

December 14, 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](http://www.ebenezercrc.com) and click on the Livestream button that appears at the top of the page.

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

SONG — *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Advent Candle Lighting

SONG — *Joy To The World*

## GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

SONG — *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

## WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

### TIME OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

SONG — *Advent Hymn*

## GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Children's Message: Teena V

*Age 3 to Grade 3 leave for Sunday School*

SONG — *Crown Him (Christmas)*

## Announcements & Congregational Prayer

**THANK OFFERING**      1 Ebenezer Ministries  
   2 Emmanuel Home

## GOD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD

**Scripture** — **Isaiah 35 : 1—10**

**Sermon** — **For Those Who Walk And Wait**

## WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKS

SONG — *Angels We Have Heard On High*

## GOD SENDS US WITH A BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *A Christmas Alleluia*

**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 Cris Harper** from Bether CRC Edmonton to our pulpit and next week we welcome **Scott Klooster**.

We are thankful that **Joyce D** was moved to Salem Manor in Leduc this past Monday. Her new address is:  
4419-46 Street  
Leduc AB T9E 6L2

The **Celebration of Life service for Linda V** (mom of Brett V) will be held here on **Tuesday, December 16 at 1:00 pm**. Please pray for God's strength, comfort and peace for the family and extended family.

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

# Here To Serve

## Council Meeting Highlights—December 2, 2025

- Henk S. opened with devotions from Luke 19, opening prayer and prayer bowl followed
- Continued review of Church Order: Discussion was focused was on the introduction and Article 1
- Reviewed the 27 November congregational meeting
  - o Viewed early compilation of the congregational feedback session
- Continued work on the Path Forward
- Other business discussed
  - o Ministry mandate review requested for early 2026 for each ministry and deacons
  - o Safe Church – ensure that all council members are up to date on requirements
  - o Plans to launch an adult catechism class in the new year for our members
- Pastor Bill closed the meeting 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)

**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!

## Ebenezer News

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS MEETING** There is a meeting for small group leaders after church today at James & Cindy H's

**THANK YOU** A big THANK YOU to all who made the Deacons Christmas Tea at the MEWS comfortable and enjoyable. The **MEWS Bible Study** will resume January 14th, 2026



**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.



**USED POSTAGE STAMPS FUNDRAISER** Please save your used postage stamps and bring them to the church. They can be put into the jar at the Welcome Centre.

**LOOKING FOR WORK** Daniel Lual, a Sudanese immigrant, is looking for employment. He was once a member of Talbot Street Christian Reformed Church (First Christian Reformed Church) in London, Ontario. He has been in Canada for 20+ years and has warehousing, logistics, and some equipment operating experience. His English is good and he currently lives in Leduc with his cousin but cannot afford a vehicle at the moment. Please speak to Dave Talen for more information. Thanks!

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, December 14	@ 9:15	am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00	am	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
	@ 11:45	am	Candlelight Service Practice
	@ 12:00	pm	Small Group Leaders Meeting
	@ 6:00	pm	Youth
Monday, December 15	@ 7:00	PM	Friendship
Tuesday, December 16	@ 7:00	pm	Consistory Meeting
	@ 7:30	pm	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday, December 17	@ 9:30	am	CoffeeBreak
	@ 6:30	pm	GEMS
Saturday, December 20	@ 7:30	am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday, December 21	@ 9:15	am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00	am	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
	@ 7:00	pm	Candlelight Service

## 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 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@ebenezerchrc.com](mailto:sscoordinator@ebenezerchrc.com)

**KIDS CORNER DEVOTIONS: Advent at Home: Joy to the World** - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent at Home: Joy to the World" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). This week of Advent is all about joy! Maybe light the hope, peace, and joy candles with your family, sing a favorite Christmas song, like Joy to the World, and remember that Jesus is the best reason to celebrate. Explore all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), including the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, Bible stories, crafts, and activities.

## Deacon's Corner

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offering: 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.

**Next Week: CHARITY OF CHOICE (unmarked donations will go to the FOOD BANKS)**

Please clearly mark where you would like your donation to go to. All donations unmarked will be given to our local Food Banks.

**E-TRANSFER:** To send an e-transfer donation please use [finance@ebenezercrc.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://ministrytoseafarers.com) website ("Get Involved") for more information, or email [crcvanportchaplain@gmail.com](mailto:crcvanportchaplain@gmail.com).

## 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.

## Thank You To Our Volunteers

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Wilbur

**PROJECTION & AUDIO:** Dan / Christina

**CANDLELIGHT:** Leona

**SERVING ELDER:** Glen H

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** Teena V

**GREETERS:** Dennis & Ineke V

**CANDLELIGHT:** Luke & Alyse K

**USHERS:** Luke K / Alyse K

**CANDLELIGHT:** Dennis V / Ineke V

**WELCOME CENTRE:** Wendy T

**COFFEE DUTIES:** Brendan & Alicia B, Carolyn D

**NEXT WEEK:** Wilbur & Linda H, Henry & Sharon K

**NURSERY:** Katie D, Matt B, Brooke T

**NEXT WEEK:** Mariska Z, Jachin H, Jenna D, Gabe O

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**PRE—K1:** Ryman H, Rachel K

**PRE—K2:** Stella M, Tyler T

**KINDER:** Michelle T, Brooklyn T, Johnny H

**GRADE 1:** Lauren T, Evelyn H, Morgan L

**GRADE 2:** Jenna D, Brody U, Rebecca K

**GRADE 3:** Karen G, Georgia D

**GRADE 4—6: Christmas Practice**

**NEXT WEEK:** Susan

**NEXT WEEK:** Jamie / Mike

**PROJECTION:** Matt / Wes

**NEXT WEEK:** Chris H

**NEXT WEEK:** James H

**NEXT WEEK:** Dale & Karen H

**NEXT WEEK:** Mitchell M / Diana M

**NEXT WEEK:** Alyse K



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Christmas Games

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.

**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](mailto:trinityvinecommunity@gmail.com). For more upcoming young adults events check out [thelinkcommunity.ca](http://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!