

Dates To Remember

Jan. 3	Church office closed
Jan. 9	Holy Communion – Baptism of the Lord
	2021 Annual Report forms are due – or earlier please
12	Session 7:30 p.m.

 In Somalia, Shiindha was worried when her three-year-old son, Abdihakim, became sick and hadn't improved after two months. The treatment he received at a nearby clinic helped to provide short-term relief for his pain but did not help to improve his overall health. One day, a visiting community worker screened Abdihakim for malnutrition and identified that he was moderately malnourished. Abdihakim was admitted to a nutrition program right away and underwent bi-weekly treatment. After a month and a half, Abdihakim made a full recovery and was able to return home to his family. This therapeutic nutrition project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

The following poem was submitted for the Kids Create Change Challenge by Thomas (13), a PWS& D Champion from Markham, ON

*Somalian camp
Who'll help the people in need
PWS&D
Helps babies that are starving
And gives them the food they need.*



PCC Daily Prayer – We give thanks for the programs that respond to hunger around the world that are supported by the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development.



OUR PURPOSE

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.

Information concerning the various groups within the congregation may be obtained by calling the church office – 519-438-3492

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

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Community
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January 2, 2022

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Worship Leader: Wilma Boyce

Director of Music: Angus Sinclair, B.Mus., ARCT, ARCCO, LRSM, DD

Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO

Welcome!

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

Psalm 122

Worship will continue to look different for now. There will be no greeting after the service and no coffee-hour. An offering can be made in one of the offering plates upon entering or leaving.

We all miss the social interaction aspect of worship, but the health of worshippers is a high priority. Please wear your mask and maintain a physical distance of two meters between yourself and anyone who is not part of your family group. Only one washroom is open for use. Thank you for showing concern and care for others.

*If able, please stand where indicated with an * asterisk.*

Preludes: The Holy Boy

In dulci júbilo

Ireland

J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship:

*Hymn: **As with gladness men of old** (vs. 1, 3, 5)

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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: **We three kings** (vs. 1, 2, 5)

Solo: The Three Kings

Soloist: Alistair McGhee

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Isaiah 60:1-6** (pgs. 800-r, 723-w, 602-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **72:1-7, 10-14**

***Gloria Patri** (sung)

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.

Amen.

Ephesians 3:1-12 (pgs. 1254-r, 1134-w, 950-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. Matthew 2:1-12 (pgs. 1036-r, 934-w, 783-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **The people that in darkness** (vs. 1, 3, 5)

Sermon: **Who are they?**

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: **The first nowell** (vs. 1, 3, 5)

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: March of the Kings – *old French Noel*

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.



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. 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

We welcome Wilma Boyce and thank her for leading us in worship this morning. Wilma graduated from Huron University College at UWO in 2013 with a Master of Divinity and has enjoyed leading worship services in London and area Presbyterian churches.

She is currently on staff at Oakridge Presbyterian Church in the area of Pastoral Care and Adult Ministry. She also provides pastoral care and leads worship services for a two point charge, and bi-weekly worship services in a retirement residence.

Wilma is thankful to have three sons, three daughters-in-law and 8 grandchildren living in close proximity to her as she loves to spend time with them.

Her passion is to be engaged in the building and nurturing of relationships with the Lord and with people.



Due to the fact that we are not hosting Community Breakfasts yet, we would like to change our January/February mission to items for Anova. Please consider donating feminine hygiene products & toiletries, and diapers and baby food.

If you prefer to donate money, please make your cheque payable to Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church with a notation on the cheque and envelope stating 'Mission Project'. Thank you from your Mission Committee.

Annual Report time is fast approaching. The 2021 written and financial forms are due **January 9, 2022....or earlier please!**

Gift Giving With Meaning - 2021-2022 Gifts of Change booklets are available in the narthex and church office. 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/>