

**December 1, 2024**

*Advent I*



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

**P:** All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church exists on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect and friendship to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours.

**C:** **We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to dwell and do ministry on this land, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another.**

**BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Stir up your power, O Christ, and come.

**By your merciful protection, awaken us to all that separates us from you and from one another, and to the resulting harm that is caused. Restore us again for your life of justice and peace, for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

# "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verse one only)

One candle on the Advent Wreath is lit as the verse is sung.



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

## GATHERING SONG      People Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## CHOIR ANTHEM

### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 1:1-2, 7-8, 10-20

There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. <sup>2</sup>He had two wives; the name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children... <sup>7b</sup>Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup>Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?'

<sup>10</sup>She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD AND wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup>She made this vow: 'O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will

set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.'

<sup>12</sup> As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup>Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore, Eli thought she was drunk. <sup>14</sup>So Eli said to her, 'How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.' <sup>15</sup>But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. <sup>16</sup>Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.' <sup>17</sup>Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' <sup>18</sup>And she said, 'Let your servant find favour in your sight.' Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

<sup>19</sup> They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. <sup>20</sup>In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-10**

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more

and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless...

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-25

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup>just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, <sup>3</sup>I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup>so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

<sup>5</sup> In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of

Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup>Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. <sup>7</sup>But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

<sup>8</sup> Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, <sup>9</sup>Zechariah was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. <sup>10</sup>Now at the time of the incense-offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. <sup>11</sup>Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup>When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. <sup>13</sup>But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. <sup>14</sup>You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup>for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>16</sup>He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup>With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.' <sup>18</sup>Zechariah said to the angel, 'How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.' <sup>19</sup>The angel replied, 'I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. <sup>20</sup>But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.'

<sup>21</sup> Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. <sup>22</sup>When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he



had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. <sup>23</sup>When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

<sup>24</sup> After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, <sup>25</sup>'This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favourably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.'

The gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Prepare the Way, O Zion**

1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing  
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a -  
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em -

4 near! Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap -  
 above. His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and  
 brace, and tidings of sal - va - tion proclaim in ev - ery

8 pear. Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore -  
 love. Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for  
 place. All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their

11 *Refrain*  
 told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 grace and joy a - bound - ing. O blest is Christ who  
 ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.

14 came in God's most ho - ly name.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

God of righteousness, your people live in hopeful expectation of your coming. Fill your church with renewed passion for our shared mission and deepen our relationships with other Christians and other faith traditions in our local community and across the world. We pray today for all the people of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and the Moravian Church In Canada. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of the cosmos, all creation shows that your presence is near. Help us sense your goodness and love in the changing of the seasons and through all the wonder and beauty that surrounds us in nature. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of the nations, your reign extends over all principalities and powers. Give leaders and all in authority hearts for justice and peace. Encourage political efforts that benefit the common good. We pray for peace wherever there is conflict in the world, especially Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of change, you accompany us through life's transitions. Be near to all who are changing jobs, moving, welcoming children, or facing the loss of loved ones. Sustain those who are ill or suffering. In times of change, remind us of your steadfast love. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Chris, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Bill, Isa, Zoilita, Bill, June, Barrie, Irene, Kelly, and those we name before you in our hearts (*brief silence...*). God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of community, your Spirit holds us together. Sustain our care for one another. Inspire us to seek new ways to live together and to embrace the wonderful diversity of lives in our congregation. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of memory, we give you thanks for faithful ones who have died. Tend to our grief and sorrow with renewed trust in your promise of abundant and eternal life. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Saviour of the nations, come, and receive these the prayers and pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

## **PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you all!  
**And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and yet you draw near to feed each one of us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff contains a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

## PREFACE

... and join in their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup

we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

God feeds us with tender mercy.

Come to the table.

**Thanks be to God!**

## DISTRIBUTION



## Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## Communion Hymns:

### Wait for the Lord



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

## "Your Kingdom Come" – On Bended Knee

**BLUE 116**

## Come Now, O God



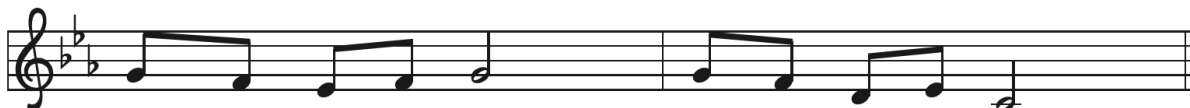
1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.  
2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.  
3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.



Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.  
Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.  
Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.



Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.  
Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.  
Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.



Come, Em - man - u - el.

Come, Em - man - u - el.

## TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. **Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy,  
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As  
we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,  
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us  
toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ  
our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

God of endings and beginnings,  
God in the darkness and the light,  
God, our hope for the journey,  
✠ bless and keep you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**The blessing of the God of life be ours.  
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.  
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours,  
To cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.**

## SENDING HYMN

## Hark, the Glad Sound



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

## Announcements and Information

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Laura F Mann	Michelle Normandin
<b>Servers</b>	Jan Nielsen Dennis Kunze	Kishan Gunawardene Marilyn Bleach Schranz
<b>Reader</b>	Kate Stuttaford	Siegfried Schranz
<b>Greeters</b>	Cheryl Arbuckle	Michele Altermann Norm Frid
<b>Ushers</b>	Lucy Reid & David Howells	Jan Nielsen Dennis Kunze
<b>AV booth</b>	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen	John Szymanski Brian Janzen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janet Weigel Ann Sanders	Janet Weigel Ann Sanders
<b>Counters</b>		Mark Weigel Matzi King
<b>Flowers</b>		The Cressmans
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Budget meeting	Pearl Robinson

**Greeters:** If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact Elaine Maguire at (519) 658-0509 or let the office know. Thank you.

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**Annual Budget Meeting:** Please join us on **today after the service**. Copies of the 2025 Budget are available on the table in the narthex.

**Decorating the church:** Altar Guild invites you to help decorate the church for Christmas on **Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome!

**Christmas season poinsettias:** If you wish to contribute towards these, please let the Janet Weigel or Ann Sanders know. *Thank you.*

**Advent Hymns:** St. Joseph's RC Choir is presenting a concert of Advent Hymns on **Saturday December 7 , 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** in support of the **Silvercreek Community Market.** Everyone is welcome. Please bring a non perishable food item.

**Mary Guse Giving Tree:** Pick a piece of coloured paper from the tree and purchase the item for the organization listed. Place the unwrapped gift under the tree with the slip of paper attached to it. **The last Sunday for bringing gifts will be Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 2024.**

**Parish Care:** The next workshop is **Tuesday, December 10, 2024** in the parlour at 1:00 p.m. This month's topic is "Ultra—Processed Foods". Everyone is welcome, bring your friends! Refreshments will be served.

**Connections:** The deadline for the January issue of *Connections* is **Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024.** Please submit items to Christine Morrison at [cjmorrison263@gmail.com](mailto:cjmorrison263@gmail.com)

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**The Associates** The next meeting is **Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Parlour. Caregivers and their partners with dementia are both welcome to learn, share, socialize and find solace.

**Silvercreek Community Market:** We have run out of **rice and red lentils** and will need more for the December Markets! We currently serve about 160 families each month so please consider buying the specific items listed below in advance of each month — for **December** we still need **60** bottles of cooking oil (1L).

**We also do not need any more reuseable grocery bags at this time.** *Thank you.*

**Caring Conversations:** Your help is needed! The Reconciling in Christ Team is looking for participation in collecting your questions or topics, thoughts and experiences with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, to help us prepare for Caring

Conversations on Sunday January 26, 2025. Join us for soup and conversation. Please write down your thoughts on the cards provided and drop them off in the box on the table in the narthex. You can also email Pastor Brian or any of the RIC Team. *Thank you.*

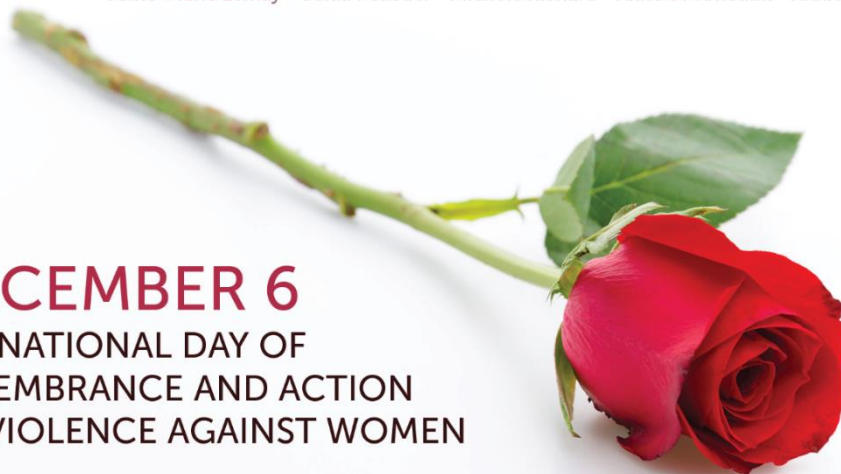
There is a **2SLGBTQIA+ Youth Drop In Program** Friday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Hastings Room at the West End Community Centre. F or Youth ages 14 to 18. This free program is offered through Parkwood Gardens Neighbourhood Group - ***please pass this on to anyone who you know might be interested in attending.***

**2025 Offering Envelopes** are available in your mailboxes now.

Geneviève Bergeron H  l  ne Colgan Nathalie Croteau Barbara Daigneault Anne-Marie Edward  
Maud Haviernick Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz Maryse Lagani  re Maryse Leclair  
Anne-Marie Lemay Sonia Pelletier Mich  le Richard Anne St-Arneault Annie Turcotte



**DECEMBER 6**  
THE NATIONAL DAY OF  
REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION  
ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



**December 6, 7:00 PM – “Fourteen Remembered”**

On December 6, 1989, fourteen women were murdered at Polytechnique Montreal in an act of violent misogyny.

“Fourteen Remembered” is a musical project by the late Ahmed Hassan to commemorate each of the women killed that day. You are invited to come to the church at 7:00 p.m. to hear a recording of this powerful project as a way to mark The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

## LOOKING AHEAD: December 2 — 8

Wednesday 4	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to office
Thursday 5	9:00 a.m.— 3:30 pm	Silvercreek Community Market, Rose Head Hall
	10 a.m.	Clericus Nave
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Friday 6	10:00 a.m.	Women of Faith Parlour
	7:00 p.m.	“Fourteen Remembered” Nave
Saturday 7	9:00 a.m.	Decorating the Church Nave
	2:00—7:00 p.m.	Rental Rose Head Hall
Sunday 8	8:30 a.m.	Advent 2 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Advent 2 Holy Communion—Nave
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Lessons and Carols Nave

### Organist

Peter West

### Staff

Michele Altermann, Administrative Assistant

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday— Friday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.