



Welcome Visitors! Thank you for worshipping with us today, at Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church. You have enriched our community and we hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. You may wish to visit us on the web at www.elmwoodchurch.ca to learn more about us and what opportunities are available for personal spiritual growth and service to others. If you are not an involved member of a faith community, but seeking one, we invite you to return here any Sunday for worship and fellowship.

If you would like to speak to the minister, or have him visit, you are very welcome to be in touch with him. Please contact the church office 519-438-3492 or email afullerton@elmwoodchurch.ca

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Gifts that make a difference - As we reflect on giving and receiving gifts this Christmas, let us give thanks for Presbyterians across Canada who are making a difference through their gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing!* Together, we are supporting inner city missions, equipping congregations, encouraging children and youth, enabling congregational renewal and development, supporting theological education, maintaining international partnerships, sending mission staff – and so much more! Together, we are making mission and ministry happen in Canada and around the world. This Christmas Day, we celebrate the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ our Lord – whose example of giving inspires our own. *Presbyterians Sharing is making a difference*

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OUR PURPOSE

Our mission as a congregation, with the Holy Spirit as our guide is to share the good news of Jesus Christ in the world, and to fulfill our responsibilities to God and our neighbours.

Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church was founded in 1925 to continue the tradition of the Presbyterian Church in Canada when Knox Presbyterian Church voted to enter Church Union. This may be the first post-union congregation to have erected a building. Our Sanctuary was dedicated on July 19, 1926. We draw your attention to our windows designed by Christopher Wallis, and our organ, built by Gabriel Kney, both of London. The congregation has been ministered to by outstanding spiritual leaders, Dr. Frederick W. Gilmour, Dr. John Fleck, Dr. D. Glenn Campbell, Rev. Rod Ferguson, Rev. Karen Timbers and Rev. Kevin Steeper.

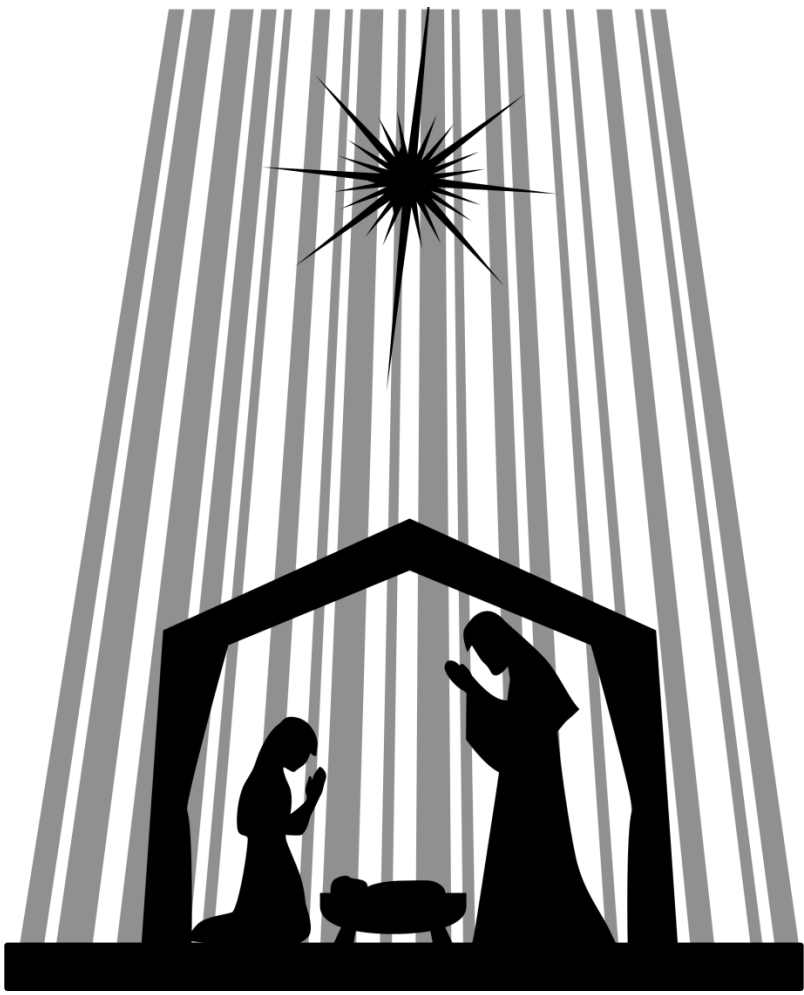
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**ELMWOOD AVENUE
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Lessons and Carols
 Christmas Eve Service**



Minister: Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
Director of Music: Lorraine Clark, A.Mus., B.Mus., B.Ed.
Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO

CHRISTMAS

Nativity
of our Lord
December 24

*If able, please stand where indicated with an * asterisk.*

Organ Prelude (*Paul Merritt*): Arrangements of Christmas Carols

Words of Welcome and Announcements

*Lighting of the Christ Candle (*see insert*)
(*Ann Fitchett - Choir*)

Solo: This is the Truth Sent from Above (*Verse 1*)

Baritone Soloist: *Alistair McGhee*

*Hymn of Praise: **Once in royal David's city** # 166
Soloist: Laurie McGhee (*Verse 1 solo, verse 2-4 all*)

Bidding Prayer

Scripture Reading: **Isaiah 11:1-9** (pg. 745-r, pg. 673-w)
(*Elaine Allen – Elmwood Ladies Fellowship*)

Choir Anthem: Lo How a Rose *M. Praetorius*

Scripture Reading: **Luke 1:26-38** (pg. 1098-r, pg. 991-w)
(*Glenn Johnson – Board of Managers*)

*Hymn of Praise: **Angels from the realms of glory** # 146

Scripture Reading: **Luke 2:1-7** (pg. 1099-r, pg. 992-w)
(*Juel Howse-McLean – Choir*)

*Hymn of Praise: **Away in a manger** # 149

Choir Anthem: Watt's Cradle Song *Bert Van der Hoek*

Scripture Reading: **Luke 2:8-16** (pg. 1100-r, pg. 992-w)
(*Marianne Pfleger - Congregation*)

Choir Anthem: Masters In This Hall *Arr. by David Willcocks*

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 2:1-12** (pg. 1036-r, pg. 934-w)
(*Don Clark – Session*)

*Hymn of Praise: **'Twas in the moon of wintertime** # 144

Scripture Reading: **John 1: 1-14** (pg. 1137-r, pg. 1027-w)
(*Betty Turvey – Work & Worship*)

Offering of Our Gifts to God

Choir Offertory: In The Bleak Mid Winter *Harold Darke*

Doxology Hymn: Praise God from whom all blessing flow # 830

*Offertory Prayer

Fantasia on Christmas Carols *R. Vaughan Williams*


Baritone Soloist: Alistair McGhee


*Hymn of Praise: **Silent night** # 154

*Benediction

Organ Postlude: What Child is This? *Arr. by R. Vaughan Williams*

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 Thank you to Paul Merritt, Katy Clark, Laurie McGhee and Stephanie O'Leary for their participation in this evening's worship service.

 **Presbyterian Prayer Partnership** – Prince of Peace, as we await your coming, may we be awoken to the suffering around us. May we work to see you in everyone we meet.



Wishing you a blessed Christmas!