



## **Notices December 8th, 2024 - Advent 2**

Readings for this Sunday: Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6  
Next Sunday's Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

**Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am**

### **Christmas Services**

**Sunday December 22nd - 4.30pm 9 Lessons and Carols**

**Tuesday December 24th - 4.30pm - Family Service**

**Tuesday December 24th - 8.30pm - Carol Singing**

**Tuesday December 24th - 9pm - Choral Eucharist**

### **Weekly Events at Christ Church**

Wednesdays 11am - Lectio Divina & Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Wednesdays 5pm - Meditation in the Sitting Room

Thursdays 10.30am - Bible Study in Crump Room

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**Due to the Canada Post strike, we will be putting Christmas Offering envelopes on the table in the Narthex. Please take one on your way in and thank you for your contributions.**

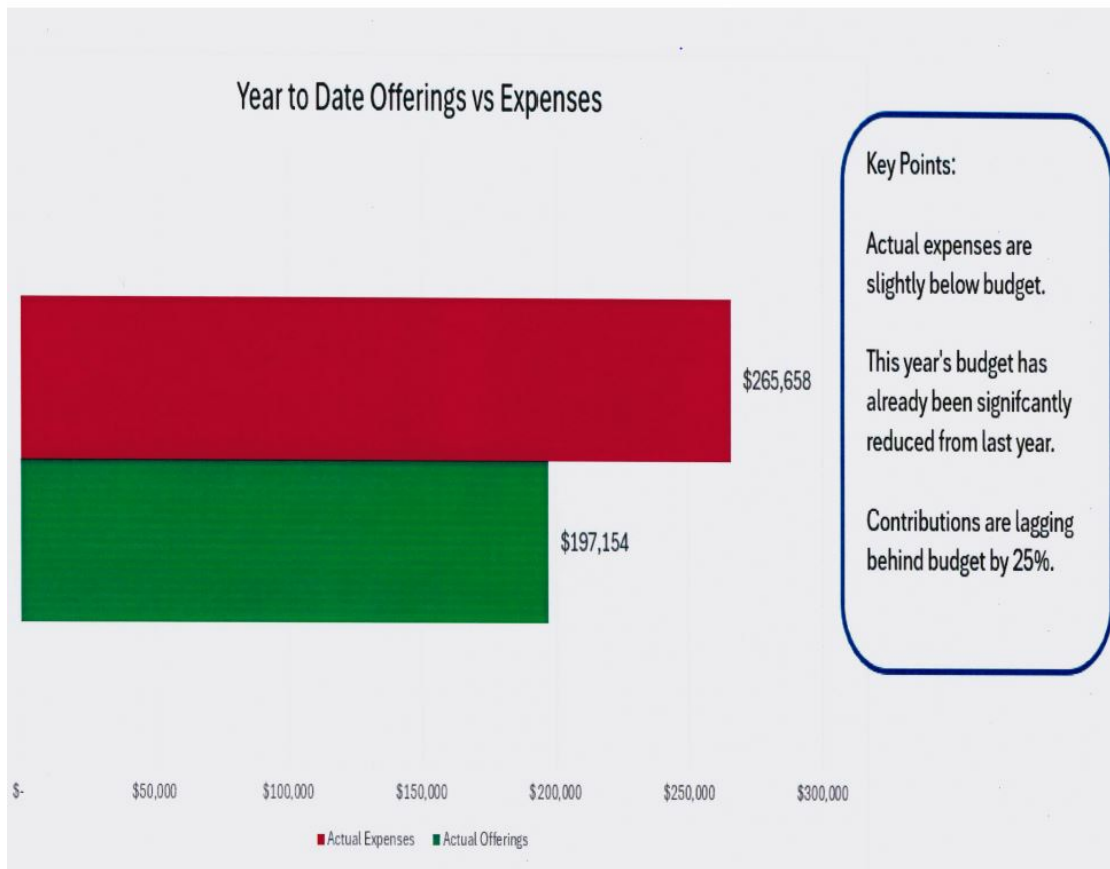
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### **Message from the Treasurer**

At the last AGM we shared the ongoing financial challenges that Christ Church has experienced. Such challenges have existed for the last couple of years. Past deficits have been successfully addressed through various funding campaigns, gifts and grants. We have decided there is a need for more sustainable revenue strategies. To this end we have reestablished a stewardship committee that will focus on enhanced financial communications

and contribution strategies.

This is the first in a series of regular financial reports to our parishioners.



**Please reflect on your current contribution level, and where you can help make a financial difference.**

### **Advent Weekly Devotion Resource**

Guide your prayers this Advent season around the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love with this Devotional from Indigenous Pathways: Dreaming of an Indigenous Christmas.

From the Introduction:

"Beyond the beautiful decorations, the delicious food and the family gatherings, there is something extraordinary about the Advent season.

There is space to sit and listen to the ancient dreams and visions throughout Scripture. There is room to hope, to experience joy, to settle into peace and to be enveloped into love. Advent reminds us that there is hope for renewal — that the story doesn't end."

PDF Devotional [Click Here](#)

**ACORN**

ACORN practitioners will be in the Sitting Room from 9am to 10am Sunday December 8th, to tell stories about participating in God conversations with people outside our church community. Please join us, tell your stories, listen to others, and know how the practice works in the world.

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Adam and Emily were blessed with the safe arrival of a baby girl on October 30th. The parish will be having a lunch after the 10:30 Service on December 08th at which time we will present Adam and Emily with a cash gift from the congregation. Please consider supporting the new parents by donating to the shower. Let Cynthia at the office know the amount of your gift and how you would like to pay.

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### **Outreach Update**

Thank-you to everyone who gave items and gift cards to support our Adopted Family at Radiance Society.

For the remainder of the Christmas Season and into the New Year, we will further be supporting Radiance Society by contributing to their Family Wish List Program. These items are used to build

Welcome Hampers for New Families coming to the Radiance building after they have left emergency shelter. Since there is not a time or quantity restriction, you do not need to sign up, and items will be delivered to Radiance in the New Year.

If you would like a tax receipt, please see Cynthia in the Office!

And a gentle reminder to give **NEW ITEMS ONLY**

- Twin Bedding\* , Double Bedding, gender and age neutral
- Shower Curtain/Rug Towels
- Dishes, Cutlery, Glassware
- Pots and Pans Tupperware
- **Gift Cards for food and activities**
- Shampoo, Conditioner, Feminine Hygiene Products
- Toys/Crafts Supplies (Scissors, Glue, Tape Construction Paper)
- Colouring Supplies/Books Board Games/Puzzles LEGO's
- Also "Teen" aged gifts, teens are often overlooked.

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## **Altar Guild**

The Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Christmas on **SATURDAY DECEMBER 21st at 9:30 AM**. Our leaders of many years are on vacation so we are in need of all kinds of people to help make the Church look beautiful for Christmas. This is a fun event, Christmas baking and coffee will be provided as well as Christmas music. Teenagers are welcome, especially ones who like ladders.



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## Poinsettias

With Advent less than two weeks away it is that time of year to think of decorating the church with poinsettias. If you would like to donate one or more poinsettias in memory of a loved one, in Thanksgiving or to the Glory of God please let Cynthia, our office administrator know. The cost is \$25.00 and as always the tributes will be in the bulletin for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



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*December 8th, 2024 Flower  
Memorials*

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John and Margaret Partridge, Peter Partridge, and Wes and Alice Bradley, by John and Jean Partridge

The flowers at the Chapel are offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of Arthur and Mary Walton by Rudi and Christine Kincel and the family

The flowers at the Font are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Valdemar and Pearl Pedersen and Sonya and Peder Pedersen, by Suzan Pedersen

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### **The Power of Prayer**

#### **Forward Day by Day**

Prayer books for November, December and January are available at the office

Additional prayer resources can be found on Forward Movement's website: [https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward\\_day\\_by\\_day.php?](https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward_day_by_day.php?)



## **The Parish Prayer Chain**

Have a friend who needs someone to pray for them? Our prayer chain does this daily, and welcomes requests for confidential prayer. Contact Alicia Hampshire, Adam Bedford or Rev. Brandon.

## **Praying with PWRDF**

On the second Thursday of each month praying with PWRDF takes place over zoom at 11am (Calgary time). On the fourth Thursday of each month the PWRDF team in Toronto plans an educational webinar in the same time slot. Please contact Kim Umbach at [kumbach@pwrdf.org](mailto:kumbach@pwrdf.org) for the zoom link to be included and for further details.

## **Prayer Shawls - "Tangible Evidence of Prayer" (ref: "The Prayer Shawl Ministry")**

Each of our shawls , handmade by the members of this ministry includes the prayers of the shawl maker as it is made, receives a special blessing, then is available to be given to offer peace, and comfort to someone in need. Shawls are always available here. Please contact Cynthia at the office: 403-243-4680, or Barbara Robinson: [barberobinson@gmail.com](mailto:barberobinson@gmail.com) if you know of someone for whom a shawl would be helpful.



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