



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
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Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship:

*Hymn: **O come, all ye faithful**

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession

L: Lord, have mercy upon us

P: Christ, have mercy upon us

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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**

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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**

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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**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: Noel Suisse

Louis-Claude Daquin

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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

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