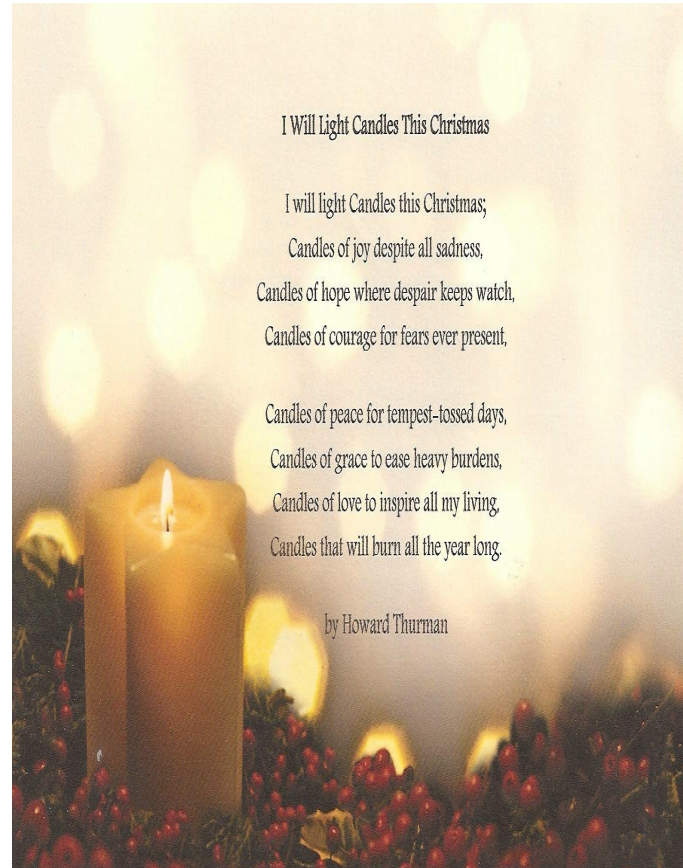




**SERVING THIS EVENING**

**Ushering - David Townsend  
Luke Townsend**



I Will Light Candles This Christmas

I will light Candles this Christmas;

Candles of joy despite all sadness,

Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,

Candles of courage for fears ever present,

Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,

Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,

Candles of love to inspire all my living,

Candles that will burn all the year long.

by Howard Thurman

**The Week @ Bridlewood PC**

**BRIDLEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN**

Sun. 24	4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Worship Service - via ZOOM and in-person Candlelight Service	10:30 am  7:00 pm <b>ALL DAY</b>
Wed. 27	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>
Thur. 28	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>
Sun. 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP & COMMUNION SERVICE	10:30am

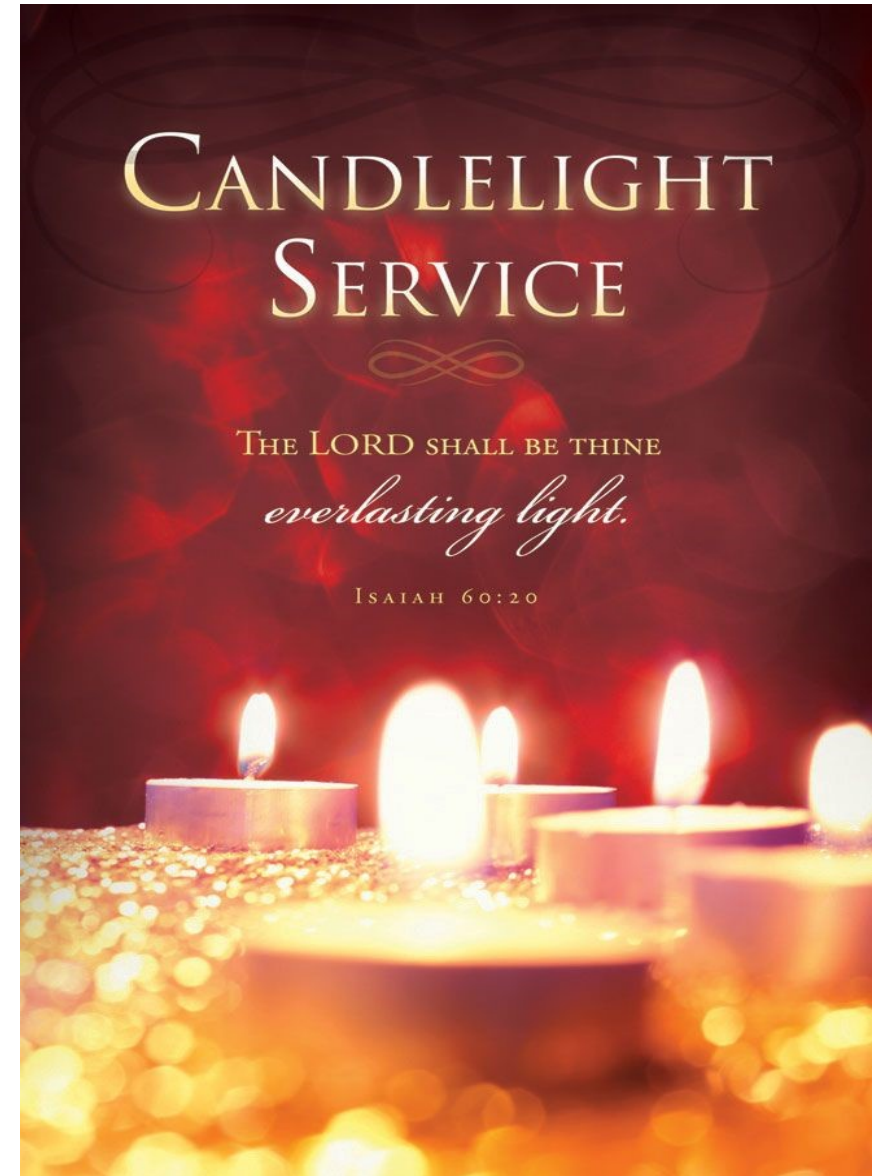
**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS**

<b>AMICA (Toronto)</b> Hazel Quan	Giah Purificacion Bill van Zyl
<b>Centenary Hospital</b> Wilma Castle	<b>Oshawa, ON</b> June Macaulay
<b>Home</b> Margaret D'Aguiar Linda Giles David Leggett Bev Money	<b>Shepherd Village "Lodge"</b> Velma Bricker / Marva Khan
	<b>Sunnybrook Hospital</b> Richard Hosein

**OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 ONLY**

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**CANDLELIGHT & WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**7:00 PM**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2023**



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## ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

*“Worship The King Finale”– Choir*

Welcome and Call To Worship  
Candle Lighting and Litany

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

**Reading:** Jeremiah 31:3-6; Luke 2:1-7 -

*What Child Is This?  
Away In A Manger*

**Reading:** Jeremiah 33:12-16; Luke 2:8-12 -

*“Christ Has Come”– Choir*

**Reading:** Jeremiah 31:10-14; Luke 2:13-14 -

*My Soul Magnifies The Lord  
Angels We Have Heard On High*

**Reading:** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Luke 2:15-20 -

*“I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day”– Choir*

Reflection – **“Jesus”**

*“Silent Night (God’s Great Love)” - Choir*

Candle Lighting

*It Came Upon The Midnight Clear  
Joy To The World*

Benediction

Postlude

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## **O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL**

W&C #145

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, born the King of  
angels

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav’n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the Highest!

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy  
morning,

Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv’n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

## **WHAT CHILD IS THIS**

W&C 137

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?

### **Chorus**

***This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels  
sing:***

***Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.***

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

## **AWAY IN A MANGER**

W&C #157

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet  
head.

The stars in the bright sky  
Looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from  
the sky,

And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to  
stay

## **MY SOUL MAGNIFIES THE LORD**

Tomlin et al

Good news of great joy  
For ev’ry woman ev’ry man  
This will be a sign to you  
A baby born in Bethlehem  
Come and worship do not be afraid

*My soul my soul magnifies the Lord  
My soul magnifies the Lord  
He has done great things for me  
Great things for me*

A company of angels  
Glory in the highest  
And on the earth a peace among  
Those on whom His favor rests  
Come and worship do not be afraid

Unto you a child is born  
Unto us a Son is giv’n  
Let ev’ry heart prepare His throne  
Let ev’ry nation under Heav’n  
Come and worship do not be afraid

## **ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**

W&C #132

Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains.

***Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.***

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be,  
Which inspire your heav’nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

See within a manger laid  
Jesus, Lord of heav’n and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
With us sing our Savior’s birth.

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## IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

W&C 128

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold;  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
From heaven's all gracious King!"  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Still thru the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled;  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow,  
Look now! for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road  
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on,  
By prophets seen of old  
When with the ever-circling years  
Shall come the time foretold,  
When the new heav'n and earth shall own  
The Prince of Peace their King,  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

## JOY TO THE WORLD

W&C #125

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonder, wonders of His love.



## **MISSION MOMENTS**

**Sunday, DECEMBER 24, 2023**

Through Presbyterians Sharing we shine Christ's light in Canada and around the world. We are there when a prisoner in Malawi discovers Christ's love through Bible study, and when an Indigenous woman in Taiwan reads the Bible in her own language for the first time. We are there when a congregation adapts to meet community needs in new ways and when a theological student in Canada, Malawi, Nigeria, Ghana or Beirut graduates, ready to serve God. We are there when a child receives a healthy snack and after-school support from an inner-city ministry, and when a refugee claimant needs a friend. We are also there for one another as we pray, serve and share the gifts God has given us. When we put our gifts in God's hands, God does remarkable things!

## **DONATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY**

48 pairs of mittens were delivered this past week to **Highland Heights PS** for which they were extremely grateful.

**Agincourt Community Services** also received numerous food gift cards, non-perishable food items and several bags of hats, scarves and mittens for the less fortunate clientele.

*Thank you everyone who contributed and expressed your love, care and concern in the various ways you have done. May God's blessings rest on those receiving these items as, no doubt, you were also blessed in giving.*

## **DAILY PRAYER TOPICS**

**Sunday, December 24 – Advent IV – Christmas Eve** – As we light the candle of love, pray that we may all know how to show love to those in our church community, and that God may open our eyes to recognize new people in our sanctuaries today and to welcome them warmly.

**Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day** – Pray for those who are celebrating Christmas alone, and especially those who have lost a loved one in this past year.

**Tuesday, December 26** – Pray for the Ghanaian Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ontario, as they seek unity in song, dance, praise, and adoration of the Lord. Pray for their pastor, the Rev. George Agyei Kwabi.

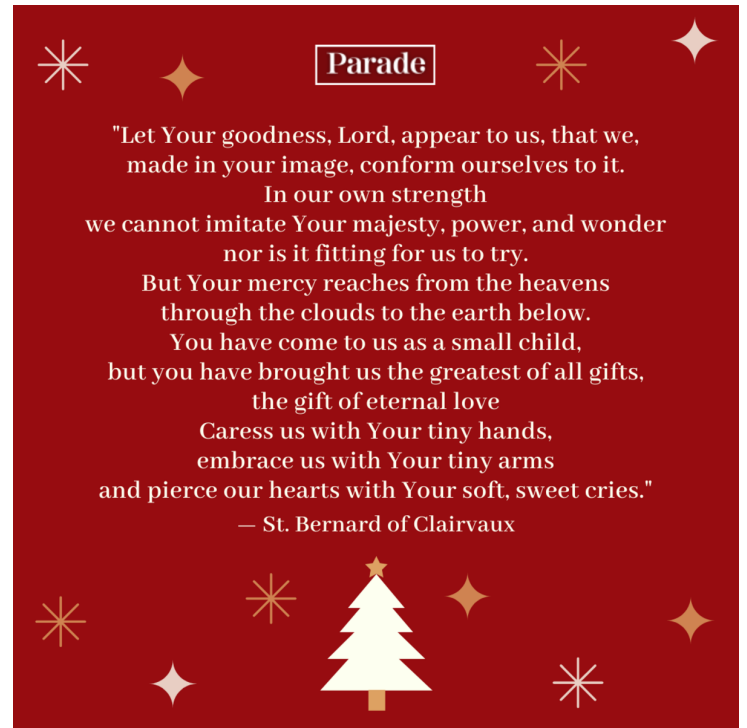
**Wednesday, December 27** – Remember Christians living in many nations around the world who are threatened because of their faith.

**Thursday, December 28** – Give thanks for the new members of the *Renewal Fellowship* who are supporting the ministry with prayers and donations, and for the Rev. Robin Ross, who continues to share our ministry on the website – [renewal-fellowship.ca](http://renewal-fellowship.ca)

**Friday, December 29** – Pray for safety for a team of teens from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Leaskdale, Ontario, as they travel tomorrow to Dominican Republic to support a partner church by hosting a Christmas Camp for 300 Dominican children. Pray that our Lord may grow a missionary heart within the youth that will shape their whole lives.

**Saturday, December 30** – Pray that pastors within the Presbyterian Church in Canada may be strong in their faith and lifted up by the Holy Spirit, and that their work may bear fruit through lives saved, hearts changed, and minds renewed by the God revealed in the Bible.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER**



## **POINSETTIAS IN MEMORY OF:**

Cec and Kay Adams = grandson, Mark.

Peter and Jean Friberg = daughter-in-law, Janine Friberg.

Flo and Ted Sanford = parents, Hugh and Luella Thompson

Pat Hayman - her mother.

A list of those being remembered is included in this week's bulletin. The plants can be sent to the Shut-in folk on Christmas Eve to bring them some cheer for the Season or you can take them home to decorate your own place. ***Please do not leave them at the church after Christmas Eve as there will be no one here to water them.***

