

November 4, 2018

Sunday News

Morning edition

VIBRANT **INCLUSIVE** **PROGRESSIVE**



“You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into God’s marvellous light.” 1 Peter 2:9

In scripture we are reminded that we are ALL ministers, a royal priesthood. All of us have something to contribute. For some it’s as paid clergy, or staff, for others it’s as lay ministers and board members, for others still it’s financial and volunteer

commitments , and all of us together make the church.

Therefore the future of our church belongs to all of us, and your thoughts, hopes, and dreams are integral for our moving forward. So we want your help in crafting the vision for MCC Toronto.

Today at 12:45 p.m. we will be holding a Town Hall in the Sanctuary to talk about the vision of our church moving forward, our hopes, and our dreams. Next week we will also email all congregants an online survey (also available in paper format from the church office) to gauge the aspirations, concerns, and passions of the congregation. We ask as many as possible to fill that survey out over the next two weeks as we seek to craft our future together because your opinions matter, your ministry matters, and you matter here at MCC Toronto.

Questions? Email office@mcctoronto.com

Offertory Performer

The members of **Pride & Joy** have recently celebrated the group's 15th anniversary as an outreach ministry of this church. Their mission is to be a joyful healing presence for others through music. They believe that music is a universally understood language connecting people together. Music is a gift from God, a gift that they feel compelled to share with others, and so this smaller chamber choir goes out into the community to sing at community and corporate events, weddings, and funerals. Since their first public performance in autumn 2002, the group has traveled all around southern Ontario. The current members have over 450 years' combined singing experience! They are honoured to have received the 2015 MCC Toronto Vision Alive Award.

Music Director: Diane Leah

Order of Service

At the ❖ symbol, please rise as you are able.

Welcome

Hand of Friendship

Prelude

Thy Word

Moment of Silence

❖ Processional Hymn

For the Faithful Who Have Answered

❖ Opening Prayer

Anthem

Elohai N'Tzor

Time of Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation

Affirmation of Freedom

Invitation to Anointing

Be Thou My Vision
Breathe On Me
Breath of God

Sacred Readings

Lesson for Life

All Saints May Be Celebrated - Rev. Deana Dudley

Prayers of the People

❖ Jesus' Prayer

Offertory

You Raise Me Up - Pride & Joy

Gathering Our Gifts

Our Journey of Faith

Blessing of Gifts

Holy Communion

Give Us This Day

On Eagle's Wings

As The Deer Pants

❖ Halleluia (Cohen)

Because You Live

❖ Benediction

❖ Closing Words

Closing Song

Great is Your Faithfulness

For bookings email prideandjoy@mccutoronto.com



SUNDAY

Briefs

Happening Today

Children & Family Ministry

11:00 a.m. | Rooms 109 & 111

Thrift Shop

All morning | Upstairs Social Hall

Town Hall

After Service | Sanctuary

Evening Service

7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Happening Today

Christmas Ticket Sales

12:30 p.m. | Social Hall

Volunteer Orientation

12:30 | Triangle Room

Happening This Week

Refugee Orientation

1:00 p.m. | Room 109

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | Social Hall

A Peek in the Purse

Updated statistics as of September 30, 2018, January to September

Year-To-Date Plate Offerings



Year-To-Date Automated Giving



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First Reading

Rev. Elder Troy Perry On Addressing MCC Members as Saints

“I always addressed members of MCC as saints because just as the early believers were persecuted and the scriptures say, ‘the world was not worthy of them’; so the world wasn’t worthy to have us.

That’s how important we are to the world and to one another. We are overcomers by the words of our testimony and by the blood of the Lamb. One day we will all show up inside the Eastern Gate to hear our Savior say: ‘Well done thou good and faithful servants!’ I am thankful for God's goodness and MCC is as needed and relevant today as ever.”

Ephesians 1:15-19a

I have heard of your faith in Christ and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of glory may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know the Holy One, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which you have been called, what are the riches of God’s glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God’s power for us who believe, according to the working of divine great power.

**These are sacred readings.
May they comfort us, inspire us,
and challenge us.**



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Jazz Vespers

Remembrance Day Edition

November 11, 4:00 P.M.



Featuring

John Alcorn

Reg Schwager (guitar)

Steve Wallace (bass)

It's time to set the clocks back! Daylight saving time 2018 in Canada ends on November 4, and all times will now be in Eastern Time.

Become A Donor

Your gift in support of our 2018 Christmas Eve service will help us bring people and community together in love and awe during this special time of year. You will receive complimentary tickets, a charitable tax receipt, and the opportunity to dedicate your gift in memory/in

honour/in celebration of loved ones. Christmas Eve Service donor forms are available in the Social Hall following the morning services. For more information contact jfarrell@mcctoronto.com

Christmas Eve Tickets will also be available in the Social Hall.

Homosexuality And The Bible

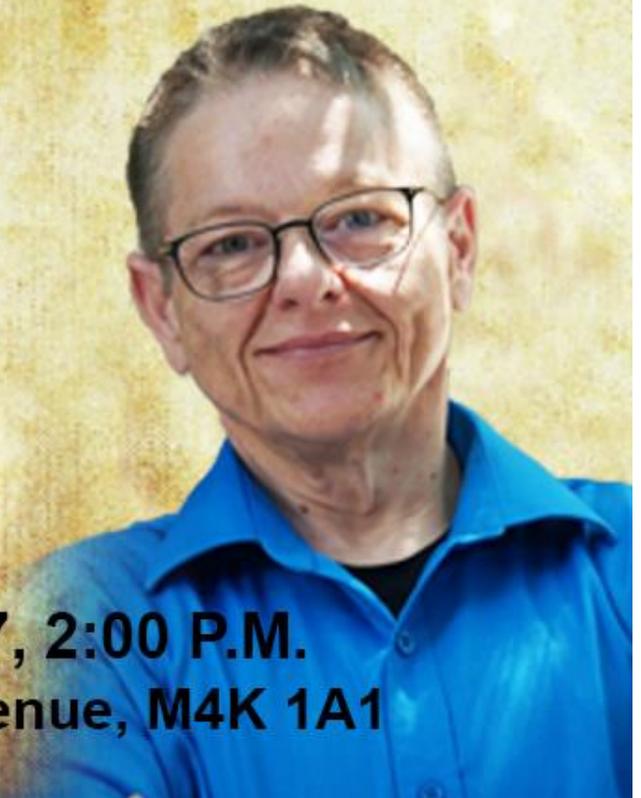
Homosexuality & the Bible

The Bible has brought comfort, hope, and healing to many people in so many places. Sadly, it has also been used as a weapon to inflict pain and cause separation. Rev. Jeff Rock talks about popular misconceptions about the Bible and homosexuality and explains an inclusive interpretation of Scripture as it applies to homosexuality.

November 14 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.



**You are invited to come and celebrate
the ordination of Andrew Holmes.**



**November 17, 2:00 P.M.
115 Simpson Avenue, M4K 1A1**

Today in the Social Hall

**Get your tickets for this year's
Christmas Eve Service
&
Christmas with The Choir.**

**You can also sign up to volunteer at
the Christmas Eve service.**

Christmas Eve Donor Forms available in the Social Hall

Sex-Ed PA Day

November 16, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Students ages 6-12

Email registration to office@mcctoronto.com

Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto

MCC TORONTO'S

Christmas Eve Service

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