

## Dates To Remember

<b>Feb. 10</b>	Session 11:00 a.m. <b>Note date and time change</b>
<b>12</b>	Holy Communion
	Annual Meeting following the worship service
	"Close the Gap" free will offering lunch hosted by Session
<b>19</b>	Food Bank Sunday
<b>20</b>	Family Day – church office closed

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



**Today PWS&D Sunday! For over 75 years, Presbyterian World Service & Development has faithfully responded to serve those in need around the world.** Together with our partners, we are making a positive difference. We are working together to care for the poor, sick and vulnerable, helping restore human dignity, ease the pain of want and promote community cooperation that benefits all. As people of faith, we are responding to Christ's call to walk with the distressed and marginalized, and work towards equality, human dignity, peace and care for God's creation. United, we are working towards a world that is sustainable, compassionate and just.



**Presbyterian Prayer Partnership – PWS&D Sunday** We give thanks and pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development programs and partners empowering vulnerable communities and supporting abundant life.

**Open Call for Photos: Doors & Crossings** *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock."* Revelation 3:20

In the ancient world of the Bible, doorways represent the threshold where this world meets the next—where present realities and future possibilities, old ways of being and new life, what is and what could be, and our plans and God's purposes converge.

The national church is looking for high-resolution photos of doors, entrances and gates to use on bulletin covers and showcase in the newspaper and the 2024 edition of the PCC Wall Calendar.

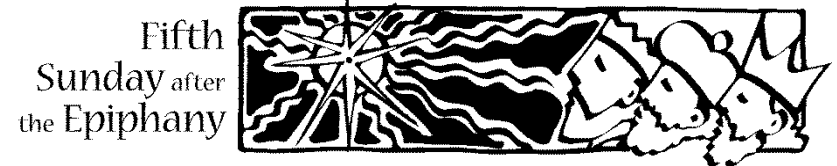
We invite you to send us any images from the lives of the church's ministries or people that represent crossings, meeting places and opportunities for renewal and change.

If you'd like your photos to be considered for next year's wall calendar, please send in your photos as early as possible.

<https://presbyterian.ca/2023/01/27/call-for-photos/>



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**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Music directed by: Lorraine Clark, A. Mus., B.Mus., B.Ed.

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.*

Preludes: Prelude from Celtic Suite  
 Hymn

*C. Callahan  
 D. Wagner*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

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

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymn: **The Lord's my light**

**# 15**

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: **God of mercy, God of grace**

Anthem: Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing

# 39

G. Young

## Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Isaiah 58:1-9a** (pgs. 797-r, 721-w, 600-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **112**

\***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.*

**1 Corinthians 2:1-12** (pgs. 1223-r, 1106-w, 927-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

**St. Matthew 5:13-20** (pgs. 1039-r, 936-w, 786-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

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

\*Hymn: **I heard the voice of Jesus say**

# 671

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: **Come down, O Love divine**

# 386

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Tuba Tune in D Major

C.S. Lang

**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)



**Stewardship Moment:** Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

1 Peter 4:10



**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 fellowship and Coffee Hour. 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.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION



For the month of 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 available to our diners at our April 2023 Community Breakfast. 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.

**CELEBRATE ELMWOOD CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING** will take place on **February 12<sup>th</sup>** following the worship service with a lunch hosted by Session. A free will offering will be collected to "*Close the Gap*" for the General Budget. Please plan to attend.

**ANNUAL REPORT** – Today, Ann Fitchett will be distributing hard copies of the 2022 Annual Report during Coffee Hour in Fleck Hall. The electronic version was emailed to members and adherents on January 30, 2023. If you did not receive a hard or electronic copy, please contact the church office.

**FEBRUARY 19 IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY** - If you would keep in mind that we are in need of some of the following items, it would be very much appreciated.

- canned meats and fish
- cereal
- protein bars/cereal bars
- peanut butter
- fruit juices
- coffee
- fruit cups/lunch snacks
- heat & serve soups & pastas
- laundry & hand soaps
- paper products i.e. bathroom tissue
- items that do not require a can opener or cooking

Please leave your donations in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!

**HARK THE HERALD** - Spring Edition deadline for contributions March 24<sup>th</sup> or earlier. Please think of a contribution you might make - story, joke, announcement, photograph etc. Send items to church office or put in mailbox E15.

**POP CAN TABS** – Please continue to save pop can tabs. The current project is a wheelchair for Dylan DeBeer. He is a five year old boy who attends the Woodstock Christian School. Dylan tires easily and is prone to falling because of an issue with C.P. So save your aluminum tabs and help Dylan acquire a new Convaid Cruiser! Your tabs can be dropped off in the Narthex or at the church office during office hours. Thank you!