

Poinsettia Order Form



Please place _____ Poinsettia(s) at \$10.00 each in the sanctuary.

In memory of: _____

OR

In living tribute to: _____

Given by: _____

Envelope # _____

* print on your offering envelope and cheque – “Poinsettia”



Dates To Remember

- ♦ Dec. 20 Food Bank Sunday
- ♦ Dec. 24 through Jan. 3 - church office will be closed
- ♦ Dec. 24 *Lessons & Carols* 6:30 & 8:00 p.m. (R.S.V.P.)
- ♦ Dec. 25 Worship service 10:30 a.m. (R.S.V.P.)

Gift Giving With Meaning - 2020-2021 Gifts of Change booklets now available. - You can be sure your gifts will be used effectively and efficiently to carry out life-changing programs that are responding to the needs of people affected by poverty, hunger, discrimination and conflict. **Gift Cards** - Make a gift in the name of a friend or family member and a card acknowledging the donation will be sent to them on your behalf. Complete your online donation and fill out the 'In Tribute' section.
<https://presbyterian.ca/gifts-of-change/>



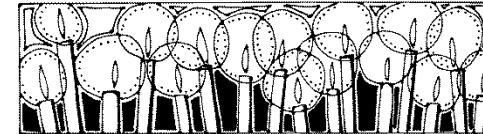
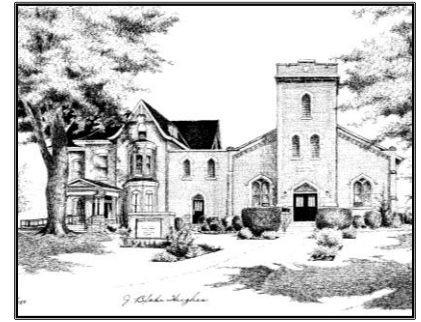
Halidu's Shop Equips Others - In Ghana, Halidu manages a prosperous and bustling training centre where he teaches kente weaving and dressmaking. When Halidu was young, he developed a sore that led to his leg being amputated. During his recovery, Halidu enrolled in a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported program that equips people with disabilities with skills to obtain a livelihood. During workshops, he learned vocational skills that included weaving, tailoring and dressmaking. Today, Halidu is using what he learned during his recovery to lead a healthy, productive life and run a successful business.

OUR PURPOSE

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.

Information concerning the various groups within the congregation may be obtained by calling the church office – 519-438-3492

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Third
Sunday
in Advent

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
Director of Music: Angus Sinclair, B.Mus., ARCT, ARCCO, LRSM, DD
Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO

Welcome!

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"
Psalm 122

We are thankful to be in Elmwood's sanctuary again.

Worship will look different for now. We have removed all the books we normally use for worship in order to minimize the number of items that might be touched and shared. There will be no greeting after the service and no coffee-hour. An offering can be made in one of the offering plates upon entering or leaving.

We all miss the social interaction aspect of worship, but the health of worshippers is a high priority. Please wear your mask and maintain a physical distance of two meters between yourself and anyone who is not part of your family group. Only one washroom is open for use. Thank you for showing concern and care for others.

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

Preludes (Gary McCumber, clarinet): Aria
Two Bagatelles (Carol, Forlana)

Bozza
Finzi

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Advent (Joy) Candle

*Call to Worship:

Prayer of Adoration and Confession
M: Lord, have mercy upon us

P: Christ, have mercy upon us

M: Lord, have mercy upon us

Prayer for the Day

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

M: The Peace of Christ be with you all

P: And also with you

Solo: The Lone Wild Bird

Soloist: Kathy Pearson

arr. Johnson

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11** (pgs. 801-r, 724-w, 603-NRSV)

M: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm: **126**

- 1** When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**
then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 3 The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.**
- 4** Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
- 5 May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.**
- 6 Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

***Gloria Patri** (said)

Glorify 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. Amen.

Scripture Reading: **St. John 1:6-9, 19-28** (pgs. 1137-r, 1027-w, 862-NRSV)

M: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

We Respond in Faith and Service

Meditation (Gary McCumber, clarinet): Meditation

Bach/Gounod

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

M: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude (Gary McCumber, clarinet): Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J.S. Bach



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. 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.



Thank you to Gary McCumber for his participation in our worship service this morning.



Stewardship Moment – If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one.
Mother Theresa (1910-1997), nun, missionary

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Next Sunday, December 20 is Food Bank Sunday – The need is especially great this year. Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

Hats & Mitts Are Needed - The Mission Committee will continue to collect hats, mittens and scarves for The Boys & Girls Club of London. Please consider donating to this worthwhile charity. Place your donations in the basket in the Narthex. We have already made one delivery! *Thank you!*

Elmwood Foodies - If anyone has or will have a ham bone they are not going to use, would you kindly donate it to our soup making team? You can call Juel at 519-852-0950 and she will pick it up from you or bring it with you to church and Dianne will put it in the freezer. *Thank you!*

Elmwood's Foodie Fare –A lovely assortment of sweet treats are still available. Your order form can be emailed, dropped off in the church mailbox (at west door), or put in Sunday's collection plate.

Listen Again: You can hear recordings of the latest sermons on our website. Visit www.elmwoodchurch.ca/media