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# Advent Season



# 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.

SONG — Silent Night / What Child Is This

## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

SONG — *Joy To The World*

## GOD'S GREETING & WE GREET EACH OTHER

Advent Candle Lighting

SONG — *A Christmas Hymn*

## WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

SONG — *I Am Persuaded*

## GOD CALLS US INTO COMMUNITY

Children's Message: James H

*Age 3 to Grade 3 leave for Sunday School*

SONG — *Noel*

## Announcements & Congregational Prayer

SONG — *O Holy Night*

THANK OFFERING 1 Ebenezer Ministries

2 Charity of Choice (unmarked will go to local Food Banks)

## GOD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD

Scripture — **Luke 2 : 1–14**

Sermon — **Glory To God In The Highest!**

## WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER AND THANKS

SONG — *Ere Zij God*

## GOD SENDS US WITH A BLESSING

CLOSING SONG — *Hope Of The Nations (Christmas Version)*

**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 **Seminarian Scott Klooster** to our pulpit and next week we welcome **Pastor Bill Nieuwenhuis**.

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.



Please join us for our **CANDLELIGHT SERVICE @ 7:00 PM TONIGHT**, our **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE at 10:00 AM** on December 25, and our **NEW YEARS DAY SERVICE @ 11:00 AM** on January 1

# Here To Serve

## From Commissioned Pastor to Seminarian.

With Scott attending seminary, both he and Ebenezer are better served if Scott works under the position title of seminarian rather than commissioned pastor. As a seminarian, Scott will no longer hold a council member position, as council in turn supports him on this journey. Scott will be invited to join with the consistory or council as items may warrant. Additionally, Scott will continue to oversee Ebenezer's education ministry. Pastor Bill will continue to mentor and work with Scott as he continues his studies. Scott has recently received his license to exhort from the CRCNA candidacy committee. Congratulations Scott on everything you have accomplished thus far, and may God continue to bless you in your studies and ministry.

With the new role of Scott, coupled with the recent resignation of two other elders, consistory is looking to fill 2-3 elder positions. We are asking and encouraging the congregation to prayerfully consider names for nominations over the next weeks. Please submit your nominations to the council clerk or chair prior to January 18, 2026. If you have any questions or concerns please contact an elder. Thanks for your consideration.

# 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)

# Ebenezer News

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped at Tuesday's Celebration of Life Service. It is a blessing to see Ebenezer use it's gifts to serve others in love.



**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 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.



**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!



**SAVE THE DATE: Faith & Family Fun Night** Get ready for a can't-miss night of faith, family, and full-on FUN! Join our Youth for our annual Faith & Family Fun Night at Rogers Place on **February 6, 2026**, as the Edmonton Oil Kings take on the Moose Jaw Warriors in an action-packed evening you'll be talking about long after the final buzzer!

Cheer your heart out for your favorite team, then hit the ice yourself with the unforgettable chance to skate on the Rogers Place ice after the game! Not a skater? No problem! Head to the Coventry Homes Club Hall for exciting games, laughs, and connections with other faith-filled youth and their families. It's for just \$23 per ticket! Bring a friend, grab your siblings, invite the whole crew, everyone is welcome, and no one will want to miss this epic night!

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS** The church office will be closed from December 18 until January 5. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. If you have any Sunday Bulletin announcements for December 28 or January 4, please email the church office and I will do my best to include them.

## Coming Up @ Ebenezer

Sunday, December 21	@ 9:15	am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00	am	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
	@ 7:00	pm	Candlelight Service
Thursday, December 25	@ 10:00	am	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE</b>
Sunday, December 28	@ 9:15	am	Prayer Meeting
	@ 10:00	am	<b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
Thursday, Jan 1	@ 11:00	am	<b>NEW YEARS DAY SERVICE</b>

## 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)

## Community & Denominational News & Events

**SAVE THE DATE Valentine Volley-Palooza** at Covenant Christian School on Valentine's Day. Deadline to register is February 6, 2026 and you can Register and pay here: <https://tinyurl.com/volley-palooza>. For more information, see the poster on the Bulletin Board.



## 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: 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.

**Next Week: CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY** As a learning community in the Reformed Christian tradition that forms church leaders who cultivate communities of disciples of Jesus Christ, Calvin Theological Seminary serves the Christian Reformed Church in North America and wider constituencies by preparing individuals for biblically faithful and contextually effective ministry of the Word and by offering Reformed theological scholarship and counsel.

Collections for November 2025	Amount
Ebenezer Ministries	\$36,957.75
Coupons	\$1,750.00
Debt Reduction	\$430.00
Ebenezer Youth	\$1,882.00
Camrose Pregnancy Care Centre	\$2,740.65
Missionaries – Rodriguez family	\$675.50
Reframe Ministries	\$2,599.00
World Renew: General	\$50.00
World Renew: World Hunger	\$8,196.90
World Renew: Peter Fish	\$764.60
<b>Total Collected for November</b>	<b>\$56,046.40</b>
<b>Actual Income for 2025</b>	<b>\$346,357.48</b>
<b>Actual Expenses for 2025</b>	<b>\$355,761.31</b>
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>\$9,403.83</b>
Thank You for your giving so far this year!	

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](mailto: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](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).

## Thank You To Our Volunteers

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Susan  
**PROJECTION & AUDIO:** Jamie / Mike

**NEXT WEEK:** Susan  
**NEXT WEEK:** Jamie / Mike

**CANDLELIGHT:** Leona  
**CHRISTMAS DAY:** Wilbur

**PROJECTION & AUDIO:** Matt / Wes  
**PROJECTION & AUDIO:** Dan / Christina

**SERVING ELDER:** Glen H

**NEXT WEEK:** Henk S

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** James H

**NEXT WEEK:** Linda K

**GREETERS:** Dale & Karen H  
**CANDLELIGHT:** Luke & Alyse K

**NEXT WEEK:** James & Cindy H  
**CHRISTMAS DAY:** Brent & Lisa K

**USHERS:** Mitchell M / Diana M  
**CANDLELIGHT:** Dennis V / Ineke V  
**WELCOME CENTRE:** Alyse K  
**CHRISTMAS DAY:** Wendy T

**NEXT WEEK:** Mike D / Brett V  
**CHRISTMAS DAY:** Norm H / Eric H  
**NEXT WEEK:** Miriam P

**COFFEE DUTIES:** Wilbur & Linda H, Henry & Sharon K  
**NEXT WEEK:** Glen & Christine H, Matt & Leanne K  
**CHRISTMAS DAY:** Fred & Linda K, Roy & Teena V

**NURSERY:** Mariska Z, Jachin H, Jenna D, Gabe O  
**NEXT WEEK:** Nicole P, Justin Z, Rory L

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: PRE K to GRADE 3:** Christmas Games  
**GRADE 4—6: Christmas Practice**  
**NEXT WEEK:** No Sunday School



**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 **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!