

Dates To Remember

Mar. 14	Session 11:00 a.m. (Campbell Room)
16	Food Bank Sunday
23	Concert - With a Voice of Singing - 2:30 p.m. (Sanctuary) Note: No Coffee Hour Mar. 23rd in preparation for concert
28	Truth and Reconciliation Book Talk – 11:00 a.m. (Campbell)
Apr. 1	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship meeting – 2:00 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
	<i>Dew Drop In</i> - coffee/tea and conversation every Wednesday, 10 a.m. -12:00 p.m. in Fleck Hall. Join us!

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

Sister Church Event:

Choral Connection invites you to a performance of **Bach's Mass in B Minor on Good Friday, April 18th at 7:30 p.m.** at Knox Presbyterian Church in St. Thomas (55 Hincks St.) Please visit website at www.choralconnection.ca to purchase tickets, or call Heather at 519-633-7288.



MISSION The Men's Mission is in dire need of the following items: underwear, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, deodorant.

For the months of March and April, please consider donating any or all of the above items to the laundry basket in the narthex and they will be delivered to the head office at York and Rectory streets. Thank you from the Mission Committee.

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.



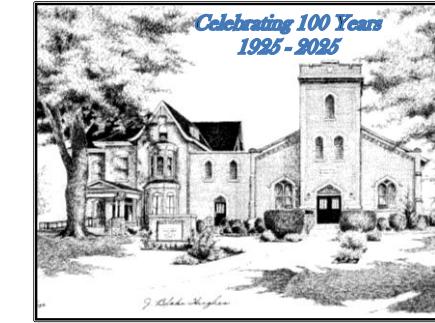
 Did you know that gifts to Presbyterians Sharing provide the foundation for what we do together as the PCC? Through our gifts, we provide funding for ministries with vulnerable people and appeal to governments to take action and prioritize funding to protect our planet, stop racism and discrimination, eliminate poverty and more. We equip leaders through theological colleges, conferences and webinars. Coaches and mentors walk alongside congregations as they seek out new directions. Grants help launch new faith communities and renew established ones. We work with international partners to share the good news of Christ. We speak up for children's rights and the protection of refugees, asylum seekers, migrant workers and their families. We provide spaces for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to walk together on a journey of healing and reconciliation. Together, we are working to build a church where all are welcome.

 **PCC Prayer – 1st Sunday in Lent.** We pray that we may know the Spirit's blessing blowing in us and through us, so that we may live out what is required of us: to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

 **Stewardship Moment:** Let gratitude be the pillow up which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.

Maya Angelou

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March 9, 2025

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Music Director: Bonnie Neaves

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: Cantilene
Cantilène

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

*Hymn: **We know that Christ is raised and dies no more**

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

Malcolm Archer
Denis Bédard

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Passing of the Peace
L: The Peace of Christ be with you all
P: **And also with you**
*Hymn: **According to thy steadfast love**

The Sacrament of Baptism
Preamble
Questions for Colten Goyak and Congregation
The Apostles' Creed (*inside front cover of The Book of Praise*)
Prayer of Thanksgiving over the Water
The Baptism
The Aaronic Blessing (*Choir*)
Prayer

The Reception of New Members

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination
Old Testament Lesson: **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**
L: This is the Word of the Lord
P: **Thanks be to God**
Responsive Psalm: **91:9-16**

***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: **Romans 10:8b-13**
L: This is the Word of the Lord
P: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson: **St. Luke 4:1-13**
L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,
P: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

*Hymn: **I hunger and I thirst**

Sermon

Anthem: Into the woods my master went

We Respond in Faith and Service

Prayers of Intercession
L: Lord, in your mercy
P: **Hear our prayer**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Sanctus, Mystery of Faith (sung, see back cover of the Book of Praise)
The Lord's Prayer (debts)

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Breaking of the Bread & Elevation of the Cup
Lamb of God (sung, see back cover of the Book of Praise)

Distribution of the Elements

Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn: **O love, how deep, how broad, how high**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *Jesus, Thou My Dearest Life*

J.S. Bach



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



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 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

Today we baptise Colten Goyak and, together with him, we welcome Shaelyn Ryan, Bonnie Jaworski, Joseph Jaworski, Liam Jaworski and Susan Speake into full membership of this congregation. To help us celebrate this happy occasion, please join us in Fleck Hall following the worship service for light refreshments.

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.

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Jane Hawes

Truth and Reconciliation Book Talk - All are invited to take part in a book study initiated by the T and R Committee. The chosen title is Unreconciled by Jess Wente. This is a very readable 200-page memoir by a high-profile Anishinaabe man from Toronto who has had a career in the film and arts industry as a film critic, promoter, and advocate for Indigenous people. We will be meeting on **Friday, March 28 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Campbell Room to share our reactions to this book. There are some copies available through the public library system. We look forward to seeing you there on March 28!

Please RSVP to steve.oneil@sympatico.ca by March 26 so we know how many to expect.

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March 16 is Food Bank Sunday - We are in need of the following items: • peanut butter • coffee • cereal • cans of heat & serve pasta. Please leave your donations in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!