

## Dates To Remember

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.



 **PWS&D** Georgina Musah became physically impaired due to polio at age five. She was stigmatized due to her disability and prevented from attending school in her community of Suamvuus in northern Ghana. Identified in a community survey by the PWS&D-supported Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Program, Georgina received physiotherapy and a tricycle for mobility. Georgina also took part in training in climate-resilient farming and dressmaking, enabling her to generate an income and improve her life. *“My profound gratitude to the CBR and PWS&D for changing my life through well-structured interventions. I have enough from my livelihood activities to fend for myself and my children and to support my husband. God bless and sustain your work,”* she shares.

## 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** – Praise God for PWS&D partners walking hand-in-hand with those suffering from leprosy in Nepal and India as they journey to health and prosperity.



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

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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

**January 26, 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: Morning Light

The Beauty of Winter

Grazioso

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Andrew Moore

Andrew Wright

Andrew Moore

## We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

\*Hymn: **Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing**

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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: **How great thou art**

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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)



## **Hear the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: 19

\***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 12:12-31a**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson: **St. Luke 4:14-21**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

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

\*Hymn: **The heavens declare your glory, Lord**

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arr. Carl Schalk

Sermon

Anthem: In Thee is Gladness

## **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: **You that know the Lord is gracious**

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\*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Holy God, we praise thy name

arr. *Flor Peeters*



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



**Stewardship Moment:** Self-care is never a selfish act – it is only good stewardship of the only gift I have, the gift I was put on earth to offer others.  
*Parker J. Palmer (1939 - ), writer, speaker activist*

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**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.

**2024 Annual Report** –Would you like to receive the annual report electronically (instead of a hard copy)? Does the church office have your current email address? Add your name and email address to the list located in the Narthex. Thank you!

## **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!