

Poinsettia Order Form



Please place _____ Poinsettia(s) at \$10.00 each in the sanctuary.

In memory of: _____

OR

In living tribute to: _____

Given by: _____

Envelope # _____

* print on your offering envelope and cheque – “Poinsettia”



Dates To Remember

- ◆ Dec. 20 Food Bank Sunday
- ◆ Dec. 24 – Jan. 3 Church office will be closed
- ◆ Dec. 24 Lessons & Carols 6:30 & 8:00 p.m. (R.S.V.P.)
- ◆ Dec. 25 Worship service 10:30 a.m. (R.S.V.P.)

Gift Giving With Meaning - 2020-2021 Gifts of Change booklets now available in the narthex. - You can be sure your gifts will be used effectively and efficiently to carry out life-changing programs that are responding to the needs of people affected by poverty, hunger, discrimination and conflict. Use the giving catalogue to see where and how your donation supports the work of International Ministries, Canadian Ministries and Presbyterian World Service & Development. **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/>



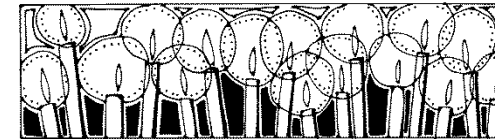
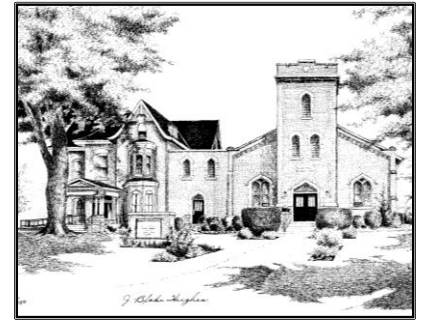
Responding to COVID-19 Globally - As COVID-19 continues to affect people and communities around the world, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is responding to some of those most impacted. Given the enormous risk of food insecurity, food aid is being provided. PWS&D is also helping ensure families have access to clean water and sanitation, and that COVID-19 prevention messages are being shared. Additionally, psychosocial support is being offered to help cope with the effects of the pandemic

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.

Information concerning the various groups within the congregation may be obtained by calling the church office – 519-438-3492

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Second
Sunday
in Advent

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Director of Music: Angus Sinclair, B.Mus., ARCT, ARCCO, LRSM, DD

Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO

Welcome!

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"
Psalm 122

We are thankful to be in Elmwood's sanctuary again.

Worship will look different for now. We have removed all the books we normally use for worship in order to minimize the number of items that might be touched and shared. There will be no greeting after the service and no coffee-hour. An offering can be made in one of the offering plates upon entering or leaving.

We all miss the social interaction aspect of worship, but the health of worshippers is a high priority. Please wear your mask and maintain a physical distance of two meters between yourself and anyone who is not part of your family group. Only one washroom is open for use. Thank you for showing concern and care for others.

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

Preludes (*piano, Marquee Smith*) - Medley of: O Come O Come Emmanuel,
Blessed Assurance, Swing Low Sweet Chariot, Wade in the Water

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Advent (*Peace*) Candle

*Call to Worship:

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

Solo: Advent Prayer

Soloist: Steve O'Neil

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Isaiah 40:1-11** (pgs. 775-r, 700-w, 581-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **85:1-2, 8-13**

- 1** LORD, you were favourable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2** You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you pardoned all their sin.
- 8** Let me hear what God will speak,
for the Lord will speak peace to the people,
to the faithful, to those who turn to God on their hearts.
- 9** Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God,
that glory may dwell in our land.
- 10** Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
- 11** Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.
- 12** The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13** Righteousness will go before the Lord.
and make a pathway for God.

***Gloria Patri** (*said*)

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. Mark 1:1-8** (pgs. 1073-r, 968-w, 812-NRSV)

M: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

We Respond in Faith and Service

Meditation (*piano, Marque Smith*): I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

Allen Pote

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

M: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude (*piano, Marque Smith*): People Look East



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. 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.



Thank you to pianist, Marque Smith for his participation in our worship service this morning.



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning have been placed by the Cross family to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Cross.



Stewardship Moment – And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Hats & Mitts Are Needed - The Mission Committee will continue to collect hats, mittens and scarves for The Boys & Girls Club of London. The need is great. Please consider donating to this worthwhile charity. Place your donations in the basket in the Narthex. We have already made one delivery!
Thank you!

Elmwood's Foodie Fare –A lovely assortment of sweet treats are still available. Your order form can be emailed, dropped off in the church mailbox (at west door), or put in Sunday's collection plate.

2021 Offering Envelopes - This year, your Elders will ensure your delivery. If you have not received your box, contact your Elder or the church office. Please advise Karen Russo (Office Admin.) if there are any errors or omissions.
Thank you

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