

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

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



Update: Pakistan Flood Response “The extensive rain and floods damaged our homes, livestock, and agricultural lands and took many lives. We pray that God will have mercy on us and will not send the same extreme weather conditions next year. We pray to have a peaceful year ahead,” shared Dhayani, a resident near the city of Khairpur.

Months after the floods and landslides, the damage is still being felt across the country. More than 1,700 people were killed, and 33 million people have been affected.

In response, Community World Service Asia (CWSA), PWS&D’s partner in Pakistan, has been providing assistance to help alleviate some of the stress associated with such a disastrous situation.

Three cash transfers are being distributed to 6,625 households (about 43,000 people). The first distribution took place in December, with the remaining distributions planned for January and February. Cash transfers allow families to purchase the food they need at local markets—improving food security and helping the economy,

As flood waters recede and some communities return home, many are hopeful for the year ahead. “We have prepared our lands to have a better yield in the coming year. May God help us grow, flourish the lands, and enable us to sell our yield for a good price. This will help us grow economically and financially,” expressed Mohammad Ashraf.

Generous Presbyterian contributions of over \$47,000 are helping make this \$2.25 million project possible. Additional support from Canadian Foodgrains Bank, the Humanitarian Coalition and the Government of Canada has allowed us to maximize donations to go so much further.

Please mark your donations PWS&D Pakistan Flood Response. Your prayers and generosity have been vital. Thank you!



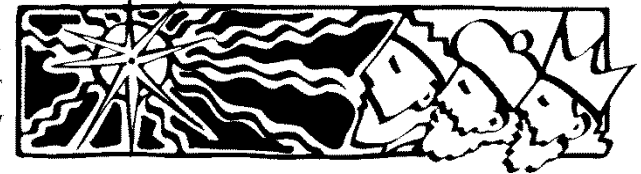
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Community
Caring
Christ



Fourth
 Sunday after
 the Epiphany



Sunday, January 29, 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: Cloister – Garth *Brewer*
 Prelude and Fugue in B Flat (*played by Jordan Kilfoy*) *J.S. Bach*

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** **# 174**

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: **Be thou my vision**

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Solo: The Prayer

Bayer Sager/Foster

Soloist: Alistair McGhee

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Micah 6:1-8** (pgs. 999-r, 903-w, 757-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **15**

***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 1:18-31 (pgs. 1222-r, 1105-w, 926-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. Matthew 5:1-12 (pgs. 1038-r, 936-w, 785-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **What does the Lord require of you**

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Anthem: Blest are the Pure in Heart

Eaton

Sermon

Anthem: River in Judea

Feldman

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 head that once was crowned**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Carillon - Sortie

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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](mailto:afullerton@elmwoodchurch.ca)



**Stewardship Moment:** Stewardship is not about raising money; it's about raising Christians who willingly trust God. *Unknown author*



**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](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.



**Presbyterians Sharing** One day, a neighbour asked the Rev. Tim Choi, Executive Director of Edmonton Urban Native Ministry (EUNM) in Alberta: "What difference has the ministry made after all these years?" This prompted the Rev. Tim to think about the impact the ministry has had on Indigenous people in Edmonton's Eastwood community. He reflected that the journey towards healing and reconciliation must be like a long and flowing river. The harm caused by generations past requires many future generations to heal. In this sense, EUNM is like a little brook that runs alongside this river. God has shaped this ministry into a place of hope for all who gather here. **Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing are helping us on the path to healing and reconciliation through Indigenous ministries like EUNM.**



**Presbyterian Prayer Partnership** – We give thanks and pray for Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Alberta, a place where warm food is served, accompaniment is offered and community is formed through prayer and caring presence.



### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**FREE WILL LUNCHEON TODAY**- The choir will host a luncheon after worship today. This is a fundraiser and a social event. The fundraising will be through a Free Will Offering and the proceeds will be directed towards the Truth and Reconciliation project of our church. You will have your choice of vegan, turkey, chicken, or meat chili, buns and ice cream bars. We will also wish Angus Sinclair Godspeed as this will be his last Sunday with Elmwood. Please join us!



For the month of 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.

**ANNUAL MEETING** will take place on **February 12<sup>th</sup>** 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!