



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.

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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**

**December 24, 2023**

· The · GRACE · of · GOD · HAS · APPEARED ·



· BRINGING · SALVATION · to · ALL ·

*Titus 2:11*



*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given*

*Isaiah 9:6*

An offering can be made in one of the offering plates upon entering or leaving.

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

Prelude: Variations sur 'In Dulci Jubilo'

*Denis Bédard*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

\*Lighting of the Christ Candle

\*Carol: **Once in royal David's City**

**# 166**

Bidding Prayer

Lesson: **Isaiah 11-19**

(pgs. 745-r, 558-w, 673-NRSV)

(Reader: Elaine Allen)

Solo: The truth from above

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Baritone: Alistair McGhee

Lesson: **St. Luke 1:26-38**

(pgs. 1098-r, 991-w, 831-NRSV)

(Reader: Steve O'Neil)

\*Carol: **'Twas in the moon of wintertime**

**# 144**

Lesson: **St. Luke 2:1-7**

(pgs. 1099-r, 992-w, 832-NRSV)

(Reader: Marjorie Howell)

Choir Anthem: In the bleak mid-winter

*Harold Darke*

\*Carol: **Joy to the world**

**# 153**

Lesson: **St. Luke 2:8-16**

(pgs. 1100-r, 992-w, 833-NRSV)

(Reader: Alistair McGhee)

\*Carol: **Silent Night**

**# 154**

Choir Anthem: He is born!

*Arr. Robert Wetzler*

Lesson: **St. Matthew 2:1-12**

(pgs. 1036-r, 934-w, 783-NRSV)

(Reader: Don Clark)

\*Carol: **O little Town of Bethlehem**

**# 165**

Choir Anthem: Watt's Cradle Song

*Bert Van der Hoek*

Lesson: **St. John 1:1-14**

(pgs. 1137-r, 1027-w, 862-NRSV)

(Reader: Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton)

Solo: O Holy Night

*Adolphe Adam*

Tenor: Eric Neaves

Prayer

Choir Anthem: Masters in this hall

*arr. William H. Brown, Jr.*

\*Carol: **O Come, all ye faithful**

**# 159**

\*Benediction

Organ Postlude: O Come, all ye faithful

*arr. Emma Lou Diemer*

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**Please note:** No photos or filming permitted without the express permission of the participants involved. Thank you.



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



T I T U S 3 : 4 - 5

*Sharing with you the Glory, the Wonder, the Miracle of this Holy Season. Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year!*