



FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18 - 25, 2022

We invite you to join us in-person on Sunday mornings. We also stream our services on our [Youtube channel](#).

[Like and Subscribe to us on YouTube](#) so you don't miss one of our livestreams!

There are many virtual meetings and events taking place during the week. See below for all the details.

Contact the Church Office at info@arlingtonwoods.ca if you would like to receive our **Weekly Update Email** to stay informed of important things happening in our church community.

You can **download our bulletin** in PDF form at the bottom of this page.

If you would like to give to **support Arlington Woods Church**, you can do so at <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/donate.php>.

If you are new to our church we would love to get to know you! Filling out our **online welcome card** really helps us learn your name and connect you into our church community! <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/welcome.php>.

Watch **this week's kids' video content** at <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/kids.php>. There are videos for kids of all ages that include worship, drama, and fun animation.

Small groups are an important part of our church community life. Check out our list of small groups that have started this Fall at <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/smallgroups.php>.

Arlington Woods Church Giving Summary:

The 2022 Budget is \$554,550.

To date (Dec. 14), we have received \$463,482 in offerings.

With 2 weeks left before the year end, we need \$91,068 to meet the budget target.

Therefore, we need \$45,534 per week.

THURSDAY

9:00AM -11:30AM WHITE PINE CAFÉ OPEN: Our Café will be open Thursdays at 9 am, serving fair trade, organic Equator coffee and teas as well as homemade baking! Invite a friend and stop in for a hot cup:) or a cold drink. For details, visit <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/cafe>. If you are interested in volunteering at or baking for our café, please email cafe@arlingtonwoods.ca.

7:00-8:00PM- VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM, special focus on Pastors and church leaders, Check your weekly church emails for the ZOOM link.

FRIDAY

6:30-9:00PM Friday, Dec. 16 - CATALYST YOUTH, (grades 6-12) is having a Christmas Party in the Creekside Room. Email ben@arlingtonwoods.ca for more information.

SATURDAY

6:00-8:00PM Saturday, Dec. 17 - Christmas Carol-Sing Coffeehouse Put on your ugly Christmas sweater or even your fancy one! Bring the whole family to enjoy some old-fashioned carol singing. There will be rhythm instruments out for the children and Pastor Mike. Christmas drinks and treats will be available by donation.

THIS SUNDAY

For Sunday, December 18, 2022:

9:00-9:30AM- WHITE PINE CAFÉ OPEN: Our Café will be open before and after the service. For details visit <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/cafe> . If you are interested in volunteering at or baking for our café, please email cafe@arlingtonwoods.ca.

9:30-9:50AM- PRE-SERVICE PRAYER IN PERSON & ON ZOOM: All are welcome every Sunday morning for pre-service prayer! Check your weekly church emails for the ZOOM link or join us in person in the Prayer Room.

10AM- ARLINGTON WOODS CHURCH SERVICE - IN-PERSON & ONLINE: Guess Who's Coming for Christmas? - Week 4: "Visitors Who Challenge Us"

This week we have invited to our Advent time together people who challenge us forward. Specifically, prophets like John who gave people a heads up that Jesus, the Saviour of the World was about to introduce Himself. Prophets might not be your first choice for an intimate Christmas time gathering, but they should be someone you sit with for a meal regularly!

The **Nursery** will be staffed.

To connect to our livestream service, [click here](#).

[Click here](#) to check out our FAQ on in-person services.

KIDZONE is our Sunday morning kids program for kids grades JK-6. [Click here](#) for more information.

Follow along to the Sunday Message with our YouVersion Notes! [Click here to view the notes for this Sunday!](#)

If you missed the message from last Sunday, [view the livestream service here](#).

MONDAY

9:00AM -11:30AM- WHITE PINE CAFÉ OPEN: Today is the last Monday for the café before the Christmas holidays. Regular hours will resume on January 5th . For details, visit <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/cafe>. If you are interested in volunteering at or baking for our café, please email cafe@arlingtonwoods.ca.

9:00-11:00AM- POP (Parents of Preschoolers) - We invite you to attend POP with your preschoolers and help our church connect with our community. Visit <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/pop> for details and to register. This is our last POP meeting for the year, POP will resume on January 9th.

7:00-8:00PM- VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM, special focus on Canada and our leaders. Check your weekly church emails for the ZOOM link.

TUESDAY

7:00-8:30PM- VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM, special focus on Church and Community needs. Check your weekly church emails for the ZOOM link.

WEDNESDAY

No events scheduled.

THURSDAY

9:00AM -11:30AM WHITE PINE CAFÉ OPEN: Today is the last Thursday for the café before the Christmas holidays. Regular hours will resume on January 5th . For details, visit <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/cafe>. If you are interested in volunteering at or baking for our café, please email cafe@arlingtonwoods.ca.

7:00-8:00PM- VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING ON ZOOM, special focus on Pastors and church leaders, Check your weekly church emails for the ZOOM link.

FRIDAY

Catalyst youth is on holidays until January 13th.

Church office closes at the end of the day on December 23rd. The office will reopen on January 2nd.

SATURDAY

6:00-7:00PM Sat, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Candles, carols, the good news of Jesus' birth. Need we say more? There will be a special offering that will be going towards Harmony House.

NEXT SUNDAY

For Sunday, December 25, 2022:

9:30-9:50AM- PRE-SERVICE PRAYER IN PERSON & ON ZOOM: All are welcome every Sunday morning for pre-service prayer! Check your weekly church emails for the ZOOM link or join us in person in the Prayer Room.

10AM- ARLINGTON WOODS CHURCH SERVICE - IN-PERSON & ONLINE: Join us this Sunday at 10am for our Service!

Please note that this Sunday will be a family service. Note that there is no KIDZONE or staffed nursery. There will be coloring sheets available for the kids.

COMING EVENTS

Christmas at Arlington Woods Church (Invite your friends!)

Visit <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/christmas.php> for more details. Help yourself to **Christmas Event flyers** from the Welcome Desk to share with your friends.

1. Guess Who's coming for Christmas? (Advent Series Sundays from Nov. 27 - Dec. 25 @ 10 am)

Our Advent series this year will be following two family road trips: the Martin family as they travel to Grandpa's for Christmas, and Joseph and

Mary as they travel to Bethlehem. Both encounter adventures along the way.

2. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Saturday, December 24 @ 6 pm)
Candles, carols, the good news of Jesus' birth. Need we say more?

3. A Global Christmas Day Service (Sunday, December 25 @10 am)
Christmas Day does not often fall on Sunday. Although it may not be your normal Christmas tradition, what a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This family service will be our opportunity to join with one heart, one voice as we declare. "Jesus Christ is born." Join us in-person or online at 10 am.

4. New Years Day Service (Sunday, January 1 @10 am)
New Year's Day falls on a Sunday this year. Please note that this will be an online only service and the link will be provided in the weekly church e-mails.

5. Church Office - Please note the church office will be closed at the end of the day December 23rd and will reopen Monday January 2nd.

6. Staffed Nursery –The nursery will be staffed on the following Sundays: Dec. 18, Jan. 8, Jan. 15, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 26, Mar. 5, Mar. 19, Mar. 26. For more details visit www.arlingtonwoods.ca/kids.

7. Deeper Roots for Teens (grade 7+) – This monthly Sunday small group for teens will meet in the Creekside Room on these Sundays: Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 26, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 14, and June 18. Email christinev@arlingtonwoods.ca for details.

8. AWC Men's Retreat – Friday, Feb. 10 evening to Sunday, Feb. 12 lunch (save the dates; details to follow).

CHURCH NEWS & INFORMATION

1. Pastors' Christmas Gift Offering - Again, this year, the option to give to the Pastors' Christmas Gift Offering by using bank withdrawal or credit card will be **available for the period November 24 - December 20 ONLY**, by clicking on the donate link on the Arlington Woods Church website <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/donate.php>.

In addition, pre-labeled Pastors' Christmas Gift Offering envelopes will be available at the back of the sanctuary for "in person" attendees on **Sundays, November 27-December 18 ONLY**. Please place these envelopes in the offering boxes at the back of the sanctuary.

We request that completed pre-labeled envelopes will ONLY be accepted on the above dates in the offering boxes and NOT to be dropped off at the church office.

Blessings, Head Teller.

2. AWC Men's Ministry - If you would like to be added to the Men's Ministry email list, please email mensministry@arlingtonwoods.ca.

3. Small Groups - Small groups are an important part of our church community life. Check out our list of weekly small groups at <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/smallgroups.php>.

4. White Pine Café New Part-Time Position - There is a **new Café Manager part-time position!** Click [here](#) for details.

5. Membership - The next Membership Sunday will be Sunday, February 5. If you are interested in becoming a member at Arlington Woods Church, please email Pastor Mike at mike@arlingtonwoods.ca before **January 15**.

6. Tithes and Offerings - Visit the church website <https://arlingtonwoods.ca/donate> for Online, Credit Card or Pre-

Authorized Auto Debit options **or** visit the Welcome Centre in person for a Pre-Authorized Auto Debit brochure and form. Thank you for your continued financial support. If you have any questions, please contact the Head Teller at giving@arlingtonwoods.ca.

7. Hymnals - Feel free to take home a hymnal or two from the Welcome Desk.

8. Daily Bread Devotional Guides - Copies of the Daily Bread devotional guides for December-January-February are available at the Welcome Desk. If you can't be at church in person but would like a copy of Daily Bread, please email info@arlingtonwoods.ca with your mailing address.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

1. Respond Ottawa - Many local agencies (foodbanks, community houses, inner-city missions) are running low on essential items and the number of requests has actually grown significantly. To help your local food bank, please connect with them first and find out what their current needs are! Click [here](#) for a list of food banks in the Ottawa area.

2. FAMSAC Donations - Please bring your food bank donations to the FAMSAC bin in our church lobby. We are happy to support FAMSAC financially on a quarterly basis, but regularly being able to donate food items is also very important to their sustainability.

Items most needed: Canned goods (specifically these ones: green and yellow beans, corn, tomatoes, pasta, chicken, fruit), fruit cups for lunches, jam, cooking oil, sugar, flour.

3. Tearfund - The Tearfund Canada 2022 Gift Giving Guide is available at the Welcome Desk and in the Fireside Lounge. For more information about Tearfund, visit www.tearfund.ca.