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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 season, we celebrate the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ our Lord – whose example of giving inspires our own. *Presbyterians Sharing is making a difference*

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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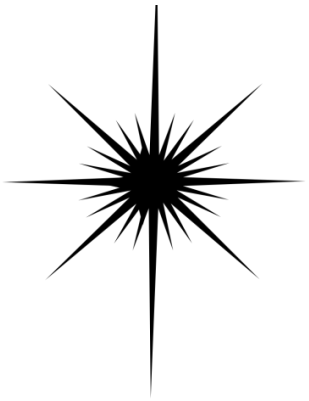
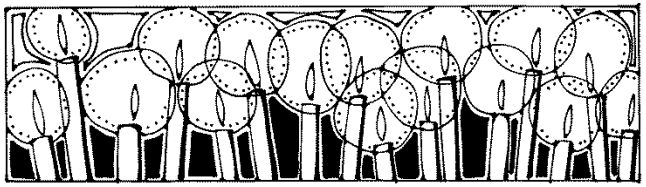
Christmas Worship

December 25, 2017



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



Nativity of our Lord
December 25

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

Organ Prelude: O Sleep, Dear Holy Baby *Carson Cooman*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Congregational Introit: Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel (verse 1) # 122

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **O come, all ye faithful** **# 159**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession
M: Lord, have mercy upon us
P: Christ, have mercy upon us
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Prayer for the Day

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace
M: The Peace of Christ be with you all
P: And also with you

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

Solo
Soloist: Katy Clark

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Isaiah 52:7-10** (pgs. 792-r, 716-w, 596-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **96** (Refrain I)

***Gloria Patri Hymn** # 594

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen

Scripture Reading: **St. Luke 2:1-20** (pgs. 1099-r, 992-w, 832-NRSV)

M: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,
P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

We Respond in Faith and Service

*Hymn: **Good Christians, all rejoice** **# 141**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
M: Lord, in your mercy
P: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Offering of our Gifts in Response

Organ Offertory: In Dulci Jubilo

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow # 830

*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn: **Hark! the herald angels sing** **# 139**

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Choral Amen (congregation)

Organ Postlude: Noel *Louis Claude Daquin*

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Thank you to Katy Clark for her participation in this morning's worship service.

Presbyterian Prayer Partnership – As we celebrate the birth of Christ, we pray that Christians in Israel and Palestine who gather to worship in joy and peace.

May you have
the gift of Faith,
the blessing of Hope,
and the peace of His Love
at Christmas and always