

## Dates To Remember

<b>Feb. 16</b>	<b>Celebrate Elmwood !</b> – Annual Meeting following worship
<b>17</b>	Family Day – church office closed
<b>Mar. 9</b>	We welcome new members!
<b>Elmwood Ladies Fellowship</b> – No meetings in January & February. Plan to resume meeting March 4 <sup>th</sup> weather permitting.	
<b>Dew Drop In</b> - coffee/tea and conversation 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.



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.

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.



**Esmy's Story of Entrepreneurship in Malawi** - In the heart of Balaka District, Malawi, lives Esmy Edward, a 44-year-old single mother of five. Esmy's journey is a testament to her own resilience, as well as the transformative power of community development initiatives.

Not long ago, Esmy faced overwhelming challenges. *"Life used to be tough,"* she recalls. *"Providing food and paying school fees for my two sons in secondary school felt like an impossible task."* However, her story took a hopeful turn when she became a participant in the Enhancing Climate Resilience for Improved Income and Food Security project through PWS&D partner CARD.

Through the project, Esmy learnt about financial management, and participated in a village savings group. She also received training on modern farming techniques, and obtained five goats, whose organic manure improves her farm's productivity. Today, her herd of goats has grown to 10, thanks to her diligent care and the sustainable practices she adopted.

This income has enabled her to cover the school fees for her two sons, ensuring they can continue their education without interruption. *"I am grateful for the support I have received,"* Esmy says.

With continued support, participants like Esmy are transforming their lives and creating brighter futures for their communities.

Support by marking PWS&D on your offering envelopes.

*Churches Action in Relief and Development (CARD), a PWS&D partner.*



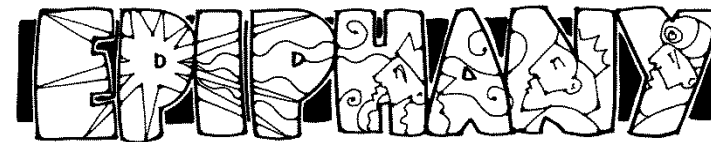
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Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

**February 9, 2025**

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Music Director: Bonnie Neaves

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: Dolcezza

After An Old French Air

*Percy Whitlock*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

## We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

\*Hymn: **Stand up and bless the Lord**

**# 411**

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: **You walk along our shoreline**

# 753

### **Hear the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: **Isaiah 6:1-8**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **138**

**\*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: **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson: **St. Luke 5:1-11**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

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

\*Hymn: **Let all mortal flesh keep silence**

# 542

Sermon

Anthem: See the Bread, See the wine

Jay Althouse

### **We Respond in Faith and Service**

\*The Apostles' Creed (see front cover of the Book of Praise)

Prayers of Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy

**P: Hear our prayer**

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

# 564

**Sanctus, Mystery of Faith** (sung, see back cover of the Book of Praise)

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Breaking of the Bread & Elevation of the Cup

**Lamb of God** (sung, see back cover of the Book of Praise)

Distribution of the Elements

Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn: **Will you come and follow me**

# 634

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Trumpet Tune in F Major

Martha Sobaje



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



**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)



### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion - Please sign in** – All those baptized into Christ's Church are invited to the Lord's Table. We ask that you sign the attendance cards located in the pews. Session relies on these cards to maintain accurate records. Thank you.

**Communion Wine:** Wine is available in the inner rings of the trays. Grape juice is the outer ring.

**IMPORTANT – Please check your box of 2025 offering envelopes.**

***Do you have the correct box? Does it have your name on the box?***

Someone has picked up the wrong box from the Fleck Hall mailboxes and made a donation Sunday, January 26. This donation will not be credited to you as the envelope number is registered to another person.

Contact the church office as soon as possible. Thank you!

***Celebrate Elmwood* Congregational Annual Meeting will take place next Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup>** following the worship service with a lunch hosted by Session. A goodwill offering will be collected to "*Close the Gap*" for the General Budget. Please plan to attend.

**We will be welcoming new members Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>!**

Note the date change. If you would like to be in their number, please contact the Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton or the church office. Deadline is March 2, 2025.

**February 16 is Food Bank Sunday** - We are in need of the following items:

• peanut butter • coffee • cereal • hand/body soap • shampoo  
Please leave your donations in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!