

Dates To Remember

Wednesdays	Dew Drop In – 10 a.m. to noon (Fleck Hall)
Thursdays	Ladies Bible Study 10 a.m. to noon (Campbell Room)
Dec. 14	Holy Communion
21	Food Bank Sunday
24	Christmas Eve, <i>Lessons & Carols</i> – 4 p.m. (note time change)
25	CHRISTMAS worship service, 10:30 a.m.

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

Choral Connection - Handel's Messiah on Saturday, December 20th,
7:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, 55 Hincks Street, St. Thomas.
 Tickets: www.choralconnection.ca or by calling Heather at 519-633-7288



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 in advance for your generous givings!

Juel Howse-McLean, Mission Committee



On World AIDS Day, we come together to remember the lives lost and to celebrate the progress made in combating the HIV and AIDS epidemic. In countries like Malawi, despite enormous progress, challenges persist. PWS&D, along with local partners, is ensuring that HIV testing services are available and that people have access to oral quick-test kits—a crucial tool for HIV prevention and early detection. Additionally, adolescent outreach clinics are being established to distribute condoms, helping ensure that young people can access safe sexual health options. As we mark World AIDS Day, we are reminded that the fight is not over. With continued collaboration, we can move closer to a future where HIV and AIDS are no longer prevalent.

Give a gift with meaning! - The **2025-26 Gifts of Change** - catalogue supports marginalized communities across Canada and around the world. Giving a gift from this catalogue, you can be sure your gifts will be used to carry out life-changing programs that are responding to the needs of people affected by poverty, hunger, natural disasters and conflict. Catalogues available in the Narthex and church office.



(2nd Sunday of Advent) Give us peace in our relationships, homes, churches, communities and in our souls, O God, as we prepare to welcome Christ among us again.



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Second
 Sunday
 in Advent



December 7, 2025

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
 Music Director: Bonnie Neaves
 Today's Organist: Paul Merritt
 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.*

Organ Prelude: On Jordan's Bank
 Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding
 Four Variations on Lo, How a Rose

*Malcolm Archer
 Malcolm Archer
 Gerald Near*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

*Hymn: **On Jordan's bank**

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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 All Saints 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: **Herald! Sound the note of judgement**

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Solo: An Advent Prayer

A. Pote

Soloist: Steve O'Neil

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament: **Isaiah 11:1-10**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **72:1-7**

***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: **Romans 15:4-13**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. Matthew 3:1-12**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Hark! a thrilling voice is calling**

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Sermon

Anthem: Celtic Advent Carol

D. Angerman

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: **There's a voice in the wilderness calling**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Toccata

Gilbert Martin

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



Our thanks to Organist, Paul Merritt for his assistance with our worship service this morning.



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



Stewardship Moment: Gratitude is the antidote to pride, that life is not our achievement but a gift.

Walter Bruggeman (1933-2025), theologian, Old Testament scholar

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Thank you to our volunteers that helped make *Christmas in the Village* a smashing success!
Yours in Christ, Andrew McClenaghan

Sunday, December 21 is Food Bank Sunday – The need is great. Donations are very much appreciated! Donation basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Please Check Your Mailbox (Fleck Hall) – The 2026 offering envelopes have been distributed. Please advise Karen Russo (Office Admin.) if there are any errors or omissions.

Current Ways to Donate to support Elmwood Presbyterian Church

We are deeply grateful for your generous givings each week. We encourage your continuing generosity to support the ministry and mission of Elmwood as the church continues to have many expenses during these difficult times. Currently you can donate in the following ways:

- Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) it is a convenient way to give - and the church benefits from your steady contributions. Contributions are automatically debited from your bank account on the 20th of each month. To sign up for PAR, contact Karen in the Church Office.
- Cheques made payable to Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church. If mailing, no cash and send to 111 Elmwood Ave. E., London, ON N5C 1J4
- From our website (www.elmwoodchurch.ca) click the *Donate* button
- Donation plates at the door
- Donation envelopes provided in the pews

Annual Bazaar Results – Thanks to the support of all the volunteers and the patrons both Bazaar day and post sales, we are very pleased to announce to date a grand total of \$ 6,939.00!