

Dates To Remember

Dec. 3	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship Christmas Lunch – 1 p.m. (Fleck)
7	<i>Christmas in the Village</i> - 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
8	Holy Communion
15	Food Bank Sunday
24	Lessons & Carols – 7 p.m.
25	Merry Christmas! – worship service 10:30 a.m.
Church office will be closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 5, 2025	
<i>Dew Drop In</i> - coffee/tea and conversation every Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Fleck Hall. Join us!	

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

Choral Connection would like to invite you to our performance of ***Handel's Messiah* on Saturday, December 21st at 7:30 p.m.** This concert will take place at Knox Presbyterian Church in St. Thomas. Tickets can be purchased at www.choralconnection.ca or by calling Heather at 519-633-7288



Threads of Opportunity – When Salifu Awini was a child, he contracted severe meningitis, leading to life-long hearing and speech impairment. In Garu, in Northern Ghana, Salifu's parents were small-scale farmers who struggled with poverty due to insufficient livelihoods and low incomes. The stigma within their community that surrounds people with disabilities meant that they believed there was no point in sending a child with a disability to school. As a result, Salifu was isolated, leading a lonely life at home while his siblings attended school.

Eventually, Salifu was identified by the Presbyterian Church in Ghana's Community Based Rehabilitation Program (CBR) staff and registered for assistance. The CBR project team provided Salifu with a sewing machine and he enrolled in training in dressmaking and tailoring, which provided him with the tools and knowledge to pursue a career path. In addition to this, he received training in soap production and small business management, which equipped him with more skills to help him become self-sufficient. Salifu successfully graduated from the training programs in 2022 and has since begun applying his skills.

Now 24 years old, Salifu is self-employed and earns a living by sewing and trading, which enables him to meet his basic needs.

Please support and mark your offering envelope PWS&D

Stephanie Chunoo, PCC Communications Assistant



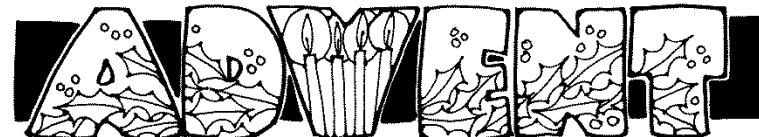
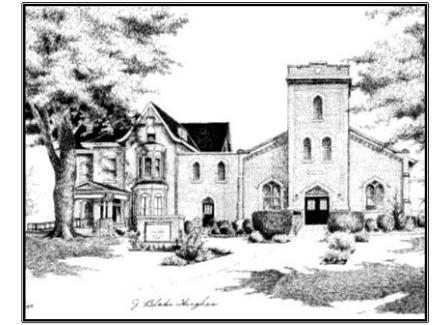
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Monday – Thursday

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First Sunday
in Advent

December 1, 2024

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Music Director: Bonnie Neaves

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: Offertorio pastorale

Reflections on St. Thomas

Meditation on Helmsley

Words of Welcome and Announcements

anonymous
C. Callahan
M. Balderston

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

*Hymn: **Oh come, oh come Emmanuel**

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

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Passing of the Peace

L: The Peace of Christ be with you all

P: And also with you

*Hymn: **Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding**

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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



Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **25:1-11**

***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: **Thessalonians 3:9-13**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. Luke 21:25-36**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Come, thou long expected Jesus**

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Sermon

Anthem: Behold, the days are coming

Paul Bouman

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: **Lo! Christ comes with clouds**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Sleepers, wake

arr. Karl Karow



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



Stewardship Moment: Gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.

G.K. Chesterton

PCC Daily Prayer – First Sunday of Advent / World Aids Day

We pray for the millions of people affected by HIV and AIDS and for the work of PWS&D.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Annual RCCO Carol Service – Today at 7:30 p.m. at Metropolitan United Church (468 Wellington Road). Everyone welcome. This is a free event, but there will be an offering taken for anyone who wants to donate to London Centre RCCO.

Elmwood Ladies Fellowship Christmas Luncheon – Tuesday, December 3, at 1:00 p.m. in Fleck Hall. Please remember to bring Christmas gifts for Rotholme children and women; also remember to bring dishes and cutlery for your meal.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE – Education Event via zoom on Saturday, January 4th and 5th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Guest presenter The Rev. Beverly Brazier. No cost. To register, email Jim Patterson soon! mungo1948@gmail.com. For more information, see poster on board outside the church office.

Please Check Your Mailbox (Fleck Hall) – The 2025 offering envelopes have been distributed. Please advise Karen Russo (Office Admin.) if there are any errors or omissions.

ARK AID MISSION - Warmth for Winter: Help Our Homeless Neighbors

As the temperatures drop, our homeless community faces even more challenges. This winter, we can make a difference by ensuring they have access to the basics they need to stay safe and warm including: • underwear (long, thermal, regular), •razors, •chapstick, •hand warmers, •socks, •blankets, •sleeping bags, •hats, •mitts, •scarves, •flashlights & batteries, •tarps, •winter boots, •backpacks, •reusable bags, •deodorant. For more information including specific needs and volunteer opportunities follow @Ark Aid London on Facebook.

Donate: donate@arkaidmission.com or at www.arkaidmission.com

 For the month of December, we will continue with our usual collection of hats, mitts and gloves for The Boys & Girls Club and we will also continue to collect men's socks for The Men's Mission. Thank you for your generous givings!