



January 2020

Glen Elm 
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Resisting the darkness

I am always delighted, at this time of year – as the length of each day wanes shorter and shorter – to see, simultaneously, a quiet counter-act of resistance glowing from rooftops and front yards all around: Christmas lights!

From the most extravagant and carefully executed lawn displays, to a single strand cast, haphazardly, around any old unsuspecting shrub – each of these offers a powerful statement of defiance, as if to say: “Do your worst, Old Man Winter. We won’t be dismayed!”

Though, quite frankly, it’d be easier not to... teeter precariously from the tip of a ladder, straining to get that last bit hung string-straight from the eaves... rummage through the dark recesses of basements and attics to retrieve dusty boxes of hopelessly tangled strands. So, why do we do it? Maybe because there is something so heartening about the warm glow of light, piercing the darkness. Perhaps because we long to believe, in the very depths of our souls, what a man named John once declared:

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Of course, this pattern has been struck since the origin of the universe:

And God said, “Let there be light!” And there was...

Light: so essential to life and growth; so comforting to all who are overwhelmed by the despair of each ‘dark night of the soul’. God has never ceased to shine this good gift on every corner of creation.

So, as another year turns, and as the sun returns (however imperceptibly) bringing with it the promise of warmer days ahead, join us as we persist in this quiet act of resistance – together bearing witness to the Light of all humankind.

Joy to the world, indeed... ***the Light has come!***

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 4 – Young Friends Training
- Jan. 5 – Classes Resume
- Jan. 7 – Parents & Tots
- Jan. 7 – FriendSpeak
- Jan. 8 – GROW Kids
- Jan. 9 – Youth
- Jan. 11 – Hymn Sing
- Jan. 14 – FriendSpeak
- Jan. 15 – GROW Kids
- Jan. 21 – Parents & tots
- Jan. 21 – FriendSpeak
- Jan. 22 – GROW Kids
- Jan. 23 – Youth
- Jan. 28 – FriendSpeak
- Jan. 29 – GROW Kids
- Jan. 30 - Youth

SERVICES

Sunday - 10 am - 11:45 approx.

Singing: A blend of acappella, instrumental, traditional & contemporary. **Prayer:** Often led by a Shepherd or worship leader, some with group participation.

Communion: Shared weekly.

Lesson: 30-40 minutes connecting the message of Scripture with our daily lives.

Sunday school:




Nursery open (unstaffed)

Children’s Classes:

12mths – Grade 6

Youth Class – Grade 7 – 12.

Seeking Christ Sharing Christ

	<p>Parents and Tots - Resumes Jan. 7th 9:30 – 11:00 am. 1st & 3rd Tuesday. Parents & preschoolers, join for play and visiting.</p>	<p>Young Adults For information on Young Adult activities or events, please contact Jonathan@warmwelcome.ca</p>
	<p>KidzLife Wednesdays 6 – 7:30 pm. Cost is \$25/ child up to a max of \$100 per family. _Register HERE for KidzLife</p>	<p>FriendSpeak Trains and equips churches to <u>reach</u> out to our international neighbors with English, friendship, and the Word of God. Tuesdays – 7pm to 8:30 pm. (Sept. – May) Contact: andrea.muirhead@gmail.com</p>
	<p>VBS – SAVE THE DATE - July 6 – 10th 2020 <i>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power. ~ Ephesians 6:10</i></p> <p>Knights of North Castle – Quest for the King’s Armor</p>	<p>Small Groups Typically meet in homes weekly during the school year. To connect with a group Contact: jonathan@warmwelcome.ca</p>
<p>Youth Group – Meets Thursday evenings Grade 7-12. Contact: jonathan@warmwelcome.ca for details.</p>		<p>Check out what’s happening @ www.warmwelcome.ca</p>
<p>Weekly Email Updates If you are new to our congregation or would like to be included on our mailing list, please contact office@warmwelcome.ca or go to www.warmwelcome.ca and click on I’m New Here and let us get to know you</p>		

RightNow Media - This streaming video site, to which our church subscribes, continues to regularly add great content to build viewers’ faith. If you haven’t yet received your free login info to this valuable-for-your-whole-family resource, email jason@warmwelcome.ca. If you’re a guest at our church, we’d love to gift you with this access just for being with us!

Mission
Seek Christ. Share Christ.

Vision
“We envision a church where people grow in Christ to love God, to love people, and to participate in Jesus’ mission, while being empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit. We desire to be a church that follows Jesus’ model of making disciples through relationships.”

Core Beliefs can be found on our website @ www.warmwelcome.ca

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Washrooms are available for men and women as well as families.

A room for **Nursing Mothers** or **sleeping babies** is also available.

We have a **Prayer Room** available on our upper level should you wish to use that space.