

**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
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Prelude – **Reach out for the gift**

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the fourth Advent candle: The candle of Love  
(*To be lit by Peter and Betty Paul*)

Advent Praise – **Advent candles**

Prayer of Approach

Praise –  
**Holy forever (Christmas)**

**Come, now is the time to worship / O come all ye faithful**

Church School Choir – **Away in a manger, Prince of Peace**

Children's Story and Prayer

Praise – **Let there be love shared among us**

Offering

Offertory Anthem – **What a wonderful day**

Doxology – **Offering**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

**Scripture Readings – Micah 6: 1-8**

New Testament – **1 John 4: 7-21**

Praise – **What does the Lord require of you?**

Sermon – The gifts of Christmas: Love

Prayer

Closing Praise – **Come, let us sing of a wonderful love**

Benediction

Departing Praise – **Love round**

## This Week

**SUNDAY**, December 21  
10:00 a.m. Worship & Church School

**MONDAY**, December 22

**TUESDAY**, December 23

**WEDNESDAY**, December 24  
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

**THURSDAY**, December 25  
11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service

**FRIDAY**, December 26

**SATURDAY**, December 27

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

Duty Elder	Alta MacFie
Reader	Vicki Steenhorst
Refreshments	Tami Kamou & Heather Peckett
Ushers	John Huber & Sarah McCaughern
Livestream	Candys Bwiza & James Harper

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



**Sunday, December 21, 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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We express our sincere sympathies to Dan Moffet and Brenda Creighton on the passing of Dan's brother on Prince Edward Island.

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The **January/February TODAY devotionals** are now available in the Gathering Place.

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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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### Parkwood Christmas Ornaments

Christmas ornaments designed by one of Parkwood's very creative youth are being sold for \$5. The ornament depicts symbols of Advent: hope, peace, joy, and love.

If you would like to purchase an ornament, please speak with Marcia Harten.

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## MISSION MOMENT

On World AIDS Day, we come together to remember the lives lost and to celebrate the progress made in combating the HIV and AIDS epidemic. In countries like Malawi, despite enormous progress, challenges persist. PWS&D, along with local partners, is ensuring that HIV testing services are available and that people have access to oral quick-test kits—a crucial tool for HIV prevention and early detection. Additionally, adolescent outreach clinics are being established. With continued collaboration, we can move closer to a future where HIV and AIDS are no longer prevalent.



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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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