

Dates To Remember

Dec. 24	Lessons & Carols – 7 p.m.
25	Merry Christmas! – worship service 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 12	Holy Communion
25	Rabbie Burns Luncheon 1 – 5 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
Church office will be closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 5, 2025	
Dew Drop In - coffee/tea and fellowship, Wednesdays (except Christmas Day) 10 a.m. -12:00 p.m. in Fleck Hall. Join us!	

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



 **PWS&D** Somalia has been devastated by drought for the last six years. Among the many pushed to the brink of starvation is Hawa Ahmed, a resilient mother of eight. When the lack of water and food made the situation increasingly dire, Hawa made the courageous decision to relocate her family for the chance at a better life. Her new surroundings came with a harsh reality: as a displaced person, she was stripped of her possessions and support system, leaving her feeling alone and anxious for a solution. Things changed when Hawa joined a program supported by PWS&D that provided families with emergency cash. With this financial support, Hawa was able to purchase food and ensure access to clean drinking water for her children.

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** – We pray that our lives may echo the refrain of the angels, *“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to all people.”*

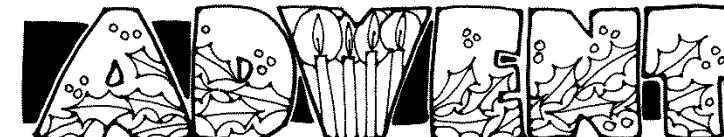
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Fourth Sunday
in Advent

December 22, 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: Creator of the stars of night

arr. Wilbur Held

Once, He came in blessing

arr. Wilbur Held

The Angel Gabriel

arr. Kristina Langlois

Hark the glad sound

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

*Hymn: **Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

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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: **My soul gives glory to my God**

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: **Micah 5:2-5a**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **80:1-7**

***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: **Hebrews 10:5-10**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson: **St. Luke 1:39-55**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

*Hymn: **The angel Gabriel from heaven**

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arr. Malcolm Archer

Sermon

Anthem: People, look east

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: **Sleepers, wake!**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Tell out my soul

arr. Paul Manz

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



Stewardship Moment: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



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

DEW DROP IN will be closed Christmas Day, but please join us Boxing Day, Thursday, Dec. 26th, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for coffee/tea and fellowship.

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 **Rabbie 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.

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!



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!