

Dec. 24, 2024

The fifth candle of Advent, also known as the Christ candle, is a white candle that is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to represent the birth of Jesus. It is usually placed in the center of the Advent wreath and is larger than the other candles.

The Christ candle symbolizes the light and purity of Jesus Christ, and represents the hope, peace, joy, and love that he brings. It is a reminder of the prophecy that Jesus would be the Light of the World, and a call to celebrate his birth with gratitude and reverence.

Not all Advent wreaths include a fifth candle, but the tradition is becoming more widespread. The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the four weeks of Advent, and the lighting of the candles is often accompanied by Bible readings, prayers, and devotional time.

Dear Lord Jesus, Light of the world, As we light this candle, we acknowledge Your love and kindness. We acknowledge Your coming and Your sacrifice, and we celebrate Your resurrection and the gifts of Your Word and the Spirit. we pray that Your light enlightens our minds and spirits.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GoFundMe for Shannon Jarvis

Shannon Jarvis has been dealing with serious health issues for all of her life and has endured major hardships and setbacks in her health in the last three years, especially. She recently came home from more than a two year stay in the hospital in 2022-2024, that has left her with the inability to walk, indefinitely, at the age of 34. Now that she is home in her parents' house, she is confined to her bedroom as the house and bathroom are not wheelchair accessible. Another friend and I have started a GoFundMe for Shannon to raise money for a bathroom renovation, to make her bathroom wheelchair accessible so she can live more comfortably in her home.

The link for the GoFundMe for Shannon is here:

<https://gofund.me/9ef554f3>

Donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your time.

Jennifer Lunardo

Prayer Roster

We are looking for additional congregants to help with the Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession. If you feel that you would like to volunteer to read this prayer occasionally on a Sunday morning, please speak to Bob Twynam. This is not a difficult task, as this prayer can be found on the Presbyterian Church in Canada's website. All you have to do is print it off and you are set. **OR** if you feel that you would like to make up your own prayer, you are most welcome to do so.

NEW



A Fall Devotional Update

A **new** edition of **Our Daily Bread** (December/January/February), as well as the current edition of **These Days** (October/November/December) are available on the table in the church vestibule and in the devotional box on the church porch.

Coffee/Tea Sign - Up



The sign-up sheet for coffee/tea service after worship is on the bulletin board opposite the kitchen downstairs. Please sign yourselves up or sign up your committee so that our Fellowship time after church can continue.

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PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL CARE

- * Pray for the people of war-torn countries who are living in fear and uncertainty. Pray for those close to home who need your special love and guidance during trying times.
- * **Paul Johnston** is in Trillium Mississauga waiting to get surgery for a pacemaker. He and Nancy are hoping that the surgery will be Monday so that Paul will be able to come home on Tuesday.
- * **Irene Langstaff's** son, **Michael**, had surgery on Monday, the 23rd.
- * Please keep in your prayers the following: Robert Soth, Zachariah Mwangi, Shirley P., Josephine Wong, Shelia Thomas' grandson, Carter, Ed L., Bob N., Charlotte Prentice, Joan and Peter K., Margaret M's brother, Simon, the Jarvis family, Olive S., Roman P., Jean Fox's nephew, Ryan, Anna C. and Gordon F. Please keep these folks, and indeed, everyone in our church family and people around the world, in your prayers.

Note from your editor: Could you please advise us from time to time on the status of your loved ones so that updates can be recorded and shared to prove that the power of prayer does work miracles.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * Tuesdays @ 11:00 AM – Walking Group – All are welcome (Note: there will be no walk today, the 24th)
- * Thursdays @ 2:00 PM – Worship service at Centennial Park Place
- * Tuesday, Dec. 24 @ 7:00 PM – Christmas Eve Service
- * Monday, Jan. 6 @ 7:00 PM – Outlook Team Meeting



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Christmas Eve Service 7pm
Christmas Day (no service)

*Our services are now live streamed. Go to the church's website (www.graceview.ca) to click the link for the most recent worship services on YouTube.

* We also have our own Facebook page. (Graceview Presbyterian Church). This site shows the world all that we are and what we have to offer as a church. Check it out and be sure to "follow."

Prayer Roster

Lay Readers

Welcome and Announcements

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Bob Twynam

Georgena Engineer

Kathy Twynam

WEEKLY GIGGLE

Who is the Real Virgin?

A ten-year-old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then one day she floored her grandmother by asking, "Which virgin was the mother of Jesus? The virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"

What Are The Three Gifts?

While participating in a church Christmas pageant many years past, I had the good fortune to be chosen as the narrator. Each rehearsal went off well and then on the night of the show, I, in a loud and penetrating voice announced the gifts of the Magi as "gold, Frankenstein and myrrh."

No Room In The Inn?

A boy wanted to be Joseph in the Sunday School pageant. He was cast as the landlord and objected loudly, but

to no avail. When the pageant was presented, Mary and Joseph knocked on the door and asked him if he had a room for them. The boy smiled and said, "Yes, sure. Lots of room. Come on in!"

Do you have any news or prayer requests that you would like to share? Drop me a line and I will be happy to include it in the Weekly Email. Have a blessed week, everyone.

Susan choppertini@hotmail.com

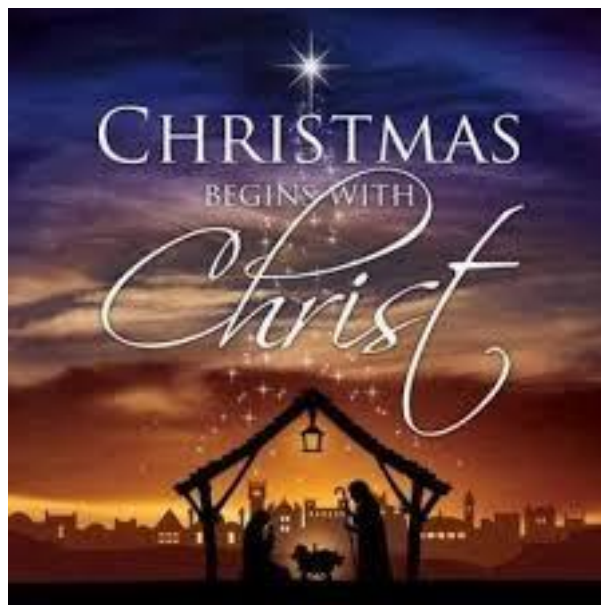
Contact information for Pastor Eric Lee: 778-791-1741; leefyeric@gmail.com

NB: If the phone number for Pastor Eric does not connect you immediately (technical issues?) call the church (416-621-0888) and press #1 for Pastor Eric.

Email for Iris: ericirishk@gmail.com

* Message from **Pastor Eric**: "FYI the Graceview website page below has been revamped, so as to keep people updated of our activities and events. Visit us and enjoy all that is good about Graceview".

<https://graceview.ca/calendar-events>



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Holy Communion	2 Sing Etobicoke @Graceview Advent Lunch 12:30	3 Walking Group 11:00	4	5 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	6	7
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22	23 Advent Lunch 12:30	24 Christmas Eve Service @ 7:00 PM	25 Christmas Day	26 Service @ CPP 2:00 PM Choir practice 6:30 PM	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve Walking Group 11:00				