



### **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](http://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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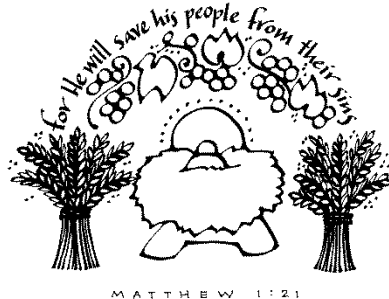
## ***Lessons and Carols*** **December 24, 2024**

C H R I S T M A S E V E



*Let the heavens be glad!  
and let the earth rejoice*

Psalm 96:11



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

(Reader: Bill Neaves)

\*Carol: **Silent night**

**# 154**

Choir Anthem: Christmas night

John Rutter

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

(Reader: Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton)

Solo: O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam

Tenor: Alistair McGhee

Prayer

\*Carol: **On Christmas might all Christians sing**

**# 162**

Choir Anthem: Psallite, unigenito

Michael Praetorius

*Latin Text: Psallite, unigenito, Christo Dei fillio*

*Psallite, Redemptori, Domino, puerulo jacenti in praesepio!*

*English Translation: Praise, only begotten, Christ the Son of God,  
Praise to the Redeemer; the Lord, the child lying in the manger!*

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

**# 159**

\*Benediction

Organ Postlude: Angels We Have Heard On High arr. Dale Wood

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

*Thank you to the readers, soloists and choir for their beautiful performances as part of this evenings worship service.*



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

*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: Noel et variations sur 'Il est né'  
Ductia on Riu, Riu, Chiu  
O Little Town of Bethlehem

Larry Visser  
Dennis Janzer  
arr. David Cherwien

Words of Welcome and Announcements

\*Lighting of the Christ Candle

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

**# 166**

Bidding Prayer

Lesson: **Isaiah 9:2-7**

(Reader: Alistair Mc Ghee)

Choir Anthem: O Little Town of Bethlehem

Bert Van der Hoek

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

(Reader: Lorraine Clark)

\*Carol: **Of eternal love begotten**

**# 163**

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

(Reader: Steve O'Neil)

Choir Anthem: Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella

Robert Hobby

\*Carol: **While shepherds watched**

**# 138**

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

(Reader: Trudy Van der Hoek)

Choir Anthem: O leave your sheep

Cecil Hazelhurst