

Passing of the Peace

L: The Peace of Christ be with you all

P: And also with you

*Hymn: **What child is this**

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament: **Isaiah 60:1-6**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **72:1-7**

***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: **Ephesians 3:1-12**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson: **St. Matthew 2:1-12**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

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

*Hymn: **How brightly beams the morning star**

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Sermon

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: **Brightest and best of the stars**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Toccata in e minor

J. Pachelbel

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

 We welcome and give thanks to Organist, Kelsey Lenti for her assistance with our worship services these coming weeks while our Music Director, Bonnie Neaves is recovering from recent knee surgery.

 Prayer Partnership – (Epiphany Sunday) Source of Wisdom and Creator of the heavens who led the Magi to worship the Christ child, guide us so that we may find our calling and journey's end in Jesus Christ.



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)

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Annual Report time is fast approaching. The 2025 written and financial forms have been emailed to the group and committee leaders. If you require hard copies of these forms, please contact Karen in the church office. **Completion date is January 18, 2026....or earlier please!** If you are not the person responsible for the completion of these forms, please ensure they are directed and received by the appropriate person. Thank you!

Elmwood Ladies Fellowship – No meetings in January & February, but will resume March 3rd.

Please Check Your Mailbox (Fleck Hall) – The 2026 offering envelopes have been distributed. Please advise Karen Russo (Office Admin.) if there are any errors or omissions.

Give a gift with meaning! - The **2025-26 Gifts of Change** - catalogue supports marginalized communities across Canada and around the world. Giving a gift from this catalogue, you can be sure your gifts will be used to carry out life-changing programs that are responding to the needs of people affected by poverty, hunger, natural disasters and conflict. Catalogues available in the Narthex and church office.

Send a Gift of Hope card - 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!



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. These items will be donated to My Sister's Place.

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.