



Presbyterians Sharing

In this time of sharing, we remind you of the option to support Presbyterians Sharing additional to your normal offering. As a congregation we commit to supporting this work. If you want to contribute to our congregation's support of Presbyterians Sharing, please mark an envelope "Presbyterians Sharing" and we will include it in DPC contribution towards this action.

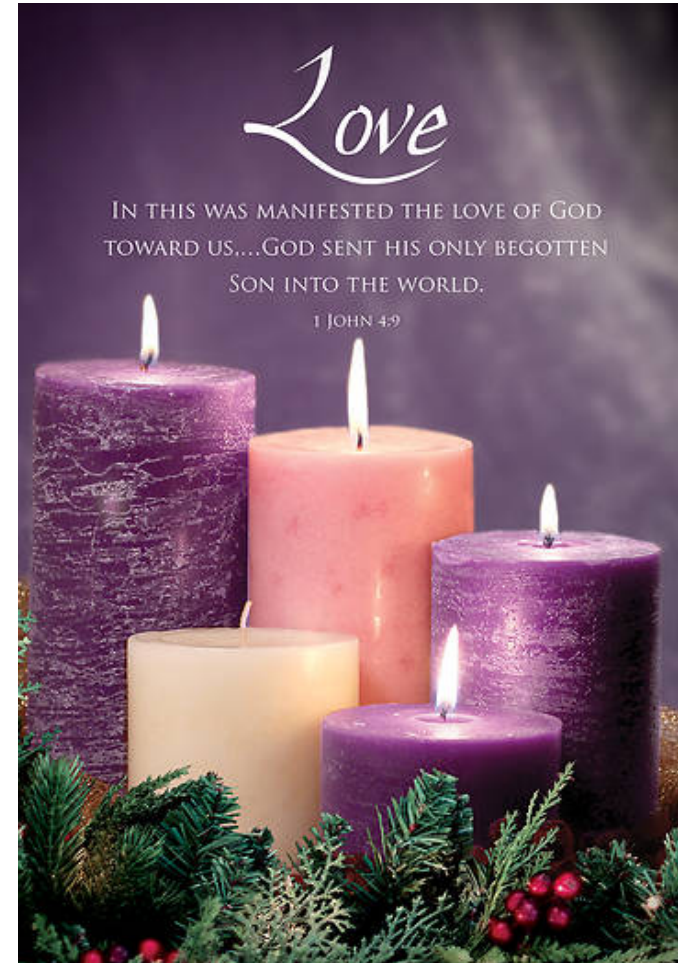
Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing:

- help congregations navigate and thrive through challenging times
 - equip leaders to serve and lead the church in Canada and around the world
 - work with international partners to share the good news of Christ
 - address causes and consequences of poverty, racism and discrimination
 - advocate for and act to protect and restore God's creation
 - provide spaces for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to work together on healing and reconciliation
 - share stories and experiences of Presbyterians through the Connection newspaper, presbyterian.ca website, social media and e-newsletters
- ...and so much more!

Anyone who would like offering envelopes can do so by asking Wendy McConnell, our church secretary for some. There are also request cards for them at the back of the church on the table. You can fill out the form and just leave it in the offering plates.

We are always looking for people willing to be readers during our church service. If interested in this ministry, please speak to Wendy.

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**Sunday,
December 22, 2024**



Musical Prelude

Words of Welcome, Birthdays or Anniversaries:

Announcements:

Advent Reading: The Candle of Love

Singing of "Hope is a Star" (DB 119, vs. 4)

Call to Worship:

Christmas Carols: "Go, tell it on the mountain: (DB 133)

"Good Christians all rejoice" (DB 141)

"Once in Royal David's city" (DB 166)

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

The Lord's Prayer

Reading from selected verses of John 1

Special Music: "Light of the world" - Alaina Frank & Nan St. Louis

Reading from selected verses of Luke 1

Advent Hymn: "People in darkness" (DB 124)

Presentation by the Truth Seekers: A Christmas Story



Closing Prayer: "Lord in your mercy ... " & "Hear our prayers"

Offering: "Joyful, joyful" (verse 1)

Dedication: Prayer

Christmas Carol: "Il est ne" (DB 169)

Benediction and Verbal Amen: "Forward in Faith"

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern." — Mother Teresa

The Announcements

Good morning to everyone! Welcome to the final Sunday of Advent and the Truth Seekers Christmas presentation. Many thanks for the support given to the children and young people by their parents as they have prepared for this day. A special thank you and note of appreciation is given to the teachers for all their hard work and effort put forth to organize and prepare. And, lastly, thanks to the young people - the congregation always looks forward to this day and enjoy your efforts. After this service, everyone is invited downstairs for a meal and fellowship.

A celebration for Doreen Weaver's 95th Birthday will take place next Sunday, December 29 following the church service. Doreen's family is providing the food for a luncheon after the service and invite everyone to come out to give good wishes to Doreen.

Our Christmas Eve Service will begin at 7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

Don't forget there will be a Community Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day at the Durham Community Centre (arena). The doors open at 1 p.m. with the meal being served at 3 p.m. There will be carolling and entertainment. This is a free event.

A thank you: We wish to express our sincere thank you to the Durham Presbyterian Church for your sympathy and kindness shown to us in the loss of my two beloved sisters, Audrey Flinkert and Sunnie Eggarhos. Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. We feel truly blessed to be here. **- Jim and Lucy Veenstra**

Communicant classes for anyone who would be interested in becoming a member of the Presbyterian Church are being planned. Please contact Will - 226-974-6265 if interested.

For the month of November, the givings were \$8,530.91 while the expenses were \$9,431.05 This left a shortfall of \$900.14 for the month. The bank balance at the end of the month was \$64,196.91.

It is that time of the year again! Time to get your group reports and financials together for the annual year book. The deadline to submit reports is Sunday, January 19.

The next Gen Next Service is set for Sunday, January 19. Please take note of this.