

Order for the Public Worship of God
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Prelude – **Away in a manger**

Announcements

Lighting of the fourth Advent candle:
The candle of Love (*To be lit by Ed and Vicki Steenhorst*)
Advent Praise – **Hope is a star**

Prayers of Adoration and Confession
Opening Praise – **Come, now is the time to worship /
O come, all ye faithful**

Anthem - **Ukrainian Bell Carol** (*Hand Chimes*)

Children's Story and Prayer
Church School Choir – **Away in a manger**
– **The virgin Mary had a Baby Boy**

Offering
Offertory – **Lo, how a rose e'er blooming** (*Hand Chimes*)
Doxology – **O come, let us adore Him**
Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Scripture Readings
New Testament – **Matthew 3: 1-12**
– **Colossians 1: 1-14**

Praise – **Long ago, prophets knew**

Sermon – What does God want for Christmas?
A fruitful church

Prayer

Closing Praise – **On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**

Benediction
Departing Praise – **Love round**

This Week

SUNDAY, December 22
10:00 a.m. Worship and Church School
MONDAY, December 23
TUESDAY, December 24
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
WEDNESDAY, December 25
Christmas Day – Church Office Closed
11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship Service
THURSDAY, December 26
7:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal
FRIDAY, December 27
SATURDAY, December 28

Serving this morning and for whom we are thankful:

Duty Elder	Pamela Pestaluky
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Enabling individuals and families to discover, grow in
and share the love of God found in Jesus Christ.



Sunday, December 22, 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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Announcements

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TODAY Devotionals Delayed

Due to the Canada Post strike, the delivery of the TODAY devotionals has been delayed. Once they arrive, they will immediately be placed out in the Gathering Place. For those who have them delivered by mail, they will be sent out as soon as possible upon arrival.

Thank you for your patience.

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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. We have invited our Korean-speaking and Portuguese-speaking friends who also use our building to join us. A joint Watch Night service will begin at 11:15 p.m. Come and ring in the new year together with us!

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Loose Offerings

Loose and undesignated offerings received at the Christmas Eve service will go to the Benevolent Fund of Parkwood Church.

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Service at Starwood

Parkwood will be leading a worship service at Starwood Extendicare on Thursday, January 2 at 10:00 a.m. If you feel called to volunteer, please contact Dale Tuck or the church office.

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Barrhaven Bible Study Winter Session

Please join us on Wednesday evenings (Jan. 8 – Feb. 5) starting at 7:30 p.m. for the Barrhaven Bible Study. We meet weekly via Zoom.

This winter, we will be continuing our study of the Upper Room Discourse. All are welcome!

For more information or to register, please contact John Fair at 613-823-9970 or fairmj@magma.ca, or reach out to the church office.

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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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Supporting Gracefield Christian Camp

Gracefield camp, part of the ministry of the Presbytery of Ottawa, had a very successful summer. Over 150 children and youth attended summer camp (a 30% increase following last year’s 25% increase), plus 600 nights were booked by groups, families and individuals at its campsites and lodges. The impacts of Gracefield's ministry continue throughout the year, as staff and volunteers welcome church, community and other groups for retreats in the beauty of God's creation.

Like any ministry, Gracefield is dependent on the contributions and efforts of volunteers and donors ... like you! To support its continued growth and programming, please consider donating monetary gifts, time or supplies. Go to gracefieldcamp.ca for more details.

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