

Dates To Remember

- Re: Silent Prayer – Pause starting July 30. Will resume in September
- Re: Holy Communion - Pause in August. Will resume September 14
- Re: Dew Drop In - Summer break July and August. Please join us September 10th at 10:00 a.m. when we resume meeting in Fleck Hall!

NOTE: Some of these dates and times are subject to change.

Fall Bazaar November 8th - Canning this summer? Would you please remember our Bazaar and make extra jars? It would be greatly appreciated! Jars are available. Contact Karen in the church office. Also, please remember to work on your knitting and crafts. Thank you!

 **London Community Chaplaincy** is in need of the following: • bug spray, • sunscreen, and • pantry food items • fresh food for our summer breakfast program (such as eggs, milk, bread/pitas) to be dropped off for a given week.

If you are donating any of the supplies listed above, you may leave them in the basket in the narthex to be delivered. Thank you for helping them out.

If you prefer to donate cash or cheque, please feel free to do so. Cheques are to be made payable to Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church, Mission Project. Please and thank you! *Juel Howse-McLean, Mission Committee*

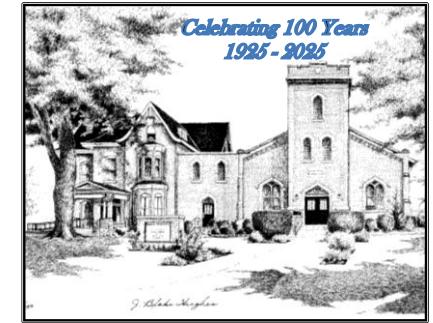


After participating in the New Beginnings Program, which guides congregations through a renewal process to discern God's call for their future, Tweedsmuir Memorial Presbyterian Church in Orangeville, ON shifted from being a "membership-focused" congregation to a "discipleship-focused" one, reigniting their sense of purpose. As a result, the church is putting its faith into action by exploring new and innovative ways to serve and engage with the community. In addition to organizing food drives, they have launched a laundry supply drive for local shelters. They are also experimenting with street and neighbourhood ministries, including a community meal program and a "Coffee on the Street" initiative, where volunteers set up a coffee bar outside the church and offer coffee and conversation to people passing by.



Prayer Partnership Daily Prayers - We give thanks for congregations like Tweedsmuir Memorial Presbyterian Church in Orangeville, ON, that are exploring innovative ways to serve and connect with their community.

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August 10, 2025

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
Today's Worship Leader: Rev. Julia Carruthers Morden
Music Director: Bonnie Neaves
Today's Organist: Lorraine Clark
Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO

Welcome!

Our mission as a congregation, with the Holy Spirit as our guide, is to share the good news of Jesus Christ in the world, and to fulfill our responsibilities to God and our neighbours.

An offering can be made in one of the offering plates upon entering or leaving.

*If able, please stand where indicated with an * asterisk.*

Prelude: Selections of Interludes
Words of Welcome and Announcements

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We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **We praise you, O God**

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession

L: as we follow in the footsteps of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

All: **Faithful God, We confess the times your purposes for our lives do not shine in our hearts and living as too often we make our choices the steering forces for our lives. Faithfulness can become the last thing for us to consider. As humans we like the easiest way and our interests not yours. Forgive us, O God, for those times we fail to live by what you require of us. Create in each of your servants a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us by your grace. Amen.**

L: Lord, have mercy upon us
P: Christ, have mercy upon us
L: Lord, have mercy upon us

Prayer for the Day

P: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

L: The Peace of Christ be with you all

P: And also with you

*Hymn: **Called as partners in Christ's service**

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Welcome Visitors! - Thank you for worshipping with us today, at Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church. You have enriched our community and we hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. Please feel free to remain after the worship service and join us in Fleck Hall for refreshments. You may wish to visit us on the web at www.elmwoodchurch.ca to learn more about us and what opportunities are available for personal spiritual growth and service to others. If you are not an involved member of a faith community, but seeking one, we invite you to return here any Sunday for worship and fellowship.

If you would like to speak to the minister, or have him visit, you are very welcome to be in touch with him. Please contact the church office 519-438-3492 or email afullerton@elmwoodchurch.ca



Thank you to Lorraine Clark, for her music direction while Bonnie Neaves enjoys her much deserved vacation.



Stewardship Moment: Love ever gives, forgives, outlives and ever stands with open hands; and while it lives it gives, for this is love's prerogative: to give, and give, and give... *Author unknown*

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament: **Genesis 15:1-6**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **33:12-22**

***Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.*

Epistle Lesson: **Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. Luke 12:32-40**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **I have decided to follow Jesus**

Sermon: **"With the Lord as our Guide"**

We Respond in Faith and Service

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

*Hymn: **How great thou art**

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Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Finale

Michael Higgins

Please note: No photos or filming permitted without the express permission of the participants involved. Thank you.

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COMING SOON October 18th 2025, mark your calendars! Amazing concert, dinner and silent auction. Please reach out to all previous friends from the past and invite them along! Donations for a silent auction item are now being accepted. Tickets will go on sale in September. Any questions, contact Darlene tenHaaf (548-688-1115 or email tenhaaf3743@rogers.com).

Next Sunday, August 17 is Food Bank Sunday - Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Elmwood Choir – will start rehearsing on Thursday, September 4th (7:00 p.m.). We will certainly welcome new members in every section. If you are interested in singing and great fellowship, please contact our Music Director, Bonnie Neaves (519-685-6324). Being able to read music is helpful, but not essential.