

This Week

SUNDAY, December 10

10:00 a.m. Worship & White Gift Dedication
12:30 p.m. Bible Study

MONDAY, December 11

6:30 p.m. ESL Conversation

TUESDAY, December 12

WEDNESDAY, December 13

12:00 p.m. Koffee Klatch Christmas Lunch at
Jan Sheridan's
7:00 p.m. Chesterton Towers Christmas
Carolling
7:30 p.m. Barrhaven Bible Study

THURSDAY, December 14

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

FRIDAY, December 15

6:30 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Party

SATURDAY, December 16

Serving this morning and for whom we are thankful:

Duty Elder	Paul Mkandawire
Ushers	Frances Robertson and Margaret Roach
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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 10, 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 second Advent candle: The candle of Peace
(To be lit by Terry and Suzanne McBurney)

Praise – **Gifts of Christmas**

Prayer of Approach

Praise – **Be still for the Spirit of the Lord**
– **People in darkness are looking for light**

Children's Story and Prayer

Young Worshipers' Praise – **Down in my heart**

Offering

Offering music – Solo - **Breath of heaven** (Suzanne Johnson)

Doxology – **Freely**

Prayer of Dedication

Family Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – **Isaiah 26: 1-10** (page 686)

New Testament – **Matthew 11:25-30** (page 944)

Sermon – **Peace: The Spirit of the Lord will rest**

Prayer

Closing Praise – **O little town of Bethlehem**

Benediction

Choral Amen

Departing Praise – **May the peace of Christ be with you**



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



Notes & comments

Welcome to worship ... May you feel God's presence and find a warm welcome as you worship with us!

Thank you to Linda McNaule and Marcia Harten for helping with the Christmas letters.

We express our sincere sympathy to Fran McKenny on the death of her brother Doug last week.

Congratulations to Jan Sheridan who was honoured with the **Senior Volunteer award** at the **City of Ottawa 2017 Ward 9 Volunteer Recognition Awards**. The citation acknowledged her service to children, seniors and CANHAVE.

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 Innercity Ministries and people in our congregation.

The gifts will be dedicated **this morning**.



Carolling at Chesterton Towers

On **Wednesday, December 13**, Parkwood Church will join together with the residents of **Chesterton Towers**, 20 Chesterton for an **evening of carolling**, 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.



Building Keys

Finance & Maintenance is updating records of who has keys for the church building.

We need to verify who has what keys. If you currently hold keys for either the entrance doors or any rooms that you no longer need, please return them to the office.

Finance and Maintenance

December 10, 2017: Parkwood Presbyterian Church



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.

Upcoming events

Advent III - Joy	Dec. 17
Session Meeting	Dec. 18
January Calendar Deadline	Dec. 19
Advent IV – Love @ 10 am	Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Service @ 7 pm	Dec. 24
Christmas Day Worship Service @ 11 pm	Dec. 25
Boxing Day – Church closed	Dec. 26

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