Welcome Visitors!

Thank you for joining us today for this special worship service 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.

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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Lessons and Carols December 24, 2019





Community



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

Prelude: Reflection on Away In a Manger

David Schelat

Words of Welcome and Announcements

*Lighting of the Christ Candle (see insert) (Juel Howse-McLean & Malcolm McLean)

Solo: This is the Truth Sent From Above

English Traditional Carol

Baritone Soloist: Alistair McGhee

*Hymn of Praise: Once in royal David's city

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Bidding Prayer

Choir Anthem: Lo. How a Rose

Michael Praetorius

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-9

(pg. 745-r, pg. 673-w)

(Reader: Don Clark)

*Hymn of Praise: O Come, all ye faithful

#159

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38

(pg. 1098-r, pg. 991-w)

(Reader: Alistair McGhee)

Choir Anthem: Gabriel's Message

*Hymn of Praise: O little town of Bethlehem

#164

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-7

(pg. 1099-r, pg. 992-w)

(Reader: Elaine Allen)

*Hymn of Praise: Away in a manger

#149

Choir Anthem: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Allan Bevan

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-16

(Reader: Thom McClenaghan)

(pg. 1100-r, pg. 992-w)

Choir Anthem: He is Born

Robert Wetzler

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 2:1-12** (pg. 1036-r, pg. 934-w) (Reader: Nancy Abernethy)

*Hymn of Praise: Hark! the herald angels sing

Scripture Reading: **John 1: 1-14** (pg. 1137-r, pg. 1027-w)

(Reader: Rev. Joyce Elder) Offering of Our Gifts to God

Offertory Solo: Love Came Down at Christmas

Soloist: Katy Clark

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

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Eric Thiman

*Offertory Prayer

Choir Anthem: In the Bleak Mid Winter Harold Darke

*Hymn of Praise: Silent night # 154

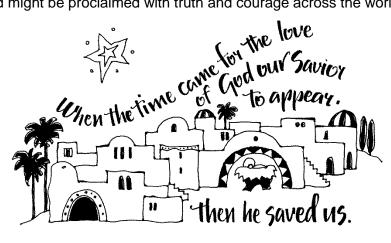
*Benediction

Organ Postlude: Silent Night arr: Noel Rawsthorne

Thank you to Trudy and Bert Van der Hoek for organizing this this evening's worship service and to the choir for their

beautiful performance.

Presbyterian Prayer Partnership – Let us pray for the church around the world as it celebrates the birth of Christ. Bless all those who are entrusted with Christian ministry and that God's word might be proclaimed with truth and courage across the world.



Wishing you a blessed Christmas!