

## Dates To Remember

Jan. 12	Session 7:30 p.m.
16	Food Bank Sunday
23	Pulpit: Rev. Kathy Fraser
30	Pulpit: Wilma Boyce



We are God's people, called to serve God with our many gifts. We belong to a denomination that is connected by faith, governance, history and mission. **Presbyterians Sharing is one of the ways that Presbyterians across Canada work together to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love and hope in our communities, in Canada and around the world.** Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing help build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share God's love. When we work together, we can accomplish so much more than we ever could on our own.



**Life-Saving Food Assistance in Afghanistan** - When the Taliban took control of Afghanistan in August, an atmosphere of uncertainty prevailed in the country. Large numbers of people fled to urban centres in hopes of exiting the country, leaving their homes and livelihoods behind. Many are struggling to make ends meet.

With a new government in place, significant concerns are on the horizon. A collapsing economy, soaring prices, widespread impoverishment, rapidly spreading hunger, and restrictions on the banking system impeding access to cash are just a few.

The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) says 97% of Afghanistan's 40-million-person population could fall below the poverty line by mid-2022.

As winter sets in, these numbers will only get worse.

**PW&SD Responds. Please mark your donation "Afghanistan Relief."**



## OUR PURPOSE

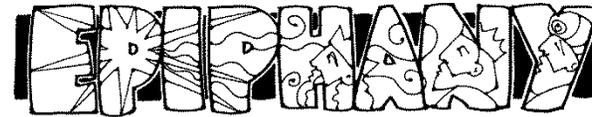
Our mission as a congregation, with the Holy Spirit as our guide, is to share the good news of Jesus Christ in the world, and to fulfill our responsibilities to God and our neighbours.

Information concerning the various groups within the congregation may be obtained by calling the church office – 519-438-3492

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**Community**  
**Caring**  
**Christ**



the Baptism  
of our Lord

January 9, 2022

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!*

*I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"*  
 Psalm 122

Worship will continue to look different for now. There will be no greeting after the service and no coffee-hour. An offering can be made in one of the offering plates upon entering or leaving.

We all miss the social interaction aspect of worship, but the health of worshippers is a high priority. Please wear your mask and maintain a physical distance of two meters between yourself and anyone who is not part of your family group. Only one washroom is open for use. Thank you for showing concern and care for others.

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

Prelude: Aria and Oraison (Contrastes) Dénis Bédard  
 Words of Welcome and Announcements

## We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship:

\*Hymn: **What was your vow and vision** (tune: Thornbury # 477) # 182

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: **Christ, when for us you were baptized** (vs. 1, 2, 4)

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### **Hear the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Isaiah 43:1-7** (pgs. 779-r, 704-w, 585-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **29**

\***Gloria Patri** (sung)

*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.*

**Acts 8:14-17** (pgs. 1177-r, 1064-w, 892-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

**St. Luke 3:15-17, 21-22** (pgs. 1102-r, 994-w, 834-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

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

\*Hymn: **Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness** (vs. 1, 3, 5)

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Sermon

Dedication of Anthem Books in memory of Maysie Reid

### **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: **Songs of thankfulness and praise** (vs. 1, 2, 5)

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\*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: Tarantelle (Contrastes)

*Dénis Bédard*



**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 as our Lord and Saviour.



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning have been placed by Ann Fitchett to the glory of God and in loving memory of her dear mother, Maysie Reid.

Today we dedicate Anthem Books in memory of Maysie Reid. A gift from Paul and Enid Merritt.



**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. 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.



### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**



Our January and February mission is to provide items for Anova. Anova provides safe places, shelter, support, counseling, and resources for abused women, their children, and all oppressed individuals to find a new start. Please consider donating the following items:

- ❖ Self-care items for women & children
- ❖ Small housewares - NEW
- ❖ Gift Cards
- ❖ Diapers & Baby Food
- ❖ Underwear - NEW

If you prefer to donate money, please make your cheque payable to Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church with a notation on the cheque and envelope stating 'Mission Project'. *Thank you from your Mission Committee.*

**Pop Can Tabs** – Please continue to save pop can tabs. The current project is a wheelchair for Pierce Wisotzki, a quiet 19 year old young man from Strathroy who has C.P. He attends Holy Cross High School there. Pierce is an only child who enjoys a wide variety of music and has an interest in many instruments. He displays technical talent with his ipad and computer. He also finds much joy being outdoors and on walks, exploring. He needs a larger, stronger wheel chair with features that will ensure his safety. So save your aluminum tabs and help Pierce acquire a new, stronger, wheel chair! Your tabs can be dropped off in the Narthex or at the church office during office hours. Thank you!

**Next Sunday, January 16 is Food Bank Sunday** - Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. If you would keep in mind our Food Cupboard is in need of coffee, ready serve soups and pastas, peanut butter, cereal bars and canned meats, salmon & tuna (no sardines needed at this time.) Thank you!

**2021 Annual Report** – The completed written and financial forms are due **today**. Thank you!

**Elmwood's FALL FOODIE FARE** – There is still a nice selection, but a limited supply of some items. Curb side pick-up during church office hours or to your door delivery is an option.  
*Dianne Walker & Joan Walsh*