

Welcome to our Worship Service, Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025

Christmas has always been a very divisive subject. In our lifetime we have seen debates, laws and legislature remove Christmas from schools, public buildings and sometimes, even an attempt to remove Christmas greetings from public speech. And while this can be somewhat insulting for many believers, it should not be surprising. After all, Christmas is Jesus, and Jesus Himself is a divisive person.

This morning, Pastor Dan will share a message of encouragement for all those who wish to put Christmas and Christ front and centre. Don't worry about opposition, and don't worry about those who might want to cancel Christmas, as it were. It's nothing new, from the beginning the "Herods" of the world have tried to stop it. But no one can stop the message of salvation, and Christmas is alive and well today.

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Matt. 2:16

Today's Scripture Reading: Revelation 12

This week at a glance...

Currently all regular midweek ministries are on Christmas break. We will begin all ministries again in the new year.

Let us pray...

The following people have asked for Prayer: Michaëlle Fontenel - healing; Cher Coursolle - health; Kay Derby - health; Wilton Gillard - healing; Andrea Hudson-Lindsay's brother, Wally - healing; Miriam Church - healing; Ivan Bailey - healing; Latan Anderson's father - health; Carol - health; Paul Lecky - health.

Announcements

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Join us on Christmas Eve for our Candlelight Service at 7:00 PM for a night of celebration of the birth of Christ.

YU Elevation Retreat - Fri., Jan. 30th - Sun., Feb. 1st, 2026. Open to all Grade 6-12 students. Registration forms available downstairs. Cost - \$170.00. \$25 deposit due by Dec. 21st. See Pastor Greg for more details.

Year 2026 Offering Envelopes - Year 2026 Offering envelopes are ready for pick up. Please see Calvin Gordon or any usher at the back foyer to take yours.

The Church Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Serving Today

Worship: Pastor Greg | **Ushering:** Team 4 – Christian Decker | **Nursery:** 9:00 - Brigitte, 11:00 - Rose / Leona | **Coffee Time:** N/A

Stewardship Corner - Give and it shall be given unto you!

We have many ways you can give. If you wish to give online, please go to our website at www.heronparkbc.ca/donations page to give through PayPal or Credit Card. For an interac e-transfer please send your donations to the email at donations@heronparkbc.ca.

DECEMBER MISSIONS NOTE

Continued Prayer for Our Missions Partners

Please continue to lift our Missions Partners in prayer. We ask that their every need be met and that God will grant them divine wisdom, strength, and protection as they faithfully carry out His work.

Rommel

Continue to Pray for Rommel as he closes out his stay with us and prepares to head back to Nicaragua to continue the work God has called him to do.

Christmas Dinner dates are as follows:

TCM - December 15th
The Gathering Place – December 18th

Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer and provide food.

The Gathering Place

The Gathering Place will take a Christmas break starting December 25, 2025 and resume in the new year on January 15, 2026.

The Missions Committee wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and God's richest blessings in the year 2026.

"Mission is a passion for Jesus and at the same time a passion for His people." - Pope Francis