

Dates To Remember

Mondays , Prayer Meeting - Will resume September 14
Wednesdays , Dew Drop In - Will resume September 9
Thursdays , Silent Prayer –Will resume September 10
Ladies Bible Study will resume September 10

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



In Taybeh - the only remaining Christian village in the West Bank - children live in fear

Taybeh, the only remaining Christian village in the West Bank, includes Christian archaeology dating back to the Roman era and early Christianity. Located in the Ramallah area of the West Bank, the village's population has dwindled to 1,200 people, all of them Christians. During the 1980s, the population was around 3,000 people.

Taybeh has been subjected to numerous attacks and acts of arson by Israeli settlers, including shootings, fire arson that damaged an ancient church, and destruction of trees. Children are especially frightened during these scenes.

Father Bashar Fawadleh, Latin Parish priest, recalled that, 20 years ago, no one infringed on the land and there were no checkpoints in Taybeh. "It was normal life in Taybeh with peace and quiet," he said. "Expressions of solidarity, while much appreciated, are not enough, and action is needed to stop settler violence against Taybeh," he said. He called for the world to exert more pressure on Israel to stop settler violence.

Fifteen Palestinians from other villages have been killed in the vicinity of Taybeh due to settler violence. "Children who attend schools in Ramallah have to travel on unsafe roads where they encounter the settlers—the roads are not safe, including for children who come to our schools from outside the village," said Fawadleh. "There are no guarantees for children's safety on the roads."

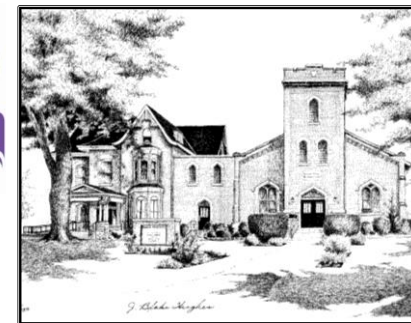
Taybeh residents must also travel to Ramallah for hospitalization. "There is no children's hospital or specialized assistance for the entire community of Taybeh," said Fawadleh. "A study is underway by the Latin Patriarchate, Caritas International, and Malta, to create a hospital in Taybeh, but lots of assistance is needed from the world community to bring this hospital to realization."

He wished to share what he believes will help the children live with a sense of safety. "My call to the world is to help us in Taybeh raise the children in peace and security," Fawadleh said. "I am not asking for too much."

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August 23, 2026

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Today's Worship Leader: Rev. Herb Hilder

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: Hymn
Aria
Simple Gifts
Blessing

D. Wagner
D. Bédard
C. Callahan
D. Wagner

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **New every morning is the love**

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession

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: **Just as I am, without one plea**

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Genesis 32:22-33**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **28**

***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: **II Corinthians 12:1-10**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

*Hymn: **Let Christian hope and faith dispel**

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Sermon: **"Down for the Count"**

Solo: A Claire Benediction

John Rutter

Soloist: Katy Clark

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: **Be Thou my vision**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Prelude in a Classic Style

G. Young

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



PCC Prayer – We pray for the courage to seek justice where it is denied.



Stewardship Moment – Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:16*



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

We want to warmly welcome back and thank Rev. Herb Hilder for kindly leading us in worship this morning. Rev. Herb comes from Welland, Ontario. He holds academic degrees from Brock, the University of Western Ontario, and Knox College (University of Toronto), and a Certificate in Spiritual Formation from Columbia University in Decatur, Georgia. Beginning in 1980, he served congregations in Guelph, Sackville and Port Elgin New Brunswick, Chilliwack and Prince George, British Columbia. Rev. Herb stepped away from full time active parish ministry in December 2019. He and his wife Katharine (also an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in Canada) moved to London in 2022. They have two adult daughters - Ruth and Jane and a delightful granddaughter, Nora.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Vacation: Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton will not be available July 27 through September 1. **Pastoral Emergencies:** Today through Sept. 1, contact Rev. Dr. David Clark (New St. James) phone: 519- 434-1127, email: david.clark.pcc@gmail.com. Or, contact your Elder. Thank you.

Fall Bazaar November 7th - Canning this summer? Would you please remember our Bazaar and make extra jars? It would be greatly appreciated! Jars are available. We are running low on the quart glass canning jars. Please help us restock. Contact Karen in the church office. Thank you!



For the month of August, your Mission Committee would like to collect the following items for the Limberlost Chaplaincy:

- Food (cereal, rice, snacks, non-perishables), • diapers, personal hygiene products (deodorant, dental products, feminine hygiene products, etc.).
- Clothing for children and adults (socks, underwear, gently used or new clothing).
- Sunscreen, at least 30 SPF or higher.

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 from the Mission Committee.*