



Dates To Remember


Jan. 11	Session 7:30 p.m.
15	Food Bank Sunday
	2022 Annual Report forms are due

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


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 **PCC Daily Prayer** – Let us remember our baptism and pray that we will live in ways that fulfil the promises made on our behalf, and may we boldly confess Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

 **Stewardship Moment** – Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

 **PWS&D** Adau Maduok Dut lives in South Sudan with her four children. Struggling to make ends meet after her husband left the family, **Adau’s life improved after receiving assistance through a project, supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, that provides food packages to struggling families in South Sudan.** “I knew immediately that my children would not have to suffer again since we had food and were equipped with the seeds and tools to start a fresh life,” Adau said.

Please mark your donation envelopes *PWS&D – South Sudan*. Thank you!

 **PWS&D Give a gift with meaning!** - The **2022-23 Gifts of Change** catalogue supports marginalized communities across Canada and around the world. Not only is giving a gift from this catalogue unique, but 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 will be sent acknowledging the donation. When you complete your online donation, enter their name, address and a brief message. You may also call the PWS&D office at 1-800-619-7301 ext. 291 and they will send them a card on your behalf. Your loved ones will be honoured to know that they inspired your generosity.

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January 8, 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.*

Prelude: How Brightly Beams the Morning Star *Buxtehude*
Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

- Lighting of the Worship Candle
- *Call to Worship
- *Hymn: **As with gladness men of old** # 172
- 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: **We three kings**
Anthem: When John Baptised By Jordan's River

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination
First Reading: **Isaiah 42:1-9** (pgs. 778-r, 703-w, 584-NRSV)
L: This is the Word of the Lord
P: **Thanks be to God**
Responsive Psalm: **29**

***Gloria Patri**

*Glorify 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.*

Acts 10:34-43 (pgs. 1180-r, 1067-w, 895-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

St. Matthew 3:13-17 (pgs. 1037-r, 935-w, 784-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

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

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

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Sermon

Solo: As I Went Down to the River to Pray (*Traditional*)

Soloist: Steve O'Neil

We Respond in Faith and Service

*The Apostles' Creed (see front cover of the Book of Praise)

Prayers of Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy

P: **Hear our prayer**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Setting of Communion Music: St. Andrew's Grimsby Service *Van der Hoek*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving # 564

Sanctus, Mystery of Faith (see insert)

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Breaking of the Bread & Elevation of the Cup

Lamb of God (see insert)

Distribution of the Elements

Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn: **Christ, whose glory fills the skies** # 177

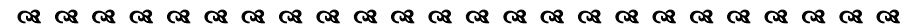
*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: March of the Wise Men *Dubois*




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.*

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



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sacrament of Holy Communion - Please sign in – All those baptized into Christ's Church are invited to the Lord's Table. We ask that you sign the attendance cards located in the pews. Session relies on these cards to maintain accurate records. Thank you.

Communion Wine: Wine is available in the inner rings of the trays. Grape juice is the outer ring.

Next Sunday, January 15 is Food Bank Sunday – The need is great so, if you would keep in mind that we are in need of following items for our food cupboard it would be appreciated.

- coffee •juice boxes • cereal & cereal bars • canned meats & fish
- heat & serve soups & pastas • peanut butter • toilet & facial tissue

Also requesting empty, clean bread bags and large (650 g. +) yogurt containers. Leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Annual Report time is fast approaching. The 2022 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 15, 2023....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!



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.