

December 7, 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 — *Here I Am To Worship*

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

SONG — *O Come All Ye Faithful*

GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

Advent Candle Lighting

SONG — *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

TIME OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

SONG — *What Love My God*

GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Children's Message: Alex A

Age 3 to Grade 3 leave for Sunday School

SONG — *Hallowed Manger Ground*

Announcements & Congregational Prayer

THANK OFFERING 1 Ebenezer Ministries
 2 Seafarers Ministry

GOD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD

Scripture — **Isaiah 27 : 1—6**

Sermon — **Chaos Defeated: Grasping God's Peace**

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKS

SONG — *Holy forever*

GOD SENDS US WITH A BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *Go Now In Peace*

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 **Nate Wright** (ReFrame Ministries) from Fort Saskatchewan to our pulpit and next week. We welcome **Pastor Cris Harper** from Bether CRC Edmonton.

Mennie S started her radiation treatments this past Friday. She will go 5 days / week for 2 week. Please pray for strength and peace for both her and Henk.

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.

Here To Serve

Congregational Meeting Overview:

- Henk S. opened with devotions and prayer followed by singing led by Reuben V.
- Results of the previous workshops conducted at the last 2 congregation meetings were presented.
- First session was on Pastoral Care - "What level of Pastoral Care would you like to see?"
- Second session was on "What is one thing you would recommend for Ebenezer for the next year?"
- Results shared are available to be viewed in the council room
- Carrie B. presented the budget
- Budget passed as presented with 100% approval
- Search Team Update
- 63 candidates reviewed to date
- 15 interviews
- 1 candidate being actively pursued
- A request for the congregation to keep praying for our future pastor
- Congregational Workshop
- Building on good work
- First question: What are the things we do good in Ebenezer today?
- Second question: What does good look like for Ebenezer in the Future?
- Reuben V. led in Song and Jay A. Closed in Prayer

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)

A Note From Council

Council appreciates the active participation and support shown at our congregational meeting. Council is also aware that members have additional feedback related to the recent letter given to church members. Members shared concerns over how issues from the past have led up to current events, issues that historically were not dealt with effectively. Council sincerely apologizes if the wording of the agenda gave the assumption of a Q&A session. We felt the letter circulated was not something that could be discussed in a congregational meeting setting as it would have resulted in a similar outcome to a previous congregational meeting that got out of hand. We welcome any questions or concerns you may have in person or via letter. Moving forward you have our commitment that your comments and correspondence will be responded to, and that future issues which may arise will be followed up on with diligence. In Christ, The Council of Ebenezer CRC

Ebenezer News



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

If you are interested in joining the Women's ministry team in any capacity, there will be a signup sheet at the Welcome Centre, or contact Alex A.



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 Nieuwenhuis and Seminarian Scott Klooster 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.



HELP NEEDED Tom Te Winkel's house has been sold. We will need help **Saturday, December 13 starting at 10:00 am** to move out what's left in the house. If you know of someone who needs a few things, come and see what there is and pick up what you need on Saturday as well. If you have questions, please contact Dennis V. Many hands will make light work. All help will be appreciated.

Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, December 7	@ 9:15	am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00	am	WORSHIP SERVICE
	@ 11:45	am	Candlelight Service Practice
	@ 6:00	pm	Youth
Monday, December 8	@ 7:00	PM	Friendship
Tuesday, December 9	@ 7:00	pm	Admin Meeting
Wednesday, December 10	@ 9:30	am	CoffeeBreak
Saturday, December 13	@ 9:30	am	Cadets
Sunday, December 14	@ 9:15	am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00	am	WORSHIP SERVICE
	@ 11:45	am	Candlelight Service Practice
	@ 6:00	pm	Youth

Community & Denominational News & Events

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.

KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: Advent at Home: Silent Night - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent at Home: Silent Night" at www.kidscorner.net. Do your worries ever feel really loud? You can tell them, "Shhhhhh! Jesus is here," and remember that He loves you and gives you peace. Explore all the great content at kidscorner.net, including the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, Bible stories, crafts, and activities.

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: 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.

Next Week: Emmanuel Home The Emmanuel Seniors Living Society (formerly Christian Senior Citizens Home Society of Northern Alberta) was registered as a charitable not-for-profit society under the Government of Alberta's Societies Act in 1968. Since then, the Society has provided both independent and assisted living facilities to seniors in our Christian community. All of this is accomplished under the guiding principles captured in the name Emmanuel, which means God with us.

For more than 45 years, Society members and the Christian community have, through prayers, donations, and time, enabled Emmanuel Home to provide quality housing for seniors and individualized care in a vibrant, loving and supportive retirement community.

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

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



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: Leona
PROJECTION & AUDIO: Matt / Wes
SERVING ELDER: Norm H
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Alex A
GREETERS: Roy & Teena V
USHERS: Tim C / Teresa C
WELCOME CENTRE: Miriam P

NEXT WEEK: Wilbur
NEXT WEEK: Dan / Christina
NEXT WEEK: Glen H
NEXT WEEK: Teena V
NEXT WEEK: Jan & Maricha K
NEXT WEEK: Luke K / Alyse K
NEXT WEEK: Wendy T

COFFEE DUTIES: Jason & Niki U, Brett & Kelly L
NEXT WEEK: Brendan & Alicia B, Carolyn D

NURSERY: Candice V, Rebecca K, Quentin A, Jan T
NEXT WEEK: Katie D, Matt B, Brooke T

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRE—K1: Levi H, Chaim H
PRE—K2: Jachin H, Benjamin F, Amari O
KINDER: Alicia B, Ethan H, Liam H
GRADE 1: Julie B, Rory L, Ashton D
GRADE 2: Elly M, Wes U
GRADE 3: Francine K, Gabe O
GRADE 4—6: Christmas Practice

NEXT WEEK: Ryman H, Rachel K
NEXT WEEK: Stella M, Tyler T,
NEXT WEEK: Michelle T, Brooklyn T, Johnny H
NEXT WEEK: Lauren T, Evelyn H, Morgan L
NEXT WEEK: Jenna D, Brody U, Rebecca K
NEXT WEEK: Karen G, Georgia D
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.

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. All parts are needed to be at today's practice. Thank you parents for your patience while you wait for practice to finish.

EMPTY WRAPPING PAPER ROLLS are needed for next year's VBS. Please place any donations under the church mailboxes. Thank you in advance. *Question?* Contact **Lindsay H** or Email: sscoordinator@ebenezercrc.com