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Ministry Catalogue



Beauty in the Broken



“It’s the most wonderful time of the year! There’ll be much mistletoeing and hearts will be glowing when loved ones are near. It’s the most wonderful time of year!”

Andy Williams | “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year”

Most people I talk to, myself included, love the Christmas season. While the sun goes down early, its quickly replaced with colourful lights outside decorating homes and businesses alike. Inside, people have their fireplaces and Christmas sweaters on to keep them warm and cozy. There’s special music to listen to, parties to attend, and malls bustling with extra activity. The excitement of giving and receiving presents is in the air as we anticipate Christmas Day. In the church, we celebrate the God of the universe taking on flesh and dwelling among us. Christmas really IS the most wonderful time of the year!

Except when it isn’t.

Except for those celebrating the holidays for the first time since a loved one passed away. Except for those who can’t afford the extra costs that come with Christmas. Except for those who find themselves alone in a new city. Except for those who hear about the excitement of the season, that I mentioned above, while not experiencing it for themselves.

This Christmas, we want to find **Beauty in the Broken**. The brokenness around us is real. We see it in the homeless person begging at the side of the road, the new Canadian unsure of where they belong, or even the person sitting right next to us putting on a brave face while deeply hurting inside. For all these situations and dozens more besides, Jesus came to Earth to offer hope and healing to the broken while redeeming a lost and hurting generation. The poor are offered the riches of Christ, the lonely are given the family of God, and the weary are given rest.

We invite you to join us over the month of December, culminating on Christmas Eve, to hear the stories of brokenness that lead up to the birth of Jesus and how he offers hope and healing for all who come to him.

Pastor Dave Schmidt

office hours

Monday to Friday | 9 am - 5 pm
Closed for Lunch | 12 pm - 1 pm

The office is closed for all statutory holidays.

holiday closures

The office will be closed as of **December 25, 2023** and will reopen on **January 2, 2024**.

In case of emergency, call the office to reach the pastor-on-call.

giving options

2023 is coming to a close. Be sure to make your donations before the year end! Donation receipts will be issued in February 2024.



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erbc.ca/give

e-newsletter

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Sunday Services

in-person + online | nov 26 - dec 10

traditions | 9:15 am

Traditional and classic music set to piano and acoustic guitar.

renew | 11:15 am

A dynamic atmosphere with modern music.

starlight | 9:15 am

An immersive Mandarin service.

erbc.ca/starlight

Special Services

family service

december 17 | 10:30 am

One of our favourite traditions at Ellerslie is the Christmas Family Service where Traditions, Renew and Starlight join together in the main auditorium to celebrate! It will feature a mix of elements to engage the whole family.

ekids classes will be available for ages 6 months to 3 years old. Ages 4 and up will join their parents in the main service.

family carol sing

december 17 | 6:00 pm

Come “Deck the Halls” with your “Fa La La La’s” at Ellerslie! Together we’ll sing much beloved Christmas carols and enjoy goodies and hot drinks afterwards. Please bring something delicious to share.

This is an event for all ages! Invite your friends and neighbours to join you for this classic Christmas past-time.

one service sundays

december 31 + january 7 | 10:30 am

Traditions and Renew will gather together for one service in the main auditorium on these dates. One church family, one time, one incredible service!

ekids classes will be available for ages 6 months up to and including Kindergarten. Students in grades 1 to 6 will join their parents in the main service.

Christmas Eve

christmas eve services

december 24 | 10:30 am + 2:00 pm

Christmas at Ellerslie is a warm and inviting experience. There will be two identical one-hour services filled with the songs you love to sing, a message about the hope of Christmas, and candle-lighting to close.

online option

Unable to make it in-person? Both services will be live streamed online so you can join in wherever you are!

To view the services visit christmasatellerslie.com

There will be a pre-show 15 minutes prior to each service. Be sure to tune in at 10:15 am and 1:45 pm to enjoy the full Christmas Eve experience!

ekids classes

ekids classes will be available for ages 6 months to 3 years old. Ages 4 and up will join their parents in the main service.

Activity bags will be available for kids to pick-up in the foyer during single Sunday services and Christmas Eve Services.

Ellerslie Kids

ekids church - sundays | 9:15 + 11:15 am

We are committed to creating a safe and fun space where kids can learn to know, love, and serve God.

check-in

Visit one of our self check-in stations at ekids central in the foyer to print both your child's name tag and their pick up tag. Then drop them off at their classroom, which opens 10 minutes prior to the service.

parent's room | room 125 (west hallway)

A place you can be with your little ones while still enjoying the service via live stream. Located next to the nursery for your convenience.

early childhood | 6 months - kindergarten (downstairs)

Filled with fun songs, story videos, interactive teaching and tasty snacks that all point toward the weekly Bible message.

ages 6 - 23 months | nursery (west hallway)

ages 2 - 3 | room 126 + 127 (west hallway)

pre-kinder and kinder | rooms 143 + 145 (south hallway)

elementary + preteen | grades 1-6 (upstairs)

Our goal is to inspire students to understand how God can be a part of their everyday lives through engaging music, meaningful Bible teaching and interactive small groups.

grades 1 - 2 | rooms 227 + 228

grades 3 - 4 | rooms 229 + 230

grades 5 - 6 | room 225

To encourage active Bible learning, elementary students can earn "ekids bucks" for completing various tasks. These can be used at our ekids store to buy treats and more!

To learn more about ekids church visit erbc.ca/kids.

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christmas wonderland

december 2 | 5:30 - 8:00 pm

Explore the joy of Christmas at Ellerslie with this FREE winter festival!

Families will enjoy crafts, carnival games, and live entertainment. There's even a special Toddler Zone especially for little ones! Warm up with hot cocoa while roasting marshmallows around an open fire, experience a LIVE nativity, and indulge your sweet tooth at the Sugar Shack. Complete your joy-filled evening with a family picture at the Photo Booth!

Christmas is a time for making memories. Invite your neighbours and loved ones (who don't have a church home) to experience the wonder and excitement of the holiday season with you! Invitation cards are available at the Welcome Desk.

To learn more visit erbc.ca/wonderland.

volunteer

Christmas Wonderland is made possible by the hard work and dedication of volunteers like you! There are many ways to get involved, whether you enjoy baking cookies, greeting guests, or ensuring that every last snowflake is swept away.

Fill out a serve card at ekids central or online at erbc.ca/wonderland.

Questions? Contact [Lisa](#).



Youth

friday night youth fridays | 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Students in grades 7 to 12 can join in on the fun every Friday night! There's a variety of activities ranging from high energy Nerf Wars to slower paced worship nights. Bring a friend and meet up here at Ellerslie!

Keep up to date on what's happening by following us on Facebook and Instagram.

sunday morning live (SML) fireside room | 9:15 - 10:15 am

Where the rubber meets the road! Get ready to dive deeper into your questions, what the Bible teaches, and why it matters.

There are junior high and senior high groups in which we'll wrestle through hot topics that are relevant to everyday life. Afterwards, we'll enjoy a cereal breakfast together!

The final SML is December 10, 2023. It will restart on January 14, 2024.

youth ministry contacts

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christmas banquet december 15 | 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Celebrate Christmas by dressing to the nine's and having a fancy dinner with us!

There will also be a special screening of your Make-A-Movie creations with never before seen prizes!

Cost: \$25 per person

To register visit erbc.ca/register

If cost is an issue please let us know

upcoming events

December 1 - Retro Night

December 8 - Gym Games

December 15 - Christmas Banquet **

December 22 - No Youth

December 29 - No Youth

January 5 - No Youth

January 12 - Winter Kick-Off

** Visit erbc.ca/register for this event.



Young Adults

If you're 18-29 years old, this is the place for you! We meet together regularly to have fun, develop authentic friendships, care for others and grow in faith.

christmas potluck
december 13 | 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Let's celebrate Christmas together with a potluck! Bring a dish to share and be sure to come hungry!

There is no cost, but please register in advance, to help us better prepare. We'll meet in the Fireside or Gym depending on attendance.

To register visit erbc.ca/register.

ya ministry contacts

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kare kits
december 17 | 12:00 - 2:30 pm

After the 11:15 am Sunday service, we'll pack various supplies, which will be distributed to those experiencing homelessness throughout our city. Meet in the foyer and we'll carpool downtown together!

To prepare kits or serve with our distribution team, please sign up at erbc.ca/karekits.

Adults

merry + bright
december 6 | 7:00 pm

Ladies, bring your favourite mug and enjoy warm drinks, cookies, and a great time together!

We'll sing carols and assemble Christmas baskets to bless families in need. You can participate by bringing donation items and inviting a friend to join you!

Not sure what to bring? Find a list of ideas at erbc.ca/women.

There is no cost, but please register by December 5th to help us prepare.

To register visit erbc.ca/register.

Questions? Contact Renelle at rgray@erbc.ca.

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widow to widow
december 12 | 6:00 - 8:30 pm

A safe and informal place where women who are experiencing widowhood can discuss the challenges they are facing.

In lieu of our regular monthly meeting, we will be taking part in the Prime Time Christmas Banquet. (See page 13 for more information).

Questions? Contact Dary at w2w@erbc.ca.



Prime Time

This is a community for ages 55+ who are in the prime of life! Here you'll find a place where you can believe and belong.

prime time ministry contacts

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christmas banquet

december 12 | 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Join us for our Christmas celebration! There will be a delicious ham supper along with live entertainment by The Fehr Family Band.

This Alberta band blends family harmonies with acoustic instruments, performing a variety of genres from hymns to classical to bluegrass.

All ages are invited to enjoy the concert portion of the evening, which starts at 7:15 pm.

Banquet Cost: \$25 per person

Concert Cost: FREE

To register visit erbc.ca/register.

Tickets are also available in the foyer on Sundays or through the office

Missions

global missions contacts

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Our Global Mission Partners work across cultural and demographic boundaries to give people the opportunity to discover new life in Jesus and to embrace the reason for their hope in Him. **Please join us in prayer by visiting erbc.ca/missionsprayer.**

afghan refugee sponsorship

As a church, we are sponsoring an Afghan refugee named “Sister S”. After living in asylum, she has finally arrived here in Edmonton!

She, along with her aunt and cousins, will be moving into a two bedroom apartment that is unfurnished.

They are currently in need of the following:

- Twin bed, mattress and boxspring
- Dresser
- Kitchen table and four chairs
- Couch
- Coffee and end tables
- Lamps
- Bus pass
- Cell phone
- Gift cards (for groceries, clothes, etc.)
- Monetary gifts

If you are able to provide, please contact Russ at rmcdermott@erbc.ca.



Worship Arts

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Ellerslie Worship Arts is a kingdom-focused collective of talented musicians and production members that desire to lead others in worshipping Jesus! We are always looking for gifted people who love Jesus and are passionate about worshipping through music and technology.

community night

december 7 | 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Worship Arts team members are invited to join in on this evening of connecting and fun!

The church will be open for whatever you want to do - bring a board game or video console, your favourite instrument to jam with, or just enjoy chatting with one another.

This is meant to be a casual evening together. Come for as long as you'd like. See you there!

christmas party

january 21 | 1:00 - 3:30 pm

This is your last chance to wear your ugly Christmas sweater!

All Worship Arts music and production team members are invited to join in a belated Christmas celebration, which will be hosted at a team member's house.

Please RSVP to Pastor Kolten or Nathan, who will supply you with the address.

ellerslie playlists

Interested in the music we play at Ellerslie? Search "Ellerslie Worship" on Youtube, Apple Music, or Spotify.

Each platform has a playlist of songs we sing regularly on Sunday mornings, along with new songs that will be introduced in future!



Get Involved

Ellerslie Church is a place where people can know, love, and serve Jesus. Whether you've been attending for weeks or years, you can be a part of Kingdom growth right here! There are multiple areas you can get involved in that range from one-time opportunities to weekly positions, all at various skill levels.

Do you have gift or ability you'd like to use that's not mentioned here? Let us know so we can find the right fit for you! **Contact Pastor David at serve@erbc.ca.**

facilities

Flexible

- Event Set-Up + Take-Down
- Meal Train Team (providing meals for those needing comfort or support)
- Facilities Team
 - Skilled Trade Workers (ie: electrical, plumbing, etc.)
- Finance Team + Audit Committee
 - CPA's and Financial Professionals
- Safety Committee
 - OHS Professionals

To get involved or find out more contact Russ at facilities@erbc.ca.

adult ministries

Sunday Mornings

- First Impressions Team
- Communion Prep Team | once per month
- Coffee Bar (ie: baristas, servers, etc.)
- Post-Service Prayer Team
- Kare Kits (once/month) - young adults only

Weekdays

- Small Group Leader or Apprentice
- Kitchen Team (ie: organizing, cleaning, restocking, etc.)
- LMO Childcare | Thursday mornings
- LMO Group Facilitator | Thursday mornings

To get involved or find out more contact Pastor David at adults@erbc.ca.

ekids

Weekdays/Flexible

- Craft Prep Team | once per week
- Seasonal Cleaning Crew | one day per season
- KIDLead Assistant | Wednesday evenings (ie: mentoring and creative arts - puppets, drama, flagging, etc.)
- Christmas Wonderland | Dec 2

Sunday Mornings

- Check-in Team
- Nursery Coach/Assistant
- Early Childhood Coach/Assistant
- Elementary Assistant
- Preteen Assistant
- Sensory Room Leader (caring for special needs kids)

To get involved or find out more contact Pastor Kelsey at ekids@erbc.ca.

youth

Friday Nights

- Youth Leader
- Youth Worship Team (ie: musicians, vocalists, sound + lighting technicians, etc.)

Flexible

- Providing Meals for Youth Leader Team (once per semester for 20 people)
- Youth Utility Team (ie: security, prayer team, driving, etc. for special events)
- Cereal Donations for Sunday Morning Live

To get involved or find out more contact Abbey and Conrad at youth@erbc.ca.

worship arts

Worship Team

- Musicians
- Vocalists

Production Team

- Sound + Lighting Technicians
- Camera Operator
- Photographer/Videographer
- Slide Control

To get involved or find out more about worship contact Pastor Kolten at worship@erbc.ca.

For production contact Nathan at production@erbc.ca.

Family Discipleship Night

starting january 17
wednesdays | 5:30 - 8:00 pm

We have some exciting news to share with you!

At Ellerslie, we are passionate about engaging people in their discipleship journey, and with that goal in mind, we are launching a brand new ministry that is designed to help you grow in your walk with Christ!

Introducing our pilot project, **Family Discipleship Night** - a weekly gathering where the whole family can come together for a shared meal at the church, followed by programming for ages 1 to 101.

You'll find something for early childhood, elementary, preteens, youth, young adults, adults, and Prime Time. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals and families to connect with others in the church and embark on their discipleship journey based on their life stage and interests.

We want everyone at Ellerslie to have the opportunity to grow in their faith, which is why we are inviting you to make it a priority to join us every Wednesday night, starting January 17, 2024. We can't wait to see you there!

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