

Christmas Eve 2022

Invocation

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honor and power. Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness...
(Psalm 96:7-9)

Congregational Singing: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Special Music
Christmas Eve in Bethlehem

Tithes, Offering, and Prayer of Petition

Special Music
Almost There – Eric & Sarah Wipf

Children's Feature
Hanneke Boersema

Congregational Singing: *What Child is This?*

Theatrical Poetry
The Christmas Post – Ainsley Daumler

Homily

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to

fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.
(Matthew 1:18–25 NRSV)

Congregational Singing: *Silent Night*

Benediction

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon all of us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship may give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Worship today was led by:

*Rhys Green, Sarah Wipf
and the Westview Worship Team.*

Christmas Day

Come celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at our one-hour Christmas morning service. This will be a time of songs and stories of the season. We look forward to spending this time together as the family of God on Christmas morning.



New Years Day

Come celebrate the New Year with our Prayer & Praise Service on January 1st, beginning at 10 am. This one-hour service will feature a variety of songs, readings, videos, and a time of prayer.



Christmas Offering

Our Christmas Offering is designated to the work of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. CFGB is a



partnership of 15 church and church-based agencies, including Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM) our global mission organization representing Baptist churches across the country, all working together to end global hunger.

Your gift funds the Coronation Grow Project in Brownfield, Alberta. Proceeds from the harvest are matched by grants

from the Canadian government up to 4-to-1. For instance, a gift of \$50 can produce a \$200 value in the harvest. That \$200 is matched by up to \$800 in grants so that your gift towards alleviating world hunger of \$50 becomes up to \$1000.

Please write "Christmas Offering" on the memo line of your e-transfer or envelope. To give online, click the GIVING button on our website, www.westviewchurch.ca, and designate it to the Christmas Fund. The deadline to give to this special offering is December 31, 2022.