Dates To Remember

Jan.	**8**	Dream Group – 4:00 p.m. (Campbell Room)
	9	Session – 7:30 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
	13	Baptism of the Lord - Holy Communion
		Annual Report forms are due
	20	Food Bank Sunday
	25	TG;IF – 5:15 – 6:45 p.m. Dinner 5:30ish
Feb.	**10**	Annual Meeting - following worship

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

Presbyterians Sharing **Every gift matters -** Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* reflect the joint efforts and witness of Presbyterians across Canada who live out the gospel message in all aspects of life. Together, we put our faith into action by equipping congregations, ministries and presbyteries; engaging in evangelism, outreach and discipleship; embracing local, national and international mission work; living out God's call to justice; empowering youth; engaging in healing and reconciliation; creating new faith communities and supporting congregations – and so much more! Dr. Nick Bauman, who spent the past 2 years serving as PCC mission staff in Nepal, shares, "Our lives are not our own, but are gifts, and we are entrusted by God to be stewards of these gifts." Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are making a difference, thanks to the generosity of Presbyterians across Canada. Every gift matters!

Presbyterians Sharing is making a difference

Information concerning the various groups within the congregation may be obtained by calling the church office.

*Bible Study * Board of Managers * Centering Prayer*
*Choir * Christian Education * Dream Group*
*Elmwood Ladies Fellowship * Library Committee*
*Men's Fellowship * Mission * Pastoral Care * Quilters*
*Session * Stewardship and Outreach * Work & Worship*

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.

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ELMWOOD AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Community Caring Christ

Sunday, January 6, 2019

The Epiphany Of Our Lord

Minister: Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
Director of Music: Lorraine Clark, A. Mus., B.Mus., B.Ed.
Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO

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

Organ Prelude: O Morning Star — *Franklin Ritter*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Congregational Introit: Holy, holy, holy (verse 1) — # 299

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **As with gladness men of old** — **# 172**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession
M: Lord, have mercy upon us
P: Christ, have mercy upon us
M: Lord, have mercy upon us

Prayer for the Day

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace
M: The Peace of Christ be with you all
P: And also with you

Children's Time

*Hymn: **What star is this** — **# 170**

Choir Anthem: The Three Kings — *P. Cornelius*

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

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

Responsive Psalm: **72:1-14** (Refrain I)

***Gloria Patri Hymn** # 594

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

Scripture Readings: **Ephesians 3:1-12** (pgs. 1254-r, 1134-w, 950-NRSV)
St. Matthew 2:1-12 (pgs. 1036-r, 934-w, 783-NRSV)

M: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,
P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

We Respond in Faith and Service

*Hymn: **What child is this** **# 161**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
M: Lord, in your mercy
P: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Offering of our Gifts in Response

Organ Offertory: Rejoice and Be Merry *Todd Kendall*

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow # 830

*Prayer of Dedication

*****Hymn: **Songs of thankfulness and praise** **# 176**

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Choral Amen (congregation)

Organ Postlude: Noel Suisse *L.C. Daquin*

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning have been placed by Carol Rayner to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Barry Rayner.

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 for Coffee Hour in Fleck Hall.*** *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.*

Stewardship Moment – Gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.
G.K. Chesterton (1874 – 1936), writer, lay theologian

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

❖**Play Area** for children aged 0 – 7 yrs. during the worship service. An usher can direct you there. Please make the necessary arrangements for your children's supervision. Thank you.

❖**Annual Report** time is fast approaching. The 2018 written and financial forms are in your committees' mailbox. **Completion date is January 13, 2019….or earlier please!**

❖**Bible Study** – will resume January 10 and meets every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Campbell Room. All welcome.

❖**Elmwood Ladies Fellowship** – No meetings in January & February. Will resume March 5th.

❖**January 20 Is Food Bank Sunday** - If you would keep in mind that we are in need of some of the following items, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

- Canned meat and fish
- Protein Bars/Cereal Bars
- Coffee/Tea
- Paper products i.e. bathroom tissue
- Cereal
- Fruit cups/lunch snacks
- Fruit juices
- Laundry Soaps
- Items that do not require a can opener or cooking

Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex.

❖**The Presbyterian Church in Canada** has joined its voice with over 100 Muslim, interfaith and community groups across the country calling on the Canadian government to designate January 29 a National Day of Action Against Hate and Intolerance.

Six Muslim men were shot and killed after a gunman opened fire at the Islamic Cultural Centre in Quebec City on January 29, 2017. In memory of the victims of the deadly attack, the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) spearheaded an open letter, signed by the PCC, and sent to the Canadian government in the spirit of allowing all Canadians "to join together in the fight against Islamophobia and hate of all kinds."

A copy of the letter is posted on the bulletin board across from our church office or go online to *https://presbyterian.ca/2018/12/10/day-of-action-against-hate-and-intolerance*.

Presbyterian Prayer Partnership – Pray that the church may be guided, like the magi, to go in new and faithful paths.

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

Listen Again: You can hear recordings of the latest sermons on our website. Visit www.elmwoodchurch.ca/media