

## Dates To Remember

Jan. 25	Rabbie Burns Luncheon 12:30 – 5 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
Feb. 9	Holy Communion
16	<b>Celebrate Elmwood!</b> – Annual Meeting following worship Welcoming new members!
17	Family Day – church office closed
<b>Elmwood Ladies Fellowship</b> – No meetings in January & February	
<b>Dew Drop In</b> - coffee/tea and fellowship, 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.



Last summer, twelve young adults from PCC and UCC partner churches in Canada, the Korean Christian Church in Japan, the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, and the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan met together to share their lives, cultures, and the present social context of the church in their home countries. Exploring both common and unique challenges, they developed a workshop for the *uplift2024: Audacious Faith* conference. Through worship, study, and recreation, a deep sense of connection developed across languages and cultures. This global ecumenical learning community gathered for 9 days at Brock University, ending with their participation at *uplift2024: Audacious Faith*. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing help strengthen long-standing church partnerships by fostering ecumenical understanding and meaningful connections among a new generation of leaders.

### One Mission, Two Funds Proclaiming Christ in Word and Deed

Presbyterians Sharing is the national church fund that supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Congregations commit to raising an accepted allocation each year.

Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is the PCC's development and relief agency. PWS&D raises funds directly from congregations and individuals and through government grants – over and above gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. International Ministries mission personnel, funded through Presbyterians Sharing, often work with PWS&D partners.



**PCC Daily Prayer** – This week marks the 4th anniversary of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons coming into force at the United Nations. We pray for the elimination of nuclear weapons, and the threat they pose to all life on Earth.



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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

**January 19, 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: Darkness, Light & the Bleak of Mid-Winter

*Gilbert Martin*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

### We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

\*Hymn: **Songs of thankfulness and praise**

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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: **All praise to you, O Lord**

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

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: **Isaiah 62:1-5**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **36**

**\*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 12:1-11**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson: **St. John 2:1-11**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

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

\*Hymn: **Blessed Jesus, at your word**

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Sermon

Anthem: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

*Paul Manz*

### **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: **Immortal, invisible, God only wise**

# 290

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Carillon

*Francis Poulenc*

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



**Stewardship Moment:** A good steward understands money, not for the money, but for the possibilities.

*Steve Garnaas-Holmes, poet, songwriter and retired minister*



**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**

**Today is Food Bank Sunday** - The need is great. Your donations are very much appreciated! Donation basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

*Celebrate Elmwood Congregational Annual Meeting* will take place on **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, February 16!**

If you would like to be in their number, please contact the Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton or the church office. Deadline is February 9, 2025.



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.

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.

**Gifts of Change booklets now available** in the narthex, church office and Fleck Hall. - By giving a **Gifts of Change**, you are making a difference in the lives of people in Canada and around the world. No matter what you choose to support, you can be sure your funds will be used effectively and efficiently to carry out life-changing programs.

**Gift Cards** - Make a gift in the name of a friend or family member and a card acknowledging the donation will be sent to them on your behalf. Complete your online donation and fill out the 'In Tribute' section. <https://presbyterian.ca/gifts-of-change>. Together we are making a difference. Thank you!