Lullaby (solo text) by Randall Thompson Upon my lap my sovereign sits And sucks upon my breast; Meantime His love maintains my life And gives my sense her rest. Sing lullaby, my little boy, Sing lullaby, mine only joy!

When Thou hast taken Thy repast, Repose, my babe, on me; So may Thy mother and Thy nurse Thy cradle also be.

I grieve that duty doth not work All that my wishing would; Because I would not be to Thee But in the best I should.

Yet as I am, and as I may, I must and will be Thine. Tho' all too little for Thyself Vouchsafing to be mine.





**Presbyterian Prayer Partnership** – We thank you, loving God for the gift of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ who brings reconciliation. May we come to know your more clearly and serve you more faithfully as we receive the Christ Child again.

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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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# The Nativity of our Lord December 25, 2023



let the heavens be glad.

and let the earth rejoice

Psaim 96:11

Minister: Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
Director of Music: Bonnie Neaves
Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO





## Caring Christ

### Welcome!

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.

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

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

Organ Prelude: What is this lovely fragrance

Away in a manger

Dale Wood Dale Wood

Words of Welcome and Announcements

### We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship:

\*Hymn: O come, all ye faithful

# 159

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

L: Lord, have mercy upon us

P: Christ, have mercy upon us

L: Lord, have mercy upon us

Prayer for the Day

P: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

L: The Peace of Christ be with you all

P: And also with you

\*Hymn: **Unto us a child is born** # 160

### Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Isaiah 9:2-7** (pgs. 742-r, 671-w, 555-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God Responsive Psalm: 96

\*Gloria Patri

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.

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

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

\*Hymn: Good Christians, all rejoice

Sermon

## We Respond in Faith and Service

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy **P: Hear our prayer** 

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

\*Hymn: Hark! the herald angels sing

# 139

# 141

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: Noel Suisse Louis-Claude Daquin

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



**Welcome Visitors!** Thank you for worshipping with us today, 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.

If you would like to speak to the minister, or have him visit, you are very welcome to be in touch with him. Please contact the church office 519-438-3492

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