

## SPECIAL ADVENT EVENTS

2024

### Candlelight Christmas Eve

December 24

3 & 5 PM Worship Center

11:30 PM Lobby

Celebrate the wonder and glory of the Christmas story with Scripture and song.

Nursery at **3pm service only**

### Fifth Sunday Serve

December 29

10 AM Garden Room

NO Morning Worship Service

Join us for assembling food supplies for local families and care packages for prisoners. There will also be a seasonal blood drive.

Sign up for for 5th Sunday Serve at [elmhurstcrc.org/events](http://elmhurstcrc.org/events)

### New Year's Eve

December 31

7 PM Garden Room

Year-end reflections and Communion

[elmhurstcrc.org/christmas](http://elmhurstcrc.org/christmas)



### Elmhurst CRC partnership with Outreach York and Jubilee Resale Lombard

**Jubilee Resale Bins** will be available at our West entrance during open business hours to collect your lightly-worn clothing donations. The Jubilee store proceeds benefit Outreach York and Timothy Christian Schools. New volunteers needed, for more info go to [www.jubileefurniture.org](http://www.jubileefurniture.org)

### Outreach York Christmas Store Recap

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers and Christmas gift donors who made this year's Christmas Store a success. With your generous support, we served 96 families, nearly double the number from last year, and distributed 876 gifts—an increase of 256 gifts from 2023. We were blessed to have 98 volunteers contribute 452 hours of service, and we partnered with 17 businesses and 6 churches to further expand our reach. In addition to providing gifts, we had the privilege of praying with 78 families, offering them a sense of hope and renewal. This year's store was truly a testament to God's provision and love, as we brought joy to many while reflecting Christ's heart in our community.

### More Ways to Connect

PRAYER & E-NEWS: [elmhurstcrc.org/subscribe](http://elmhurstcrc.org/subscribe)  
DAILY DEVOTIONALS: [elmhurstcrc.org/podcasts](http://elmhurstcrc.org/podcasts)  
or text DEVOS to 630-748-8172 for text reminders  
[elmhurstcrc.org/thisweek](http://elmhurstcrc.org/thisweek)  
Church office: 630-600-5100



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What Can I Give Him?  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP December 22, 2024

Prelude - *Mary Did You Know*

### GATHERING

Welcome & Advent Candles  
*O Come All Ye Faithful*  
Message: What Can I Give Him? Wonder  
Galatians 4:4-7

### BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

*Gather 'Round Ye Children, Come  
Passover Us  
So Long Moses*  
After this song, children PreK-K  
may go to Children's Worship

*Deliver Us  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
Matthew's Begats  
It Came To Pass  
Labor of Love  
The Holly and the Ivy  
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks  
Behold the Lamb of God  
The Theme of My Song  
O Come Let Us Adore Him*

### SENDING

Blessing

**Pastors:** Gregg DeMey, Jeff Klein

**Broken Halos Worship Team:** Doug Bardolph, Leader  
Justin Bardolph, Angela Buikema, Gregg DeMey  
Bethany DeHaan, Riley DeHaan, David Hendricks  
Billy Heschl, Leah Hoffman, Kyle Olson  
Mary Reitsma, Cindy Vos, Matt Voss

**Behold the Lamb of God** The Broken Halos present Andrew Peterson's musical masterpiece, which places the story of Christ's birth in the context of the whole Bible. Lyrics can be found at [elmhurstcrc.org](http://elmhurstcrc.org)/this week

**OFFERINGS** may be given at the door as your exit or online: [elmhurstcrc.org/give](http://elmhurstcrc.org/give)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hearts Ablaze Update** We are thrilled to share that our firstfruits Sunday offering to kickstart the Hearts Ablaze initiative has surpassed \$1,000,000! Thank you for your incredible generosity and commitment. Your giving empowers us to expand our ministry, eliminate building debt, and trust God to ignite new, Spirit-led opportunities in the coming season.

**5th Sunday Serve on Dec 29 at 10am.** Sign-ups at [elmhurstcrc.org/events](http://elmhurstcrc.org/events) We will be assembling care packs for prisoners, food packs for local families, and hosting a blood drive.

**Hymn Sing: Hopes & Prayers for the New Year** Join us Sun, Jan 12 at 6:00pm in the Garden Room for an hour of song and prayer as we look ahead to 2025. Back by popular demand, this will be a good old-fashioned hymn sing, with room for requests.

**GEMS** girls group is looking for volunteers to help the girls with their sewing badge on Wed, Jan 22 from 6:30-8pm. No planning necessary, just some experience sewing on a sewing machine. Also looking for fabric cutters. To volunteer: email [kristin.reitsma@elmhurstcrc.org](mailto:kristin.reitsma@elmhurstcrc.org).

**Coffee Break Bible Study & Little Lambs** resume January 15. Sign up at [elmhurstcrc.org/registrations](http://elmhurstcrc.org/registrations)

**January Series** simulcast from Calvin University will again be hosted by Elmhurst CRC on Jan 20-31.

**Young Adults** Come to the Java Stop after the service. Coffee's on us!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FAMILY ✨ KIDS ✨ YOUTH

### FAMILIES

**Nursery** is available for ages 0 - 2  
**Children's Worship** for PreK - K  
Bible story, prayer time, games,  
& crafts. Stop by the check-in table before the service to get a name tag for your child and a pick-up card for all PreK/K parents.

### YOUTH GROUP

Watch for a new schedule in 2025!



# What Can I Give Him?

Action

December 1 - FAMILY SUNDAY  
Our monthly communion service with a special Children's Pageant depicting the Luke 2 story

Gifts

December 8 - FIRST FRUITS SUNDAY  
We celebrate our Hearts Ablaze commitments with our offerings, prayers, praise, and worship

Heart

December 15 - LESSONS AND CAROLS  
A service of scripture and song featuring our choir and a variety of readers, singers, and musicians

Wonder

December 22 - BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD  
Elmhurst CRC's Broken Halos present Andrew Peterson's musical telling of the coming of Christ

Service

December 29 - FIFTH SUNDAY SERVE  
NO Morning Worship Service  
Join us assembling food supplies for local families and care packages for prisoners in LA and MS, along with a seasonal blood drive

SUNDAYS  
10 AM

Nursery available for children up to 36 months and PreK-K Children's Worship for all Sunday morning services.

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