

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins January 18, 2023 is an annual event that recognizes the diverse expressions of our unity in Christ's church. This year's theme, *"Do good; seek justice,"* from Isaiah 1:17, and accompanying materials. Canadian resources were prepared by the ecumenical WPCU Writing and Animation Team of volunteers from member churches in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

There are opening and closing ecumenical services, daily morning and noon services, Bible studies, assorted explorations of the daily themes online, workshops, seminars, and a host of other innovative approaches to the material.

You can attend a local Week of Prayer service or event—in person and/or via live stream. You can also plan an eight-day Bible study anytime during the year. Please check the Canadian Council of Churches website (www.councilofchurches.ca) for updates on WPCU 2023 events.

 **PWS&D Loaves & Fishes Fund** - In Jesus's hands five loaves and two fish became enough to feed a multitude, with plenty remaining.

Become a part of the ongoing miracle of multiplication by donating to Presbyterian World Service & Development's Loaves & Fishes Fund.

Legacy gifts harness the power of your investment money, provide a steady stream of income to PWS&D and use tax efficient strategies to maximize your gift and your own tax savings.

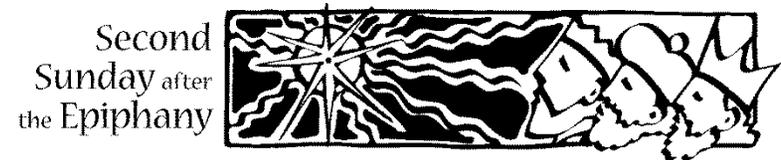
Your gifts to PWS&D's Loaves & Fishes Fund will improve the lives of people living in poverty around the world. It means PWS&D's long-term, sustainable programs will have the consistent, dedicated support they need over a seven-year period.

Making a legacy gift to the Loaves & Fishes Fund, allows one-seventh of your gift to be used to support the work of PWS&D in the year it is given. The rest of your gift is invested by professional fund managers for the Trustee Board of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Over the next six years, PWS&D uses a portion of the gift, plus the annual interest earned to support our ongoing work. At the end of the seven years, your entire gift – plus all the income and capital gains generated by your investment – will have been used for the development, relief and refugee support work of PWS&D.



Office Hours (currently): 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Monday – Thursday

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Sunday, January 15, 2023

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!

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: Chanson and Matin

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Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness**

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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 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: **I waited for the Lord my God** (tune:26)

Anthem: Humble Service

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Isaiah 49:1-7** (pgs. 788-r, 712-w, 592-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **40:1-11**

***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 1:1-9 (pgs. 1222-r, 1105-w, 926-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. John 1:29-42 (pgs. 1138-r, 1028-w, 862-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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

Sermon

Solo: Acquaint Now Thyself With Him

Soloist: Alistair McGhee

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: **Hail, our once-rejected Jesus**

*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Prelude in Classic Style

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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

 **PCC Daily Prayer – January 16 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.** Give us the strength and courage, O God, to live out the dream that one day freedom will ring for all your beloved children.



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 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 months of January and 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.

FREEWILL LUNCHEON - The choir feels it is time to resume this successful fundraiser and social event. We are offering chili, buns and ice cream bars on **January 29, 2023** for all who can make it. You will have your choice of vegan, turkey, chicken, or meat chili. We will also wish Angus Sinclair Godspeed as this will be his last Sunday with Elmwood. In order to prepare enough food, please let Juel Howse-McLean know if you plan to attend. Her email is juelisfinally@gmail.com, home telephone is 519-660-0950 or speak to her after church. Hope to see you there!

2022 ANNUAL REPORT – The completed written and financial forms are due **today**. Thank you!

ELMWOOD LADIES FELLOWSHIP – No meeting in February, but will resume March 7th. All ladies welcome!

TODAY 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!



Dates To Remember

Feb. 8	Session 7:30 p.m.
12	Holy Communion
19	Food Bank Sunday
20	Family Day – church office closed

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