

Dates To Remember

Feb. 10	Session 11:00 a.m. Note date and time change
12	Holy Communion
19	Food Bank Sunday
20	Family Day – church office closed
29	Freewill Offering Luncheon – following worship

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

Social Action Spotlight – Refugees and Human Trafficking

Every day, people around the world make the difficult decision to leave their homes—and, sometimes, their countries—in hopes of finding a safer place to live. Families make this choice for different reasons: conflict, violence, human rights violations, lack of economic prospects or natural disasters.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reported that at the end of 2021, almost 90 million people worldwide were forcibly displaced. Of those, over 27 million people were refugees, while 53.2 million were displaced within their own country.

When people are forced to flee, they leave behind more than just their homes. Many lose community support networks and may end up becoming socially and culturally isolated. They often lack access to basic resources and livelihood opportunities.

While a small number of refugees are sponsored to new countries, like Canada, where they have the chance to start a new life, most refugees live in uncertain situations. Depending on where they flee to, their legal status might be incredibly precarious.

Those fleeing conflict may resort to smugglers to help facilitate their movement to safer places. In these circumstances, refugees are particularly vulnerable to being trafficked or falling victim to crime, extortion and human rights violations.

What can you do?

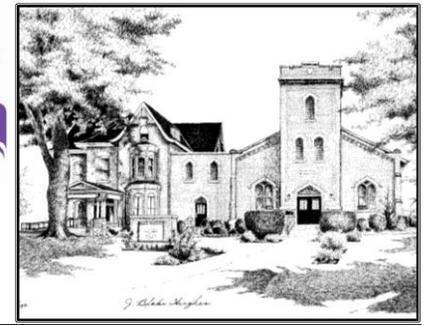
- Learn more about how you can be involved in and support refugee sponsorship through The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Visit WeRespond.ca/refugee-sponsorship.
- The Canadian Council for Refugees is calling on the Canadian government to reform the immigration system and provide permanent resident status to those living and working in Canada. Delays in addressing legal status occur often due to barriers in immigration and refugee laws and practices. Visit ccrweb.ca/en/regularization-campaign-status-for-all to write a letter to your MP.



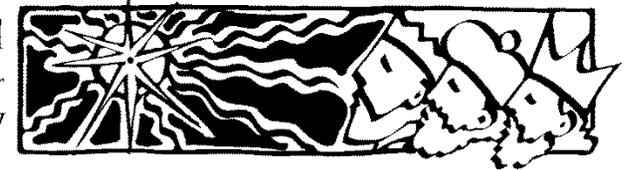
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Community
Caring
Christ



Third
 Sunday after
 the Epiphany



Sunday, January 22, 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.*

Preludes: Little Litanies of Jesus
 Air for Trudy

*Grovez
 Bert Van der Hoek*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

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

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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: **Follow me, the Master said**
Anthem: Forth In Thy Name

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination
First Reading: **Isaiah 9:1-4** (pgs. 742-r, 671-w, 555-NRSV)
L: This is the Word of the Lord
P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **27**
***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 1:10-18 (pgs. 1222-r, 1105-w, 926-NRSV)
L: This is the Word of the Lord
P: Thanks be to God

St. Matthew 4:18-22 (pgs. 1038-r, 936-w, 785-NRSV)
L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,
P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **I danced in the morning / Lord of the dance**
Sermon

Solo: Dear Lord and Father
Soloist: Steve O'Neil

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: **Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult**

*Commissioning and Benediction
Choral Amen

Postlude: Fanfare



 **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 – writer, lay theologian



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.

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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

Mission Moment - In Nepal, 51-year-old Lahia Tharu was suffering from a numb left foot. Lahia first sought help from a traditional healer—a practice common in rural Nepal. When the condition of her foot did not improve, she went to a nearby hospital. Tests confirmed that Lahia had leprosy and referred her to the *Presbyterian World Service & Development*-supported Shining Hospital. There, she received medication and treatment and was sent home to recover. Reflecting upon her experience, Lahia said that she is “thankful and happy for the treatment that was provided at Shining Hospital.”



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!

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

ANNUAL MEETING will take place on **February 12th** following the worship service. Please plan to attend.

ANNUAL REPORT – If you would like to receive the annual report electronically (instead of a hard copy), please add your name and email address to the list located in the Narthex. Thank you!