

## Dates To Remember

Jan. 5	Epiphany Sunday
	Anniversary Committee meeting following worship (Campbell)
12	Baptism of the Lord
	Holy Communion
	Annual Report forms are due
19	Food Bank Sunday
25	Rabbie Burns Luncheon 1 – 5 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
<b>Church office will be closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 5, 2025</b>	
<i>Dew Drop In</i> - coffee/tea and fellowship, 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.



 **PWS&D** As Western culture becomes increasingly secular and Christianity occupies a more peripheral position in society, Canadian church plants are pioneering new ways to share God's love. One such initiative to encourage church planting is Cyclical PCC, supported by The Presbyterian Church in Canada in collaboration with Cyclical Inc. This initiative aims to empower presbyteries and leaders within the denomination to initiate new worshipping communities. Participants in the program are part of a larger network of PCC leaders exploring their calling and taking initial steps toward launching new ministries. What exciting new forms of ministry are emerging in your local community?

**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.

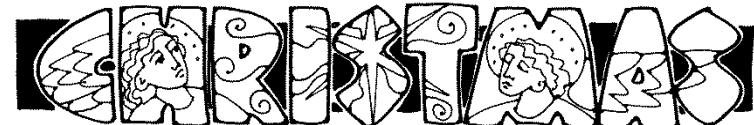
**Gift Cards** - Make a gift in the name of a friend or family member and a card acknowledging the donation will be sent to them on your behalf. Complete your online donation and fill out the 'In Tribute' section. <https://presbyterian.ca/gifts-of-change>. Together we are making a difference. Thank you!



**PCC Daily Prayer** – As we prepare to welcome in a new year, let us reflect on the past and pray for a hopeful and peaceful future.



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First Sunday after Christmas

**December 29, 2024**

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Music Director: Bonnie Neaves

Today's Music Director: 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: *In Dulci Jubilo*

*Noel Huron*

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

arr. Paul Manz

arr. Denis Bedard

arr. David Cherwien

### **We Gather To Worship God**

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymn: **Unto us a child is born**

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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: **In the bleak mid-winter**

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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 and join us in Fleck Hall for refreshments. You may wish to visit us on the web at [www.elmwoodchurch.ca](http://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](mailto:afullerton@elmwoodchurch.ca)



## **Hear the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: **1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **148**

\***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: **Colossians 3:12-17**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson: **St. Luke 2:41-52**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

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

\*Hymn: **See amid the winter's snow**

Sermon

## **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: **Angels we have heard on high**

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\*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Noel

L.C. Daquin



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

 Our thanks to Lorraine Clark for leading the musical portions of our worship service this morning while Bonnie Neaves enjoys some much deserved time off.

 **Stewardship Moment:** We offer our gifts and talents as a response to what God has already done for us in Jesus Christ. *David N. Mosser*



**First event of our 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration!** Presented by the Anniversary Committee, there will be a **Rabbie Burn's**

**Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 \$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 [tenhaaf 3743@ rogers.com](mailto:tenhaaf 3743@ rogers.com).

**Anniversary Committee meeting January 5<sup>th</sup>** in the Campbell Room, following worship.

**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 months of January and February, please consider donating the following items, either new or gently used: facecloths, hand towels, facial tissue, laundry detergent - preferably pods.

This collection will be distributed to the many charities in need of these items. 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.