

November 30, 2025

Advent Season

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GROUND & GROWING



Glorifying God and Loving All People

Welcome to our Service

Good morning and welcome to Ebenezer. We are glad you are here today and invite you to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship. To access the Livestream, visit our website: www.ebenezercrc.com and click on the Livestream button that appears at the top of the page.

SONG — *Gratitude*

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

SONG — *Hope Of The Nations*

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

Advent Candle Lighting

SONG — *He Shall Reign Forevermore*

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

TIME OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

SONG — *His Glory And My Good*

GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Children's Message: Maricha K

Age 3 to Grade 3 leave for Sunday School

SONG — *How Great Thou Art (Birthday request from Lieuwé B)*

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

THANK OFFERING

1 Ebenezer Ministries

2 Our Missionaries—Jesse & Jari Rodreguez

GOD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD

Scripture — 1 Thessalonians 5; test vs 11

Sermon — The Power Of A Single Good Word

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKS

SONG — *In Christ Alone*

GOD SENDS US WITH A BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *Living Hope*

IF YOU ARE NEW OR VISITING and would like to talk to someone or would like more information about our church, come visit the Welcome Centre or fill out one of the cards found in the back of the chairs in the sanctuary and place it in the offering bag.

Church Family

This week we welcome **Pastor Bill Nieuwenhuis** to our pulpit and next week. We welcome **Nate Wright** (ReFrame Ministries) from Fort Saskatchewan.

Linda V, mom of Brett V has been diagnosed with cancer and has since suffered a stroke. They are hoping to transfer her to the Leduc Hospital for Hospice Care. Please pray for peace and strength for her and her family.

*If you are experiencing physical or emotional difficulties,
please talk to your district Elder, or Deacon or call the church office.
We want to support you on your journey*

We continue to pray for **Joyce D, Jacob H, Kristy I, Tom T, Jenny V, and Colleen V**. We pray that God will provide you all with peace, comfort, & healing.

Advent

"A flourishing faith is one that is both deeply rooted and reaching outward—grounded in scripture and growing in understanding. Colossians 2:6–7 says, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness"

In Advent, we start with the promise of a shoot in Isaiah and arrive on Christmas with the gift of the long-awaited seed. For out of darkness a light shines. From a dead stump a shoot grows." (Grounded and Growing RW)

Sunday School News and Updates



All kids ages 3—grade 3 are welcome to join our Sunday School program. Once the Sunday School kids are dismissed we will meet in Classroom Two to sing some songs and talk about our Sunday School offering. Afterwards the kids will be dismissed to their classrooms. After the morning service grades 4-6 may join our after church Sunday School class located in Classroom 1 (this class will continue in the New Year).

Candlelight Service: Practice is once again **TODAY** after the morning service. You will have received an email regarding when Mrs. Hummel will need you (if you have signed up).

BIBLE MEMORY: ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES are encouraged to learn their Bible Memory. Special treats will be given out for this.
Question? Contact **Lindsay H** or Email: sscoordinator@ebenezercrc.com

Ebenezer News



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- Ladies, please join us in the library after church for great fellowship and conversation at the DOK cafe. There will be a warm seasonal drink and delicious snack.
- The **Christmas cookie exchange** will also take place **this morning** during our DOK Cafe gathering. For those who participated, please drop off your cookies **before** church so we can distribute it to all the packages. After our DOK gathering, please take the bag with your name on it home, and enjoy!
- **LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA** is almost here! Join us on **December 6th @ 9am** here at Ebenezer. Our theme this year is "Waiting on Jesus during advent". We have a great speaker, meaningful worship, an interesting craft, and as always some delicious food. This is a time we want to bless our fellow sisters in Christ with some relaxation, fun and spiritual growth. There will be childcare available this year for children up to 8 years old. ****Remember to register on the bridge app or via the email sent out earlier this month.**
- If you are interested in joining the Women's ministry team in any capacity, there will be a sign up sheet at the cafe, or contact Alex A.



YOUTH CHEESE FUNDRAISER The **deadline** for ordering cheese for the Youth Cheese Fundraiser is **TODAY!** There are order forms in your mailbox or you can scan the QR Code to order your cheese.



CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION EVENT Please help decorate our tree in the foyer with Winter Items to be donated to local agencies after Christmas who help our homeless population. We hope to decorate the tree with Scarves, Gloves, Warm Socks, Toques, Hand/Foot warmers etc. Contact a Deacon if you have any questions.

COMING SOON!! Adult Teaching Session On The Heidelberg Catechism. Starting in January, Pastor Bill N and Seminarian Scott K will lead a 7-part teaching session on the Heidelberg Catechism. This session is for all adults and young adults at Ebenezer. It has been said that if the Bible is the world, then the catechism, the creeds and confessions are the roadmaps by which we navigate the world. We ask that you will prayerfully consider attending these sessions and that your faith is strengthened through a deeper understanding of God's will for our lives and the blessings that come from the grace our Lord freely gives. More details to follow in the next couple of weeks as we work out some of the details.

The **November / December Today** devotionals are available at the Welcome Centre. If you typically get the large print devotional, you will find one in your mailbox.

The **November Banners** are available at the Welcome Centre

The **December Prayer Calendar** has been posted to The Bridge App and is also available at the Welcome Centre.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, November 30	@ 9:15	am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00	am	WORSHIP SERVICE
	@ 11:45	am	Daughter's of the King Cafe
	@ 11:45	am	Candlelight Service Practice
Tuesday, December 2	@ 7:00	pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 3	@ 9:30	am	CoffeeBreak
	@ 6:30	pm	GEMS
Saturday, December 6	@ 7:30	am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday, December 7	@ 9:15	am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00	am	WORSHIP SERVICE
	@ 11:45	am	Candlelight Service Practice
	@ 6:00	pm	Youth

Community & Denominational News & Events

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS: Join organists Dr. Marnie Giesbrecht and Dr. Joachim Segger, with conductor Andrew Bortz. This cherished Advent celebration features the University of Alberta Mixed Chorus and the Davis Concert Organ, weaving together Scripture readings, anthems, and carols that prepare our hearts for Christmas. Organized by the University of Alberta's Interfaith Chaplains. The proceeds for this event go to the Campus Food Bank. Winspear Centre, **December 1 at 7:30 PM.** Tickets are available on the Winspear Centre website (<https://www.winspearcentre.com/tickets/events/other/2025/festival-of-nine-lessons-and-carols/>) or by calling the box office at 780-428-1414.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE: While there is good reason for the 'celebrative' atmosphere of Christmas, it can also be a challenging, even painful, time for those who live with the reality of brokenness or loss in their lives. A "Blue Christmas Service" is a service that allows that reality to be acknowledged and brought before the Lord, while at the same time recognizing the one who is bigger than a season. You are invited to participate in such a service (with communion) held at West End CRC on Sunday, **Dec 14 at 7:00 p.m.** If you are unable to attend in-person but would like to participate, please join us via livestream using the link on the West End website.

VISITING TEAM The **Visiting Team** is ready to connect! If you would appreciate a visit or a friendly coffee and conversation, please contact **Harry D.** or **Glen H.** — they'll be happy to arrange a visit with one of our caring team members. The team is also **looking for additional members** who enjoy visiting and offering encouragement. If you'd like to be part of this meaningful ministry, please let Harry or Glen know — they'd love to have you join!

Deacon's Corner

1st Offering — EBENEZER MINISTRIES This offering is used to cover day-to-day expenses of the church, fund the various ministries at Ebenezer, cover the salaries of staff, and contributes to the ministry shares that we are committed to as members of CRC Denomination.

2nd Offering: OUR MISSIONARIES—Jesse & Jari Rodreguez Jesse Rodriguez's agronomist Darwin has been busy leading Bible devotionals dedicated to work, family and faith. There has been a stable attendance in all of the meetings. The men brought their sons and grandkids who were excited to meet them every Thursday afternoon. They are rejoicing in sharing God's love for them with their neighbours

Next Week: .SEAFARERS MINISTRY The Ministry to Seafarers meets with visiting seafarers, communicating the saving grace of Jesus Christ, through words and deeds. It exists to be a seafarer's advocate and first line of support, to lend a sympathetic ear, and a helping hand when those serving on ships reach the ports in Delta and Vancouver. This ministry can assist in providing a safe and relaxing place that all seafarers can call their home-away from- home. Rev. Gary Roosma is serving as the Chaplain in the Port of Vancouver.

Please have your donations in by December 31/25 to receive a tax receipt for 2025.

E-TRANSFER: To send an e-transfer donation please use finance@ebenezercrc.com.



SEAFARERS MINISTRY Christmas at Sea is approaching, and once again your support would be greatly appreciated. Cheques should be made payable to "Ministry to Seafarers" and sent to 401 E. Waterfront Rd., Vancouver, BC V6A 4G9. You can also e-transfer funds to finance@ministrytoseafarers.com. Please clearly designate funds for "Christmas at Sea." Sunday School or regular school classes, small groups and individuals can also send Christmas cards for seafarers for inclusion in their gifts. See our ministrytoseafarers.com website ("Get Involved") for more information, or email crcvanportchaplain@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30 SOMETHING) - YOU'RE INVITED! Join The Vine Community for a 3-part "Love, Life & Faith" Series & Dinner on **Nov 23 (and Jan 11 & 25).** Come out for an evening of real talk, meaningful connection, and shared dinner as young adults from across the community explore life, love, and faith together. Hosted by Daryl & Sheri Van Driel (15426 59 St Edmonton). **5:30-7:30pm.** RSVP to 780-916-3364 (text/WhatsApp), or trinityvinecommunity@gmail.com. For more upcoming young adults events check out thelinkcommunity.ca or follow @thelinkyeg on Instagram. The website may come up as "unsafe" for some unknown reason but do know it is trusted site!

Thank You To Our Volunteers

WORSHIP TEAM: Susan

PROJECTION & AUDIO: Jamie / Mike

SERVING ELDER: Matt B

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Maricha K

GREETERS: Brent & Michelle T

USHERS: Dennis P / Ruby P

WELCOME CENTRE: Alyse K

NEXT WEEK: Leona

NEXT WEEK: Matt / Wes

NEXT WEEK: Norm H

NEXT WEEK: Alex A

NEXT WEEK: Roy & Teena V

NEXT WEEK: Tim C / Teresa C

NEXT WEEK: Miriam P

COFFEE DUTIES: Bryan & Michelle T, Dan & Christina V

NEXT WEEK: Jason & Niki U, Brett & Kelly L

NURSERY: Candice P, Georgia D, Brett V, Lyon D

NEXT WEEK: Candice V, Rebecca K, Quentin A, Jan T

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRE—K1: Lily H, Pippa A

PRE—K2: Isaiah K, Nella H, Casen A

KINDER: Linda K, Natalie M, Teddy D

GRADE 1: Lauren T, Jackson H, Kayla T

GRADE 2: Mariska Z, Georgia D, Brooke T

GRADE 3: James H, Sophia M

GRADE 4—6: Christmas Practice

NEXT WEEK: Levi H, Chaim H

NEXT WEEK: Jachin H, Benjamin F, Amari O

NEXT WEEK: Alicia B, Ethan H, Liam H

NEXT WEEK: Julie B, Rory L, Ashton D

NEXT WEEK: Elly M, Wes U

NEXT WEEK: Francine K, Gabe O

NEXT WEEK: Christmas Practice



NURSERY is requesting parents to complete the **NURSERY REGISTRATION AND CONSENT FORM** for each child attending the nursery. Please place the completed form in Mariska Z's mailbox.

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: Advent at Home: O Come, O Come, Immanuel - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent at Home: O Come, O Come, Immanuel" at www.kidscorner.net. God promises to be with us in every moment—when we're sad, happy, or waiting for better days—and that gives us hope. This Advent, we can celebrate the hope of Jesus, who was born to be our Savior and will one day come again. Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, bible stories, crafts, and activities.

GROUNDWORK: Waiting for the Light of the World. - Advent is a season of waiting. We're waiting for Jesus, the Light of the World. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 18:27-28, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 11:1-3, and Romans 13:11-14 to explore the Bible's theme of light and gain a fuller understanding of what we're waiting for as we begin to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus at his birth at Christmas. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.