

Join the people of
**Richmond Hill Presbyterian
 Church**
 this season of
Advent & Christmas

2015 Advent Sunday services are held at
 10:30 am. Worship leaders will be the Rev.
 Duncan Jeffrey and Theological Student Casey
 Park.

Everyone is welcome.

**10066 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill
 Call 905.884.4211 for details**

Advent One “Hope”: **Nov 29: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism.** God’s people keep vigil as we wait for Christ’s coming (advent). God promises justice, righteousness and peace. We promise to repent, change, be healed and transformed.

Advent Two “Peace”: **Dec 6 Communion and Reception of New Members:** Who is crying in the wilderness today? Is God messaging us? What’s keeping us from hearing? We welcome all to share communion irrespective of your denomination or age. If you love the Lord Jesus, come, eat, drink and remember.

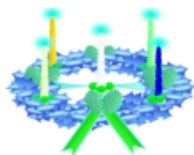
Advent Three “Joy”: **Dec 13 Church School and Youth Programme “Back in time”:** is the working title of this year’s Christmas Pageant. Experience the joy of Christmas as seen through the eyes of our younger friends. Children especially will enjoy seeing the story of Christmas told by their peers and classmates. A special visitor is expected to join us following lunch. Everyone is welcome.

Advent Four “Love”: **Dec 20 Christmas Sunday: Service of Lessons and Carols: The Choir presents “Midnight Clear” – the Christmas Story in Word and Song:** Traditions predominate as we hear the scriptures read and sing the favourite carols of the season. Students and other family from out of town may be “home for the holidays”. Make this Sunday a time for the entire family to get together.

Ecumenical Longest Night Service: Dec 21 at 7:00 p.m. at R.H. United Church: Experience the peace that comes from stillness and silence after the hectic rush of preparations. This service can be a time of remembering for folk who have experienced a bereavement, break-up or lost a job this year. Even though you may not feel jolly or merry allow music, word and liturgy to comfort you and surround you with God’s love. The ministers of our community churches come together to lead this special service.

Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Communion: Dec 24 at 7:30 p.m. Tonight we light the Christ Candle and meditate together on how the world is different because Jesus is both a mirror to humanity and a window to divinity. Candles will illuminate the chancel as glowing faces reflect God’s love come down at Christmas. Carols and Communion allow God to draw close to us on the Holy Night.

December 27 “Awful Sweater Sunday”: We continue to celebrate Christmas but reflect that Christ was born in a lowly stable. To symbolize that humble coming, worshipers are invited to wear their most awful item of Christmas apparel. To help those on the streets or in similar lowly places – the stables and mangers of today- we invite you to bring clean and lightly used outdoor clothing to be taken to Evangel Hall together with our gifts of knitted goods.



Merry Christmas