St. Cyprian's Anglican Church & Iona Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship by Zoom and in person 10:30 a.m.



Advent 1
Sunday, November 29, 2026

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Zoom Link for Sunday Worship
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2897790104?omn=83067962618
Or call: 647 374 4685 or 647 558 0588
Meeting ID: 289 779 0104 No Passcode Required

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Mississauga. We acknowledge this territory's significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live, upon it and whose practices and spiritualities were tied to the land and continue to develop in relationship to the territory and its other inhabitants today.

Holy Communion (BAS)
Hymns are from *Common Praise*

Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Sentence: "Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21: 28)

Processional Hymn #89: ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*** (vv. 1–2, 5–7)
First verse solo: Liliana Lobato

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
People: And also with you.

Presider: Almighty God,

All: To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Presider: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Presider: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In preparation for that coming, we reflect on the Advent of Christ and light candles for the four weeks leading up to Christmas.
So today, as we light the first candle on the Advent Wreath, the candle of hope, we rejoice in the great hope that Christ brings for peace, healing, salvation, and the well-being of all creation.
In 1 Peter 1: 3, we read, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Let us pray.
Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, help us to open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed that we may walk in the light of Christ every single day of our lives. In his precious name we pray. **Amen.**

Wreath Lighting Hymn: ***Hope Is a Star*** (Brian Wren & Joan Collier Fogg) (v. 1)

Hope is a star that shines in the night
Leading us on till the morning is bright.

When God is a child, there's joy in our song
The last shall be the first and the weak shall be strong,
And none shall be afraid.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray.
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility,
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Songs of Worship

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Chorus
Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse
To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

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Goodness Of God

1. I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

2. I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge
Your goodness is running after It's running after me
Your goodness is running after It's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
I give You everything Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

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The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3–9 Una Ford

Reader: The first reading is taken from the first chapter of St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians, beginning at the third verse.

[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5]for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—[6]just as the testimony of[Christ has been strengthened among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the

revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8]He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 80: 1–7, 17–19

Presider: [1]Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
People: [2]In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Presider: [3]Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
People: [4]O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
Presider: [5]You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
People: [6]You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Presider: [7]Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
People: [17]And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
Presider: [18]Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved

Let us pray. Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd; you have led us to the kingdom of your Father's love. Forgive our careless indifference to your loving care for all your creatures, and remake us in the likeness of your new and risen life. We ask this in your name.

Amen.

Gradual Hymn #712: ***Alleluia*** (Chorus x2)

Gospel Reading: Mark 13: 24–37 Mary Nagrani

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the thirteenth chapter of Saint Mark, beginning at the twenty-fourth verse.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

”[24]But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, [25]and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. [26]Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. [27]Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. [28]‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29]So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30]Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. [32]But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. [34]It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35]Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, [36]or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn #712: ***Alleluia*** (Chorus x2)

Sermon: “Waiting for Jesus” Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Choir Anthem: *"When the wind of winter blows."* Arranged by Ruth Duck

The Apostles' Creed

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

Do you believe in God the Father?

All: **I believe in God, The Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence
For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.**

Intercessor: For this community, our country, and the world, and especially for those nations riven by war and conflict in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia and elsewhere;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor: For all who are in danger, sorrow, sickness, especially Diane, Edna, Marg, Margaret, and all others whom we now name.

The people may add their own petitions.

For those in any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: **For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

Intercessor: For Bishops Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla, for Interim Moderator Alex, for John our priest and pastor, and for all other ministers;

People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor: For our own needs and those of others, especially those which we now remember before you.

The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our king;

People: **And praise your name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Presider: Almighty God, have mercy upon you. Pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: And also, with you.

Offertory Song: *Blessed Be Your Name*

1. Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

2. Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Chorus
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

3. Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me

When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

4. Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of love and power, your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

All (sung): (#735)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will .On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup of wine ;and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died,**
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Presider: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever,**
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
All: **Happy are those who are called**
to the supper of the Lamb.

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

All (#745) (sung):

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.
Grant us peace.

Communion: *All who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are welcome to receive Communion. You may choose between the common or an individual cup. If you would rather not receive either, simply push out your hand. If would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms when you approach the Communion station.*

Communion Song

Worthy of It All

All the saints and angels Bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing

Chorus
You are worthy of it all You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things And to You are all things
You deserve the glory

Interlude 1
Singing Oh, Oh, Oh

Bridge
Day and night night and day let incense arise
Day and night night and day let incense arise
Day and night night and day let incense arise
Day and night night and day let incense arise

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Prayer after Communion

Presider: God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

Presider: Glory to God.

All: Whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation. In the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever, Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Presider: The peace of God, which passes all understanding. Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord. The blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn #114: ***Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome to St. Cyprian's and Iona, as we continue our **combined worship and ministry at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays**. After today's service, we invite everyone to join **a joint fellowship time** together **in the Iona space**.

Following the service on Sunday, November 29, we would greatly appreciate any assistance, as we put up our Christmas tree. Many hands make it much easier!!

Food Donations

As the holiday season approaches, we would like to help others in need through food donations. Brenda Haddock, who volunteers at the Scott Mission, and Stacey Leslie, who volunteers at the St. Paul's Food Bank in Pickering, will be collecting food donations on the following Sundays: November 29, December 6, 13, and 20.
Current key items are vegetable oil, peanut butter, canned tomatoes, canned meat, juice, tuna, salmon and sardines. Cookies / crackers are always a treat.
Any help is always appreciated if you would like to contribute.
Please talk to Brenda or Stacey if you have any questions. Thank you.

Christmas Flowers

We will be purchasing memorial flowers for the Christmas services for both St. Cyprian's and Iona. If you would like to remember someone in this way, **please donate by Sunday, December 20** at the latest**.** On your donation envelope, please clearly print the following information:
1) Your name or family name (i.e., how you wish it to appear in the bulletin)
2) The name(s) of those you wish to remember/honour.
If preferred, write-ups may be emailed to Stacey at:
Stacey.leslie.2993@gmail.com

Wednesday Noon Meditation

The **Wednesday meditation continues** with David Rudd and others **at 12 noon.** It is **20 minutes long** and **a helpful way to nurture your faith** through the practice of silent prayer.

The **Zoom link** is:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9321564941?pwd=QmhLdDZ6ekQ2a1FLMmRWK2tXU0F0Zz09
meeting ID: 932 156 4941 Passcode: 1080

Tuesday Zoom Bible Study

Rev. John's weekly **Zoom Bible Study on "Saints at Prayer" on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. continues.**

All are welcome at any time. You can join online at:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8517044556
Meeting ID: 851 704 4556
You can also join the meeting by phone on
647-374-4685 or 647-558-0588.

Happy Birthdays

Rita Hiorth **November 29**
Gizaw Otoo-Annan **December 1**

Happy birthday, happy birthday, God loves you.
Happy birthday and may all your dreams come true.
When you blow out the candles, one light stays aglow.
It is the love light of our Lord for all to know.