


Dates To Remember

Dec. 24	Lessons & Carols – 7 p.m.
25	Merry Christmas! – worship service 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 12	Holy Communion
25	<i>Rabbie Burns</i> Luncheon 1 – 5 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
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



 **Presbyterians Sharing** Supported by Presbyterians Sharing, Edmonton Urban Native Ministry serves the needs of the local Eastwood community with compassion and care. Their comprehensive services include a daily hot meal program, distribution of clothing and essential supplies, a bi-weekly food bank, as well as spiritual and emotional support initiatives, such as Sunday worship and counseling sessions. The Rev. Tim Sungill Choi, the ministry's Executive Director, describes their role as a humble well, providing life-giving water to thirsty travelers. By extending a helping hand, offering essential resources, and standing in solidarity as allies, they help to empower Indigenous individuals and communities to navigate their paths, even amidst uncertainty.

2024-2025 Gifts of Change booklets now available in the narthex, church office and Fleck Hall. - By giving a **Gifts of Change**, you are making a difference in the lives of people in Canada and around the world. No matter what you choose to support, you can be sure your funds will be used effectively and efficiently to carry out life-changing programs.

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>. Together we are making a difference. Thank you!



PCC Daily Prayer – During the Christmas season, may we recognize the value of “*enough*” while surrounded by expectations of extravagance and consumerism.

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December 15, 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 (Violin, Jillian Yang): We Three Kings
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

D.W. Moore
A.K. Organ
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Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

*Hymn: **Herald! Sound the note of judgement**

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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: **O day of God, draw nigh**

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Solo: A Rose E'er Blooming
Violin: Jillian Yang

arr. Evelyn Larter

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: **Zephaniah 3:14-20**

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: **Philippians 4:4-7**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. Luke 3:7-18**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **People, look east**

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Sermon

Anthem: Advent Supplication

Hal Hopson

Baritone: Alistair McGhee

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: **Hark the glad sound**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude (Violin, Jillian Yang): Tambourin

François-Joseph Gossec

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



Stewardship Moment: We can't help but give, because of what Christ has given to us.
Daniel Darling



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



Our sincere thanks to violinist, Jillian Yang for her participation in our worship service this morning!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Today is Food Bank Sunday - Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Annual Report time is fast approaching. The 2024 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 12, 2025....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!

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.



First event of our 100th year celebration! Presented by the Anniversary Committee, there will be a **Rabble Burn's luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25th, 2025** (his actual birthday), with full sit down, served roast beef luncheon, complete with haggis and oatcakes! Afternoon entertainment with the Royal Country Scottish Dancers and singing! **Tickets are only \$30/person and will be on sale at coffee hour.** Please invite your neighbours and friends! Any questions, contact Darlene tenHaaf 548-688-1115 or tenhaaf3743@rogers.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!