#### IT'S TIME FOR JUSTICE - Climate Change

The Biblical accounts bears witness to God's desire that the powers and people of the world act with care and justice. As Jeremiah tells us, "This is what the Lord says: "Go down to the palace of the king of Judah and proclaim this message there: 'Hear the word of the Lord to you, king of Judah, you who sit on David's throne – you, your officials and your people who come through these gates. This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right." (Jeremiah 22:1-3 NIV)

Creation remains steeped in the goodness God made and reflects the love of our Creator God but today we are faced with situations where only individual people but also governments and corporations fail to see, honour and care for creation and each other as image bearers.

### **The Church Responds**

The Moderator wrote to the Prime Minister, urging the Government of Canada to engage Canadians in meaningful action on climate change and encourage immediate action to reduce the Canadian contribution to carbon emissions.

#### Prayer

God, we know that we have sinned against you and your creation. Help us to understand what we do and how it affects that creation. Help us to see the way forward and what we must do to come back to where you wish us to be. Help us to do what we must to come back to your creation. Amen.

Note: view complete article at

https://presbyterian.ca/2019/12/12/iac-time-for-justice/

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### **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.

Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church was founded in 1925 to continue the tradition of the Presbyterian Church in Canada when Knox Presbyterian Church voted to enter Church Union. This may be the first post-union congregation to have erected a building. Our Sanctuary was dedicated on July 19, 1926. We draw your attention to our windows designed by Christopher Wallis, and our organ, built by Gabriel Kney, both of London. The congregation has been ministered to by outstanding spiritual leaders, Dr. Frederick W. Gilmour, Dr. John Fleck, Dr. D. Glenn Campbell, Rev. Rod Ferguson, Rev. Karen Timbers and Rev. Kevin Steeper.

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# The Nativity of our Lord December 25, 2019



Minister: Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Director of Music: Lorraine Clark, A.Mus., B.Mus., B.Ed.

Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO





Community

Caring

**Christ** 

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

Organ Prelude: Selected arrangements of Christmas Carols

Words of Welcome and Announcements

### We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Congregational Introit: Holy, holy, holy (verse 1) # 299

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymn: O come, all ye faithful #159

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

\*Hymn: Away in a manger # 149

### **Hear the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Hebrews 1:1-4** (pgs. 1288-r, 1161-w, 970-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: 96 (Refrain II)

\*Gloria Patri Hymn # 594

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. Amen

Scripture Reading: **St. Luke 2:1-20** (pgs. 1099-r, 992-w, 832-NRSV)

M: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord, P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

## We Respond in Faith and Service

\*Hvmn: **Jov to the world** # 153

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

M: Lord, in your mercy **P: Hear our prayer** 

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Offering of our Gifts in Response

Offertory Solo: Jesu Bambino Pietro A. Yon

Soloist: Katy Clark

\*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow # 830

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn: Hark! the herald angels sing # 139

\*Commissioning and Benediction

\*Choral Amen (congregation)

Organ Postlude: Noel Louis Claude Daquin

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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 for some light refreshments and fellowship in Fleck Hall. 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



**Presbyterian Prayer Partnership** – Today we give thanks for the joy of knowing God as our strength and the source of the living water overflowing in our lives.

May you have the gift of Faith, the blessing of Hope, and the peace of His Love at Christmas and always.