

Christmas greetings for Parkwood Church have been received from:

- Evangelical Fellowship of Canada
- Chesterton Towers Social Committee
- Residents' Council, Starwood Extencicare
- Andrew and Rosalie Lam, Toronto
- Steve and YanHo Hui

Serving this morning and for whom we are thankful:

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*Enabling individuals and families to discover, grow in
and share the love of God found in Jesus Christ.*

Worship Service

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.

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Christmas Day



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Christmas Day Worship Service

*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.

The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of Fen, grandson
of Rachel McGregor and great-grandson of Jean Sida, who passed
away suddenly on December 25, 2017 at the age of 13 months.

Church Office hours over Christmas and New Year

The church office will be closed on December 24th -27th. The office
will be open Friday December 28th and Monday December 31st from
10 am to 12 noon. The office will be closed January 1st -3rd. Regular
office hours will resume Monday January 7th.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Praise – **Light one candle**

Lighting of the Christ candle (lit by Dianne Smith, Glenn and John Harder)

Praise – **Christians, awake!**

Prayer of Approach

First reading – Isaiah 40:3-5 (Read by Martha Fair)

Carol – **While shepherds watched their flocks**

Second reading – John 1:6-14 (Read by John Fair)

Carol – **O come, all ye faithful**

Third Reading – Luke 2:1-14 (Read by John Harder)

Carol – **God rest ye merry, gentlemen**

Offering

Offering Music – **Hodie Christus natus est**

Doxology – **O come, let us adore Him**

Prayer of Dedication

Fourth Reading – Luke 2:15-20 (Read by Dianne Nickerson)

Carol – **Good Christians, all rejoice!**

Sermon – **“Let’s go ... and see” (Shepherds)**

Prayer

Praise – **Hark! The herald angels sing**

Benediction

Christ Candle

All (in unison): We lit the first candle, the candle of hope, to remind us of Jesus, our sure and certain hope, Who has promised to return one day. We lit the second candle, the candle of peace, to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace, through Whom we are reconciled to God, to one another, and to ourselves. We lit the third candle, the candle of joy, to remind us that Jesus came to bring us joy, and that our joy is complete when we live in fellowship with Jesus and His people. We lit the fourth candle, the candle of love, to remind us that when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

Reader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Congregation: Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Reader: Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega ... who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Congregation: Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

Reader: Jesus said, "I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

Congregation: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

Reader: We light this candle, the Christ candle, to signal that Jesus has come as the light of the world. In Him is life, and that life is the light of men. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

[The Christ candle is lit.]

Prayer (in unison) - Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given. His name is Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. We rejoice with great joy in the presence of our living Lord. We love the house where You live, O Lord, the place where Your glory dwells. Let the light of Christ light our lives, that we may show the world the light of the world — this day, and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

The Envelope Secretary reminds everyone that 2018 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 2019 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. Please be sure to include your complete name and address including your postal code for receipt purposes.

Also, if you wish, your contributions to the Church can be made by PAR (pre-authorized remittance) using automatic monthly debits to your bank account or credit card.

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