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# Ministry Catalogue





# from the pastor

Christmas is my favourite time of the year. I love the decorations, the music, the parties, and both giving and receiving gifts. One of my favourite traditions is our Christmas Eve candlelight service. I especially enjoy sitting on the couch with my wife after the kids go to bed, with the only light in the living room coming from our beautiful Christmas tree. However, as wonderful as all of these things are, that's not the true reason we celebrate. When you strip away the favourite carols, the gatherings, and everything else, what truly matters is that the Son of God took on flesh and entered the world.

This year, we're focusing on what's most important - celebrating *Simply Christmas*. While we will still have parties, sing our favourite carols, and enjoy our annual Christmas Family Service on December 22nd, we aim to keep things simple. Our main goal is to share the story of Christmas, starting from the prophecy of the coming Messiah, through the angel Gabriel's visit to Mary, to the arrival of Jesus, and the responses from the angels and the Wise Men. We plan to tell the Christmas story, sing the classic Christmas songs, and keep our focus on Jesus.

During this busy season, filled with the demands of work, family, and Christmas shopping, it's important for us to slow down and remember the true meaning of this season. One of the most profound acts of love in history occurred when the King of the World left the glory of heaven and the worship of angels to come to Earth on a rescue mission. Jesus was not born into a royal family or one with great prestige; instead, he entered the world under humble circumstances. He was born to a virgin who was engaged to be married and was born in a stable because there was no room at the inn or family to welcome them. Throughout his life, he lived perfectly, culminating in a sacrifice made for the salvation of the world.



Dave Schmidt | Lead Pastor

## office hours

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

The office is closed for all statutory holidays.

## church info

**The office will be closed as of December 25, 2024 and will reopen on January 2, 2025.**

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

## giving options

The 2024 tax year is coming to a close! Be sure to make your donations before the year end. Donation receipts will be issued in February 2025.



debit



cheque



pre-authorized giving



online at [erbc.ca/give](https://erbc.ca/give)

## newsletter

Stay up to date on all things Ellerslie! This weekly email will keep you informed about future events, serving opportunities, family news, and updates from our global mission partners.

To subscribe visit [erbc.ca/newsletter](https://erbc.ca/newsletter).

## stay connected

There are so many ways to stay connected! Like, follow, subscribe, and share.



[ellerslie road baptist church](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



[ellerslie.online.church](https://ellerslie.online.church)



[ellersliechurchyeg](https://www.facebook.com/ellersliechurchyeg)



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# Sunday Services

december 1 - 22 | 9:15 + 11:15 am

**Join us on Sunday mornings at one of our identical services!**

You can expect welcoming smiles, uplifting live music, and empowering, Bible-centred teaching that will challenge and encourage you, wherever you are in your faith journey.

**Unable to attend in-person?** Join the live stream online at [ellerslie.online.church](https://www.ellerslie.online.church).

# Special Services

## christmas family service december 22 | 9:15 + 11:15 am

One of our favourite traditions at Ellersie is the Christmas Family Service, which features a variety of elements to engage the whole family, including ekids performances! The services will be identical and run at their regular times.

**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 auditorium. Activity booklets will be available for kids in the foyer.

## one service sunday december 29 | 10:30 am

This Sunday will consist of a single service in the auditorium. No online option will be available to give our hard working volunteers a much needed break!

**ekids classes** will be available for ages 6 months to 3 years old. Ages 4 and up will join their parents in the auditorium. Activity booklets will be available for kids in the foyer.

# Christmas Eve

## christmas eve services

december 24 | 3:00 + 5:00 pm

**Christmas Eve at Ellerslie** is a warm and inviting experience. We invite you to celebrate with us at one of our identical one-hour services, featuring classic Christmas songs and uplifting messages about the hope of Christmas. Each service will conclude with candle lighting, providing a moment for reflection on the profound wonder and beauty of Jesus' arrival.

## watch online

**Unable to come in person?** Both services will be live streamed online so you can join in wherever you may be this Christmas!

To view the services online visit [christmasatellerslie.com](http://christmasatellerslie.com).

## ekids classes

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# 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 easy 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 before the service.

## parents room | room 125 (west hallway)

A place you can be with your infant while still enjoying the service via live stream.

## early childhood | 6 months - kinder (main floor)

Our classes are packed with fun songs, exciting story videos, interactive teaching and purpose-filled play, all centred around the weekly Bible message.

### west hallway

ages 6 - 23 months | nursery  
age 2 | room 126  
age 3 | room 127

### south hallway

pre-kinder | room 143  
kinder | room 145

## elementary + preteen | grades 1-6 (second floor)

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

grade 1 | room 227

grade 2 | room 228

grade 3 | room 229

grade 4 | room 230

grade 5 | room 225

grade 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 visit [erbc.ca/kids](http://erbc.ca/kids).



## ekids ministry contacts

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### christmas wonderland december 7 | 5:30 - 8:00 pm

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

As a family you'll enjoy Christmas crafts, carnival games, and live entertainment. 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. Don't forget to take a picture at the photo booth to capture the memories of your joy-filled evening together! There's even a special Toddler Zone for your littlest ones.

Invite your neighbours and loved ones (who don't have a church home) to join you for an evening to remember! Invitation cards can be found at the Welcome Centre.

Learn more at [erbc.ca/wonderland](http://erbc.ca/wonderland).

### join the serve team

Christmas Wonderland is made possible by dedicated volunteers, like you! We are still looking for individuals to help with event set-up, serve as activity hosts, and be part of the kitchen team.

To get involved, fill out a serve card at ekids central or visit [erbc.ca/wonderland](http://erbc.ca/wonderland).

Questions? Contact [Lisa](#).



# Youth

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

Get ready to dive deeper into your questions, what the Bible teaches, and why it matters. Right now, we're in the book of Hebrews.

Whether you're in Junior or Senior High, this is a space where you can talk through things that matter to YOU. Afterwards, we'll enjoy a cereal breakfast together before we head into the 11:15 am service.

**The final SML is December 15. It restarts on January 12.**

## 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.

## youth ministry contacts

General | [youth@erbc.ca](mailto:youth@erbc.ca)  
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Jenine Schatz | [jschatz@erbc.ca](mailto:jschatz@erbc.ca)

## christmas banquet december 13 | 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Celebrate Christmas with a fancy dinner and special screenings of your Make-A-Movie creations! Dress to the nine's or wear your favourite Christmas sweater.

**Cost: \$20 per person**

**To register visit [erbc.ca/register](http://erbc.ca/register).**

## upcoming events

### Series | Relationships

December 6 - Clue Night

December 13 - Christmas Banquet \*\*

December 20 - No Youth

December 27 - No Youth

January 3 - No Youth

### Series | Galatians

January 10 - Winter Kickoff

**\*\*Visit [erbc.ca/register](http://erbc.ca/register) for this event**



# Young Adults

## ya ministry contacts

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If you're 18-29 years old, this is the place for you! We meet regularly to have fun, develop authentic friendships, and grow in faith. Join the YA e-newsletter to stay up to date! Visit [erbc.ca/yaupdates](http://erbc.ca/yaupdates).

### christmas party

december 4 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm

We're spreading holiday cheer! Together we'll decorate cookies to give to our neighbours in the spirit of Christmas.

**No cost and no need to register.**

Can't wait to celebrate with you!

### sunday lunch

december 8 | 12:30 pm

Let's do lunch! Following the 11:15 am service, we'll meet at Ellerslie's Coffee Bar and then grab a bite to eat together at a nearby restaurant. Each person will be responsible for the cost of their own food.

Our lunch location will be announced closer to the date. Be sure to include your suggestions when you register!

To RSVP visit [erbc.ca/register](http://erbc.ca/register).



# Adults

## ellerslie women

december 3 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Ladies**, let's celebrate Christmas together with carols and warm drinks while creating Christmas baskets to bless those in need. Bring donation items (if you're able) and invite a friend to join you!

**To register and view a list of needed items visit [erbc.ca/register](http://erbc.ca/register).**

**Questions? Contact [Renelle](#).**

## widow to widow

december 10 | 6:00 - 8:30 pm

This group welcomes women of all ages who have lost their husbands, whether recently or in the past.

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

**Questions? Contact Dary at [w2w@erbc.ca](mailto:w2w@erbc.ca).**

## adult ministry contacts

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## kare kits

december 15 | 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Join our team as we assemble Kare Kits for individuals experiencing homelessness in our city.

**Following the 11:15 am service, meet in Room 142.** We'll prepare the Kare Kits then carpool downtown together to distribute them and share God's love with those in need.

**Sign up to serve at [erbc.ca/karekits](http://erbc.ca/karekits).**

**Questions? Contact Renae at [karekits@erbc.ca](mailto:karekits@erbc.ca).**



# Prime Time

## prime time ministry contacts

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**A community for ages 55+** who are in the prime of life! Here you'll find a place where you can believe and belong. Join the Prime Time e-newsletter to stay up to date.

Visit [erbc.ca/ptupdates](http://erbc.ca/ptupdates).

**christmas banquet + concert**  
**december 10 | 6:00 - 8:30 pm**

Join our Christmas celebration, which includes enjoying a delicious meal followed by live entertainment from [Three and Company](#).

This contemporary southern gospel trio from Alberta features smooth harmonies with songs that uplift and encourage!

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](http://erbc.ca/register).

\*\*Tickets are also available in the foyer on Sundays or through the church office.\*\*

**carol sing**  
**december 15 | 6:00 - 9:00 pm**

Together we'll sing much beloved Christmas carols and enjoy goodies and hot drinks afterward. Please bring some Christmas baking to share.

All ages are welcome to attend! Invite your friends, family, and neighbours to join you for this classic Christmas pastime.

# Worship Arts

## worship arts contacts

Mike Barton | [mbarton@erbc.ca](mailto:mbarton@erbc.ca)

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Ellerslie Worship Arts is a kingdom-focused collective of talented musicians, vocalists, 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.

### worship team

If you would like to be a part of the worship band on Sunday mornings, we'd love to hear from you! Auditions are held for both vocalists and musicians.

To join the worship team, contact [Mike](#).

### production + media teams

Whether you're interested in video, audio, or media we have a position for you! Whatever your skill level may be, we invite you to be a part of this dynamic team.

To join our production or media teams, contact [Pastor Nathan](#).



# Family Discipleship Night

starting january 29  
wednesdays | 5:30 - 8:15 pm

**At Ellerslie, we are passionate about engaging people in their discipleship journey at every age!**

Family Discipleship Night is an opportunity for individuals and families to find community and grow in faith together. It all begins with an optional meal followed by programs for every life stage and interest.

This church-wide weekly gathering runs on Wednesday evenings over a six week period. Stay tuned this January for further details, including available studies!

**Want to learn more? Visit [erbc.ca/discipleshipnight](http://erbc.ca/discipleshipnight).**

**Questions? Contact Michelle at [mjacobs@erbc.ca](mailto:mjacobs@erbc.ca).**

# Christmas Serve

**Christmas at Ellerslie** is a special time of year, with expanded opportunities to know to love and serve our community! Whether you've been attending for weeks or years, we invite you to get involved this December from Christmas Wonderland to Christmas Eve. Take a moment to look through the various opportunities to find what's right for you!

Do you have a gift or ability you'd like to use that's not mentioned here? Let us know so we can find the best fit! **Contact Michelle at [serve@erbc.ca](mailto:serve@erbc.ca).**

## facilities

### Flexible

- Sidewalk Snow Removal | Sunday mornings
- Event Logistics Team (set-up and tear-down)
- Facilities Team
  - Skilled Trade Workers (ie: electrical, plumbing, painting, etc.)
- Meal Train Team (providing meals for those needing comfort or support)
- Finance Team + Audit Committee
  - CPA's and Financial Professionals
- Safety Committee
  - OHS Professionals

To get involved or learn more contact Russ at [facilities@erbc.ca](mailto:facilities@erbc.ca).

## adult ministries

### Christmas Eve

- First Impressions Team
- Coffee Bar (ie: baristas, servers, etc.)
- Parking Attendants
- Security Team
- Snow Removal (sidewalks)

### Weekdays

- Small Group Leader or Apprentice
- Kitchen Team (ie: organizing, cleaning, restocking, etc.)
- LMO Childcare | Thursday mornings (paid)
- Family Discipleship Night - Serve Team | Wednesday evenings

To get involved or learn more contact Michelle at [serve@erbc.ca](mailto:serve@erbc.ca).



## ekids

**Christmas Wonderland | Dec 7th**

- Event Set-Up
- Activity Hosts (indoor + outdoor)
- Kitchen Team

**Sunday Mornings**

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

To get involved or learn more contact Pastor Kelsey at [ekids@erbc.ca](mailto:ekids@erbc.ca).

## youth

**Friday Nights**

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

**Flexible**

- Providing Meals for Youth Leader Team (once per semester for 20-30 people)
- Youth Utility Team (ie: security, prayer, driving, etc. for special events)
- Cereal Donations for Sunday Morning Live

To get involved or learn more contact Pastor Conrad at [youth@erbc.ca](mailto:youth@erbc.ca).

## worship arts

**Worship Team**

- Musicians
- Vocalists

**Production Team**

- Audio + Lighting Technicians
- Camera Operators
- Photographers
- Media Operators

To get involved or learn more about our worship team contact Mike at [worship@erbc.ca](mailto:worship@erbc.ca).

For production contact Pastor Nathan at [production@erbc.ca](mailto:production@erbc.ca).





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