



# MET MESSENGER

## From our Lead Pastor

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...” (1 Timothy 1:15)

We live in challenging and bewildering times. The pandemic drags on, and we continue to experience disruption to our lives in all kinds of ways – some trivial, some monumental. All the while, our society is changing rapidly before our very eyes, and in some respects, we feel more and more that we are aliens and strangers in this world. With this as the backdrop to Christmas 2021, what a joy it is to remember and celebrate the greatest gift that has ever been given – the gift of God’s own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who came into the world to save sinners. There is much to discourage and unsettle us in the world around, but what a joy to know salvation in Jesus Christ. What a comfort to know the forgiveness of sins. What a hope is ours as we look forward to entering into the full experience of salvation in heaven above. It was a great delight to come together just recently to celebrate that gift in word and in song during our Carols by Candlelight service. If you have not yet [registered](#) for Christmas Eve, please plan to join us as we continue to praise and thank our Saviour for the wonder of His great gift to us.

May God bless you and your family richly this Christmas,

Jonathan Griffiths

## Our Christmas Season Services



We had such a great time of worship last Monday as we celebrated our Saviour’s birth during the Carols by Candlelight service. Within the midst of uncertainty it was enriching to sit under the truth of the Word and to sing familiar Christmas carols. We encourage you to share and re-watch the [recording](#).

For both this Sunday and Christmas Eve, we will be continuing our series based on Christmas according to Paul - it's the greatest gift ever given or received. We will continue to reflect on Paul's wonder at the fact that God became man in the person of Jesus Christ. This is a great opportunity to invite someone who is exploring the claims of Christianity or who has yet to hear the gospel. [Registration](#) is required. The 4:30 PM Christmas Eve service will be [live-streamed](#). Perhaps you, or your guests, would be interested in learning more about Jesus, and how Christianity deals with tough issues like where God is during chaos; why He came; and what this means.



Starting January 13th, the next Christianity Explored course offers a relaxed and informal way of sharing the best news one can ever hear. Through informal conversations and real-life stories, participants have lots of opportunities to ask questions about the true gospel. [Registration](#) is required.

## Special Christmas Offering

We are asking for our congregation to prayerfully consider a very special Christmas offering that is being designated to address two key areas: the disaster relief efforts being undertaken in Jesus' Name by Samaritan's Purse in British Columbia; as well as the budget shortfall, which to date is approximately \$200k. Your donations help Samaritan's Purse respond quickly to the urgent needs of families in British Columbia who have been impacted by flooding, by providing practical assistance as people clean up and rebuild. They also offer emotional and spiritual support in the aftermath of tragedy. Please continue to pray for the thousands who are struggling in the aftermath of the flooding.

Your donations will help here at home as we continue to resume services and expand ministries on site. We've also allocated budget funds towards enhancing our audio, visual and live-streaming capabilities, as well as updating the METTykes area. Finally, the Encounter the Truth media ministry's reach was also expanded, providing more radio broadcasts daily, to more and more cities across North America.

## Timothy Trust

Founded here at The Met, the mission of the Timothy Trust is to equip expository Bible preachers for the revitalization of the Canadian Church. Faithful ministry partners have expressed interest in working with us to expand our conferences and workshops to equip preachers in Western Canada and the Maritimes. We are also very thankful that the Timothy Trust has now been incorporated with its own Board and has charitable status. As of December 31st, it will operate as a fully independent charity, which is a wonderful step forward and an answer to prayer. We look forward to welcoming a range of outstanding speakers in 2022, including Dr. Peter Williams of Tyndale House in England, as well as Dr. Don Carson and Rev. Simon Manchester. Please pray for wisdom for the Timothy Trust leadership and for our upcoming speakers as they prepare to equip those who desire to better handle God's Word. If you would like to learn more about the work of the Timothy Trust, please visit [timothytrust.ca](https://timothytrust.ca) and sign up for our quarterly newsletter.



## Board Update

Praise God for His grace in sustaining the elders in brotherly love and unity. Join us in welcoming and encouraging our new pastoral appointments, Pastors Mason Bramer and Manasseh Muvandimwe. Please take time to pray and encourage all those who labour among us. We are thankful for the Lord's provision and your faithfulness in giving. In these bleak and uncertain times, the hope of Christmas rings ever true, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone." (Isaiah 9:2). We wish you a joyful and peaceful Christmas season.

## Piano Memorial Fund Update

We are delighted to see that \$22,000 was received for a piano in honour of our beloved Pastor Randy Jost. We are in the process of sourcing the appropriate piano for the Chapel. So many have been blessed by Pastor Randy's music ministry over the years, and while we dearly miss Pastor Randy, we look forward to this acquisition, and we pray that it will be used to bring glory to the Lord over many years.