

Order for the Public Worship of God  
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Prelude – **Peace! Be still**

Announcements

Lighting of the second Advent candle:  
The candle of Peace (*To be lit by Peter and Betty Paul*)  
Advent Praise – **Hope is a star**

Prayers of Adoration and Confession  
Opening Praise – **We praise You for Your glory**

Children’s Story and Prayer  
Praise – **I am the church, you are the church**

Offering  
Offertory Music – **Still, still, still**  
Doxology – **Give thanks**  
Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving, and Intercession

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament – **Ezra 3: 1-7, 10-13**  
New Testament – **Matthew 7: 24-27**

Sermon – What does God want for Christmas?  
A living house and living sacrifices

Prayer

Closing Praise – **Worship the Lord**

Benediction  
Blessing – **May the peace of Christ be with You**

### This Week

**SUNDAY**, December 8  
10:00 a.m. Worship and Church School  
Hand-chime Practice (after Worship)  
1:00 p.m. Sunday Bible Study (Zoom)  
**MONDAY**, December 9  
12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn  
**TUESDAY**, December 10  
10:00 a.m. Algonquin Pause Table (until 2:00 p.m.)  
7:30 p.m. Budget Team Meeting  
**WEDNESDAY**, December 11  
7:30 p.m. Barrhaven Bible Study  
**THURSDAY**, December 12  
7:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal  
**FRIDAY**, December 13  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group Christmas Party  
**SATURDAY**, December 14  
6:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner

**Serving this morning and for whom we are thankful:**

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Reader	Dianne Nickerson
Refreshments	Vicki Steenhorst
Ushers	Barbara Kondric & Derek Newton
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and share the love of God found in Jesus Christ.*



**Sunday, December 8, 2024, 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.  
You are invited for refreshments and conversation  
downstairs in the Fellowship Hall immediately  
following worship.

If you are visiting, please sign our  
guest book or fill in a welcome card and  
place it in the offering plate.

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This morning we welcome the barber shop quartet, “Three Good-Looking Men”, who will be sharing their musical talents immediately following worship this morning.

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**Lunch and Learn: Christmas Memories**

Please join us on Monday, December 9 for our next Lunch and Learn. This month, we’ll be gathering to share stories of our favourite and most enduring Christmas memories.

Lunch is served at noon, followed by our sharing time at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to come!

A sign-up sheet is available on the kiosk in the Gathering Place for providing food, desserts, and set-up.

For more information, please contact the church office.

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**Algonquin Pause Table**

Parkwood will be setting up a Pause Table at Algonquin College on Tuesday, December 10, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. In order to connect with the students and give them encouragement during exam season, volunteers will hand out healthy snacks and brochures introducing them to Parkwood’s programming.

Donations of food and drinks are needed, and we appreciate the help provided to run this outreach event. There are criteria now, though, for what can be handed out to students. We can accept prepackaged snacks (with ingredients listed), fruit, water bottles, and juice boxes. Unfortunately, we can no longer serve coffee, tea, homemade items, or items without ingredients listed.

If you’re able to provide food items, please drop them off at the church on Monday, December 9 between 2-3:30 p.m. Volunteers to help with the table are also needed.

Please contact John or Martha Fair at 613-823-9970 or [fairmj@magma.ca](mailto:fairmj@magma.ca) if you can donate food or would like to assist with the Pause Table.

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Youth Group Christmas Party

All who are in grades 6-12, you are invited to our annual Youth Group Christmas Party! Please join us on Friday, December 13 starting at 6:00 p.m. for an evening of activities, festive food, and a Christmas devotional.

For more information, contact Victoria Henry at [parkwoodyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:parkwoodyouthministry@gmail.com)

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**Christmas Dinner**

Please join us on Saturday, December 14 in the Fellowship Hall for Christmas dinner!

The meal will be served at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas dinner will be a roast pork tenderloin meal. For those who cannot eat pork there will be an option of breaded fish. Please note that this option is limited due to the availability of cooking space. Please let Vicki Steenhorst ([vicki.stathome@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.stathome@gmail.com)) know if you would like a portion of breaded fish.

Space is limited, so please sign up for yourself and your family on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place.

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**January Deadlines**

The deadline for submitting events for the January Calendar is Friday, December 20. The next edition of the Pulse will be available in February.

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**New Year’s Eve Social and Watch Night Service**

Please join us on December 31 for an evening of fun, refreshments, and worship.

Social gathering begins at 8:30 p.m., and the Watch Night Service starts at 11:15 p.m.

More details to come in the weeks ahead!

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Offering Envelopes

The Envelope Secretary reminds everyone that 2024 income tax receipts can include only tithes and offerings received on or before December 31, 2024. This is in accordance with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) policy. Please pick up your 2025 offering envelopes 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 envelopes are provided at the end of the pews. If you wish, your contributions to Parkwood Church can be made by e-transfer directly to Parkwood, or through Canada Helps, or by PAR (pre-authorized remittance using automatic monthly debits to your bank account or credit card).

If you have any questions concerning church receipts, envelopes or donations, please contact Betty Paul, Parkwood Envelope Secretary, at 613-225-4878.

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**CanHave Giving Tuesday Letter**

Any who would ordinarily receive letters from CanHave by Canada Post, and would wish to have a printed copy of the recent notice sent out by email for Giving Tuesday, they are currently available for pick-up in the Gathering Place.

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