

This Week

SUNDAY, December 3

10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion
12:00 noon Young Adults Lunch and Study
12:30 p.m. Bible Study

MONDAY, December 4

6:30 p.m. ESL Conversation

TUESDAY, December 5

1:00 p.m. Pastoral Care Team Meeting
7:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
7:00 p.m. Bethel Series Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, December 6

1:00 p.m. Koffee Klatch
7:30 p.m. Barrhaven Bible Study

THURSDAY, December 7

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

FRIDAY, December 8

SATURDAY, December 9

5:30 p.m. Christmas Potluck Dinner

Serving this morning and for whom we are thankful:

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| Duty Elder | Holly MacDonald |
| Ushers | Stewart and Jean Elder |
| Reader | Mary Rosebrugh |
| Refreshments | Marcia Harten & Alice Visser |
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*Enabling individuals and families to discover, grow in
and share the love of God found in Jesus Christ.*

Worship Service

Sunday, December 3, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Minister: Rev. James T. Hurd

***In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,
we welcome you today.***

May you experience the love of God
and warmth of His people, the Church.

All are invited for refreshments and conversation
downstairs in the Fellowship Hall
immediately following worship.

If you are visiting, we invite you to sign our guest book or
fill in a welcome card and put it in the offering plate.

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Order for the Public Worship of God

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the first Advent candle: The candle of Hope
(To be lit by Bob and Kathy Newton)

Praise – **Gifts of Christmas**

Prayer of Approach

Praise – **Hope of the nations**
– **Lord of all hopefulness**

Children's Story and Prayer

Young Worshipers' Praise – **Come, Thou long-expected Jesus**

Offering

Offering music – **In Christ alone/ Amazing grace** (Hailey Ren)

Doxology – **We will glorify**

Prayer of Dedication

Family Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – **Isaiah 11:1-10** (page 673)

New Testament – **John 15:1-8** (page 1046)

Sermon – **Hope: A shoot from a stump**

Prayer

Reception of New Members

Communion Hymn – **Here is bread, here is wine**

The Invitation and the Fencing of the Table

Confession of Faith – **Living Faith** 7.7

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Praise – **God bless Your church with strength**

Benediction

Choral Amen

Departing Praise – **May the God of hope go with us**



The Treasurer reminds everyone that 2017 income tax receipts can include only those tithes and offerings received on or before December 31. This is in accordance with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Policy.

Please pick up your 2018 offering envelopes from the table in the Gathering Place.

For the convenience of those who either do not have offering envelopes or for those who have left them at home, generic offering envelopes are provided at either end of the pews. An opportunity is provided on the generic envelopes to request offering envelopes. Please be sure to include your complete name and address including postal code.

Also, if you wish, your contributions to the church can be made by automatic monthly debits to your bank account. To request offering envelopes, to enroll in our automatic debit plan or to request more information, please contact Lorne Roach at 613-224-3706 / lcroach@sympatico.ca



**Caroling at Chesterton Towers
December 13th.**

On **Wednesday, December 13**, Parkwood Church will join together with the residents of **Chesterton Towers**, 20 Chesterton for an **evening of caroling**, starting at **7:00**

p.m. Please join us.

PresbyCan Daily Devotional

All through the month of December, the PresbyCan *Daily Devotional* features wonderful Christmas devotionals. Join 6000 subscribers around the world and enjoy devotionals each day from the Presbyterian Church, delivered free by e-mail to your inbox. Subscribe at www.presbycan.ca/subscriptions.

December 3, 2017: Parkwood Presbyterian Church



Welcome to worship ... The December/January **Pulse** is available in the

Gathering Place ... Gluten-free bread is available in the inner ring of the communion bread tray ... May you feel God's presence and find a warm

Notes & comments

welcome as you worship with us!

We welcome Gordon and Janet Gardner and John Moors who are being received as members of Parkwood by transfer of certificate.

Pastor James' Christmas Letter



Your Christmas letter from Pastor James is available today in the Gathering Place. We encourage you to deliver a letter to someone who was not here today.

All remaining letters will be mailed this week.

Christmas Potluck Dinner will be held December

9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is welcome! Please prepare your dish prior to the event. The kitchen is only able to accommodate the warming of dishes. Please include a list of ingredients for those with food allergies.



What is White Gift Sunday?



White Gift Sunday is an opportunity for our Parkwood family to give anonymously to help others celebrate a joyous Christmas.

Boxes are placed in the Sanctuary for donations for The Ottawa Mission, Ottawa Innerscity Ministries and people in our congregation.

The gifts will be dedicated **next Sunday (December 10, 2017).**



Algonquin College Exam Pause Break – The 5-week strike of the Algonquin College Faculty has affected the Exam Pause Break. No exams will take place during December 9 to 16 as this time has been designed for classes. The Fall Semester classes have been extended until January 11, 2018. The Christmas Holiday has been shortened, and many students will be unable to travel home for Christmas. The Chaplaincy has been involved in counselling and supporting students during the 5-week strike and afterward. Students have suffered with not knowing how this strike would affect completion of their studies.

It is important to support the Chaplaincy and students with our encouragement and prayers by providing refreshments on Friday, December 15th between 10:00 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Algonquin College's Student Commons building.

Students will visit the tables that have been set up and pick up a "reminder" (a muffin, cookie, fruit, coffee, juice, etc.) that will let them know that we are thinking of them. This event provides a great opportunity for students to be shown that we care and are praying for them.

Thanks be to Jesus that we can be involved in helping to share God's love. All volunteers will be welcomed and if you can't be in attendance, perhaps you could contribute to the following needs:

- Muffins, cookies, or baked goods— home-baked or store-bought
- Fruit (mandarin oranges, apples, and bananas are popular)
- Juice—jugs or juice boxes
- Help with the shopping or delivering the supplies to Algonquin (vehicle required).

All food contributions can be left in the church kitchen in a bag or box marked "Algonquin Students."

Students have been asking what ingredients are in the baked goods to avoid allergies, so please include a list of ingredients with your donated baked goods.

If you can volunteer in any way, please contact Linda Robinson at 819-205-4649.

- submitted by Linda Robinson, Outreach Team.