

Dates To Remember

Wednesdays, Dew Drop In – 10 a.m. to noon (Fleck Hall)	
21	Food Bank Sunday
24	Christmas Eve, <i>Lessons & Carols</i> – 4 p.m. (note time change)
25	<i>Merry Christmas</i> - worship service, 10:30 a.m.
Church office will be closed Dec. 19 through Jan. 4, 2026	

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

Choral Connection - Handel's Messiah on Saturday, December 20th, 7:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, 55 Hincks Street, St. Thomas.
Tickets: www.choralconnection.ca or by calling Heather at 519-633-7288



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 in advance for your generous givings!

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



Shaibu Mohammed, a 7-year-old boy from Gbanterago in northern Ghana, was born with a disability caused by prolonged labour, and has never walked. Due to a lack of transportation, his parents were unable to enroll him in school. One day, Shaibu's mother walked to the PWS&D-supported Community-Based Rehabilitation Programme (CBR) office to report her son's situation and seek help. After a home visit and assessment, the CBR team provided Shaibu with a tricycle. Additionally, the Inclusive Education Officer coordinated with Gbanterago Primary School for his enrollment. Grateful, his mother said, "My child can now go to school like other kids in our community. What a great relief! Thank you so much for this kind gesture."

Give a gift with meaning! - The **2025-26 Gifts of Change** - catalogue supports marginalized communities across Canada and around the world. Giving a gift from this catalogue, you can be sure your gifts will be used to carry out life-changing programs that are responding to the needs of people affected by poverty, hunger, natural disasters and conflict. Catalogues available in the Narthex and church office.



Third Sunday in Advent – Give us joy, O God, as we prepare to welcome Christ among us again.



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Third Sunday
in Advent 
December 14, 2025

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
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: Reflection on "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
Prepare the Way, O Zion
Partita on "People Look East"

J. Carter
R. Lau
J. Bertolozzi

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

*Hymn: **Prepare the way, O Zion**

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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: **Lord, you were rich**

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament: **Isaiah 35:1-10**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **146**

***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: **James 5:7-10**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. Matthew 11:2-11**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **O holy Father, God most dear**

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Sermon

Choir Anthem: Advent Supplication

H. Hopson

We Respond in Faith and Service

*The Apostles' Creed (see front cover of the Book of Praise)

Prayers of Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Sanctus, Mystery of Faith (sung, see back cover of the Book of Praise)

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Breaking of the Bread & Elevation of the Cup

Lamb of God (sung, see back cover of the Book of Praise)

Distribution of the Elements

Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn: **People, look east**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Toccata

D. Hegarty

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



Our thanks to Organist, Lorraine Clark for her assistance with our worship service this morning.



Stewardship Moment: Gratitude involves not only what we feel, but also what we do.

Diana Butler Bass (1959 -), historian of Christianity, author



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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sacrament of Holy Communion - Please sign in. All those baptized into Christ's Church are invited to the Lord's Table. We ask that you sign the attendance cards located in the pews. Session relies on these cards to maintain accurate records. Thank you. **Communion Wine:** Wine is available in the inner rings of the trays. Grape juice is the outer ring.

Next Sunday, December 21 is Food Bank Sunday – The need is great. Donations are very much appreciated! Donation basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Please Check Your Mailbox (Fleck Hall) – The 2026 offering envelopes have been distributed. Please advise Karen Russo (Office Admin.) if there are any errors or omissions.

Annual Report time is fast approaching. The 2025 written and financial forms have been emailed to the group and committee leaders. If you require hard copies of these forms, please contact Karen in the church office. **Completion date is January 18, 2026.....or earlier please!** If you are not the person responsible for the completion of these forms, please ensure they are directed and received by the appropriate person. Thank you!