of events and programs.

Application Deadline: 5 PM | November 30, 2022

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 support our operations. You can sign up on our website or contact giving@mcctoronto.com for more information.



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.

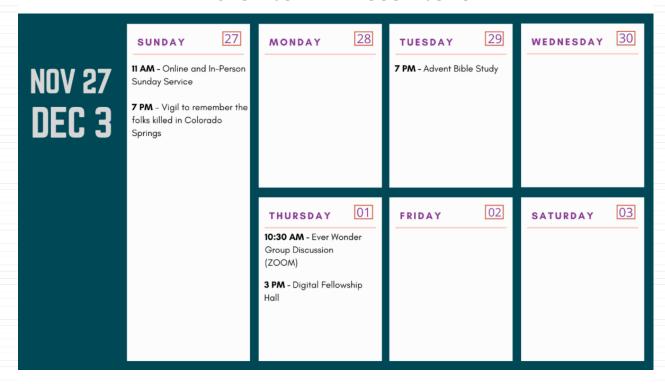
Want to learn more? Watch this video by Rev. Junia Joplin!

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Every Gift is a Blessing. Please consider making a gift to MCC Toronto today.

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Online and In-Person Programming November 27 - December 3



Sunday:

11 AM - Online and In-Person Sunday Service 7 PM- Vigil to remember the folks killed in Colorado **Springs**

Tuesday:

7 PM- Advent Bible Study

Thursday:

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

3 PM- Digital Fellowship Hall



Bible Study
Tuesday | 7 PM
ZOOM Link

Meeting ID: 840 3113 2013 Passcode: 493156



Digital Fellowship Hall

Thursdays | 3 PM ZOOM Link

Meeting ID: 889 7843 8853 Passcode: 560461



Sunday Service Worship

Online | 11 AM | In-person | MCC Toronto YouTube

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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.

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

Connect with us at communications@mcctoronto.com











