

Order for the Public Worship of God
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Prelude – **What a wonderful day**

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the third Advent candle: The candle of Joy
(To be lit by Ed and Vicki Steenhorst)

Advent Praise – **Advent candles**

Prayer of Approach

Praise –
**The joy of the Lord is my strength
Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee**

Children’s Story and Prayer
Praise – **Down in my heart**

Offering
Offertory Anthem – **Reach out for the gift**
Doxology – **Give to our God immortal praise**
Prayers of Dedication – Tithes, Offerings, and White Gifts

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Scripture Readings
Old Testament – **Isaiah 9: 1-7**
New Testament – **Luke 1: 39-56**

Praise – **We bring the sacrifice of praise**

Sermon – Joy
Prayer

Closing Praise – **Joy to the world!**
Benediction

Departing Praise – **Go out with joy**

This Week

SUNDAY, December 14
10:00 a.m. Worship & Church School
1:00 p.m. Sunday Bible Study (Zoom)

MONDAY, December 15
7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

TUESDAY, December 16

WEDNESDAY, December 17
7:30 p.m. Barrhaven Bible Study (Zoom)

THURSDAY, December 18
7:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal

FRIDAY, December 19

SATURDAY, December 20

Serving this morning and for whom we are thankful:

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



Sunday, December 14, 2025, 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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January Calendar

The deadline for submitting events for the January calendar is **Tuesday, December 23**.

The next edition of the Pulse comes out in February.

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Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

We invite you to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

The Christmas Eve service will take place on **Wednesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.**

The Christmas Day service will begin at **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 25**.

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Financial Update: Budget Deficit

The financial picture changed significantly from the last report as of September 30. Specifically, in October, there was a less-than-average flow of donations and some further major repair and maintenance expenditures. As a result, there was a major increase in the operating deficit during October.

As of October 31, the expenses for repairs and maintenance are \$6,000 above their budget. These expenditures were essential for the operation of our building and could not be delayed.

The Finance Team asks everyone to give special thought to our need for general and repair expenditures when they prepare their financial donations during December.

Dennis Featherstone for Finance Team

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Offering Envelopes Available

The envelope Secretary reminds everyone that 2025 income tax receipts can include only tithes and offerings received on or before December 31, 2025. This is in accordance with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) policy.

Please pick up your 2026 offering envelopes from the table in the Gathering Place during the month of December. 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.

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

If you would like 2026 weekly offering envelopes or have any questions concerning church envelopes or donations, please contact Betty Paul by phone at 613-225-4878.

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Practical Caregiver Training Program

Champlain Hospice Palliative Care Program is offering a free, six-week course called Practical Caregiver Training. It is for unpaid friends and family members of individuals with a serious illness or condition. Sessions are on Zoom, Mondays, 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m., beginning January 12 through to February 17.

For more information, check the poster on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place or contact the church office.

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