

<b>Wednesdays</b> , Dew Drop In – 10 a.m. to noon (Fleck Hall)	
<b>Jan. 18</b>	Food Bank Sunday
	Annual Report forms are due
<b>Feb. 8</b>	Holy Communion
<b>16</b>	Family Day – church office closed
<b>Elmwood Ladies Fellowship</b> – No meetings in January & February. Plan to resume meeting March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , weather permitting.	





Cheques are to be made payable to Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church Mission Project, please and thank you.



“During this year, the water pressure of the piped [municipal] system has decreased a lot. We have asked the community authorities for the expansion of drinking water, which hasn’t been possible due to the low water pressure.” To help respond to this challenge in Guatemala, PWS&D, together with our partner, the Maya-Mam Association of Research and Development, provided water tanks to families in need. Carolina explains: “The water tank will be very useful to me. Now I will be able to continue planting vegetables in my family garden. I am very grateful.”

**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.



**Stewardship Moment:** I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare.  
C.S. Lewis (1898 – 1963), *author, lay theologian*



**Baptism of the Lord** – Let us remember and give thanks for our baptism and pray that we will live in ways that fulfil the promises made on our behalf at our baptisms, and the promises we have made at the baptisms of others.

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**Community  
Caring  
Christ**



**January 11, 2026**

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton  
 Music Director: Bonnie Neaves  
 Today's Organist: Kelsey Lenti  
 Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO

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: Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr  
Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

F.W. Zachow  
D. Buxtehude

## Words of Welcome and Announcements

## Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship

## Choral Introit

\*Hymn: **Christ, when for us you were baptized**

## # 183

## 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: **O Spirit come, our hearts inspire**

**# 404**

Solo: Mary, Did You Know?

*Mark Lowry, Buddy Greene*

Soloist: Alistair McGhee

## **Hear the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament: **Isaiah 42:1-9**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **29**

**\*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: **Acts 10:34-43**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson: **St. Matthew 3:13-17**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

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

\*Hymn: **Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor**

**# 541**

Sermon

Choir Anthem: Oh, Sing to the Lord a New Song

*John Leavitt*

## **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: **We know that Christ is raised and dies no more**

**# 522**

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: C Major prelude from Acht kleine Präludien und Fugen J.S. Bach

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**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)



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning have been placed by Ann Fitchett to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Maysie Reid who left us five years ago this week. She is still missed.

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## **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.

**Elmwood Ladies Bible Study - Thursday, January 22, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.** will be the start of a 9 week ladies bible study. Our topic is Jesus our Joy. Paul will show us how to live joyfully in all situations as we study his letter to the Philippians. For information and registration contact Jackie Schmidt (519-933-1229) call/text) or email [jackie.schmidt@sympatico.ca](mailto:jackie.schmidt@sympatico.ca)

**Next Sunday, January 18 is Food Bank Sunday** – The need is great. Donations are very much appreciated! Donation basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

**Annual Report time is fast approaching.** The 2025 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 18, 2026.....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!