



**Second Sunday of Advent  
Sunday Service  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 10am**

**Announcements**

- Choir:** Prepare the way  
**Opening:** Light of the world  
O come all ye faithful  
**Prayer:** Your name  
**Message:** Rev. Dr. Aubrey Botha  
**Series:** Advent 2025  
**Sermon:** Knock, knock, knocking...  
**Scripture:** Luke 2:6-7 (NCV)  
**Offering**  
**Closing:** Away in a manger  
**Postlude:** Go tell it on the mountain  
**Greeters:** Pat Couttie, Barbara Pulling, Shirley Wells

Please go to the hall for fellowship and refreshments immediately following our service. Kids Zone will require the use of the sanctuary for about a half an hour for their pageant practice.

*We are so glad you are here.  
We are a Jesus church, where everyone is welcome,  
where no-one is perfect, and everyone is loved.*



### This Week at Central

Tuesday	2:30pm	Prayer Group
	7:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Missions Team
Wednesday	2:00pm	Hymn Sing Cafe
Thursday	6:15pm	Alpha
	7:00pm	Choir
Saturday	10:00am	Children's Cookie & Movie Event
Sunday	10:00am	Sunday Service & Kids Zone

### Upcoming Events @ Central

Dec 11	9:30am	Flower Guild Final Preparations
Dec 14		White Gift Sunday
Dec 21	10:30am	Christmas Pageant
Dec 24	6:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight service

*The Witzke family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and support during the illness and death of Carolyn's father, Rudi Bouius. We take comfort in the promises of the Lord that he is with Him, and we will see him again, even if we are sorrowing now.*



### Children's Ministry Announcements

We are excited to share some wonderful upcoming events for our children and families this Advent season!

#### **Kids' Christmas Event – Saturday, December 13, 2025**

Join us at the church for a fun-filled morning from 10am to 12pm. The children will enjoy decorating Christmas cookies and watching a Christmas movie together.

Please RSVP by December 09, 2025, so we can prepare supplies.

#### **Christmas Pageant – “The Promise of Christmas”**

Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 10 am during the worship service. After the program, we will gather for a time of fellowship with cookies and hot chocolate.

To help make this time special, we are kindly asking the congregation to bring cookies to share that morning. If you are able to contribute, please contact **Elsie or Elrey** at [childrensministry@cpcmail.ca](mailto:childrensministry@cpcmail.ca)

*As we enter this season of waiting and wonder, our prayer is that all our families will experience a blessed and joy-filled Advent.*



### **WHITE GIFT SUNDAY**

**DECEMBER 14**

White Gift Sunday has its origins in a Methodist Church in Ohio around the year 1904. There the idea began to give gifts wrapped in white paper to people in need at Christmas. Gifts were given anonymously so that no one would make comparisons on the value of the gifts. Everyone could share in the gift giving and all gifts were appreciated equally.



This year we are supporting the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank, specifically “seniors in need” in our community. This is a group that is often overlooked – many are alone, living on very little for food, rent, clothing, medical and other needs.

Some suggestions for gifts are toiletries such as hand lotion and shaving cream, gloves, hats, scarves, slippers, socks and other clothing items, chocolates/candy.

Gifts may be unwrapped or if wrapped, please indicate male (M) or female (F). If you would like us to do the shopping, we will provide labelled envelopes for “White Gift Sunday”. For many seniors this will be the only gift they receive, and it is a wonderful way to show God’s love in our community.

### **CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS FOR RACHEL’S HOME**

**On Dec. 21 at the Pageant Service,** we will be hanging Christmas stockings on the pews, to ask for donations for the orphanage and school at Rachel’s Home in Lesotho. At Christmas we hope to provide a full nutritious Christmas meal for the orphans and a gift of some clothing item that is critically needed.



## OUR "MITTEN TREE" for KIDS



A Christmas "Mitten Tree" will be at the back of the sanctuary beginning November 30. We are collecting donations of mittens, hats, scarves, and other winter apparel for children in need in our community. The Cambridge Food Bank will happily receive and distribute both newly purchased and "home-made" items. If you would like us to do the shopping, we will provide labelled envelopes for the "Mitten Tree" on the small table at the entrance, to make any donations. You can also donate via e-transfer to the church office.

Please help us fill the tree as **we collect through the month of December!**

***Thank you for all your generosity for helping those in need!***

### **2025 Contributions**

All contributions you wish to be included in the current tax year must be with the office on or before **Dec 31<sup>st</sup> at noon.**

Thank you for all your contributions throughout the year.



### Item of the Month for the Food Bank

The item of the month for December is

#### ***Canned Meats***

Our collection baskets are located at the back of the sanctuary.

## OUR TEAM

### **Minister**

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**Submissions for the bulletin to be received by the office before 10 am Wednesdays.**

## ONLINE SERVICES

<https://www.centralchurchcambridge.ca>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/CentralchurchcambridgeCa>

<https://www.facebook.com/centralchurch>

**Christmas Public Office Hours  
Closed Wednesday Dec. 24, 2025 until Tuesday Jan. 6, 2026**

## ONLINE BULLETIN

Our Weekly Bulletin is available online in mobile friendly format.

Our online bulletin includes:

- Order of service
- What's happening this week
- Announcements
- Other Links

