



## 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.

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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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Today's Organist  
Paul Merritt

Organist Emeritus  
Bert Van der Hoek,  
ARCCO



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## Lessons and Carols December 24, 2025

CHRISTMAS EVE





*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: Noël En Musette  
Noël Huron  
Carol of the Manger

G. Morancon  
D. Bédard  
D. Wood

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Solo: O Holy Night  
Soloist: Alistair McGhee  
\*Lighting of the Christ Candle  
\*Carol: Once in royal David's city

Adolphe Adam

# 166

Bidding Prayer

Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7  
(Reader: Juel Howse McLean)

Choir Anthem: O Little Town of Bethlehem

Bert Van der Hoek

Lesson: St. Luke 1:26-38  
(Reader: Paul Merritt)

\*Carol: Away in a manger

# 149

Lesson: St. Luke 2:1-7  
(Reader: Don Clark)

Choir Anthem: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Ian Bevell

\*Carol: While shepherds watched

# 138

Lesson: St. Luke 2:8-16  
(Reader: Trudy Van der Hoek)

Choir Anthem: He is Born

Arr. R. Wetzler

Lesson: St. Matthew 2:1-12  
(Reader: Alistair McGhee)

\*Carol: The first nowell

# 136

Choir Anthem: Sing We Now of Christmas

Arr. B. Harlan

Lesson: St. John 1:1-14

(Reader: Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton)

Prayer

\*Carol: On Christmas night all Christians sing

# 162

Choir Anthem: Torches

J. Joubert

\*Carol: Silent night

# 154

\*Benediction

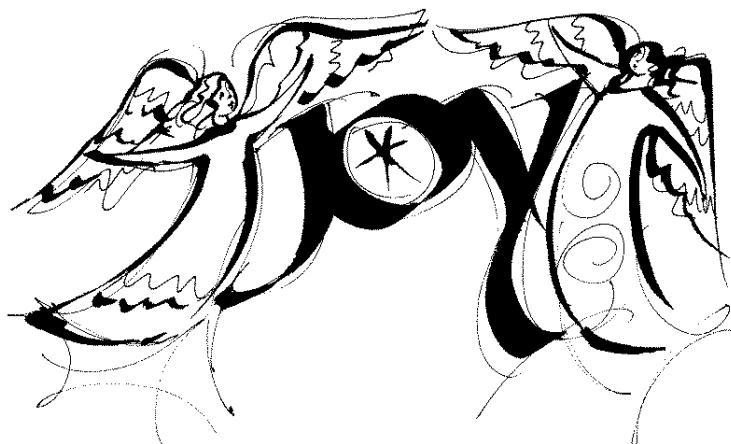
Organ Postlude: Angels We Have Heard on High

D. 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 organist, Paul Merritt, 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!*