

Dec. 30	Church office closed Dec. 30 through Jan. 1.
Jan. 5	Epiphany Sunday
9	Bible Study resumes – 10:30 a.m. (Campbell Room)
12	Baptism Sunday & Holy Communion
	2019 Annual Report forms are due – or earlier please
14	Dream Group – 4:00 p.m. (Campbell Room)
15	Session – 7:30 p.m. (Fleck Hall)

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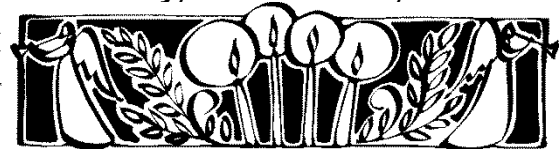


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First
Sunday after
Christmas



Prayer for the Day

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

L: The Peace of Christ be with you all

P: And also with you

Children's Time: The Carpenter's Tools

*Hymn: **The first Nowell**

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Hear the Word of God

Unison Prayer of Illumination:

Almighty God, in the beginning was the Word;

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

On this day of discovery and light; we long to hear your holy Word.

Open our ears to the call of your voice.

Open our eyes to the dawning of a new day.

Fill us with anticipation for your future. Amen.

First Reading: **Isaiah 63:7-9** (pgs. 803-r, 726-w, 605-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **148** (Refrain II)

***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.

Amen.

Scripture Readings: **Hebrews 2:10-18** (pgs. 1289-r, 1162-w, 971-NRSV)

Matthew 2:13-23 (pgs. 1036-r, 934-w, 784-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon: **"The Unscripted Pageant"**

We Respond in Faith and Service

*Hymn: **Angels from the realms of glory**

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Offering of our Gifts in Response

Organ Offertory: Pastorale

G.F. Handel

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: **Good Christians, all rejoice**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen (congregation)

Organ Postlude: Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Michael Bedford



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 Coffee Hour 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.

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



Welcome Back Margaret McGugan! – Margaret and her husband, Rob are long term members at New St. James Presbyterian Church. She's an Elder, a choir member, and a bible study leader. She has lay-ministry certificates from Knox College and Princeton University and recently audited a Homiletics course at Huron College. Margaret enjoys her pulpit supply visits to surrounding churches, preaching the gospel.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Play Area for children aged 0 – 7 yrs. during the worship service. An usher can direct you there. Please make the necessary arrangements for your children's supervision. Thank you.

Poinsettia Orders – Please remember to pick yours up after the service this morning. *Thank you from your Work & Worship Committee*

Church Office will be closed December 30 through January 1 and will re-open Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Elmwood Ladies Fellowship – No meetings in January & February, but will resume March 3rd.

Bible Study – will resume January 9, 2020.

Annual Report time is fast approaching. The 2019 written and financial forms are in your committees' mailbox. **Completion date is January 12, 2020....or earlier please!**



Many thanks to our congregation for their generous donations!! Due to your enthusiasm we shall continue this format for missions in 2020! Merci!

Notice for January & February 2020 – For our Hospitality Breakfast February 29th, we are collecting hand towels, face cloths, Kleenex, laundry detergent (liquid or pods). *Your mission committee*