


Dates To Remember

Dec. 3	Christmas in the Village 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
6	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship – Potluck 1 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
11	Holy Communion
18	Food Bank Sunday
24	Christmas Eve worship service 7:30 p.m.

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

OTHER EVENTS

Choral Connection would like to invite you to our performance of **Handel's Messiah** on **Saturday, December 17th at 7:30pm**. This concert will take place at Knox Presbyterian Church in St. Thomas. To purchase tickets online, please visit our website at www.choralconnection.ca, or call Lucy at 519-661-6902.

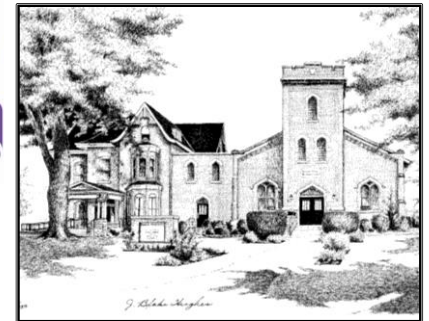
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 **PWS&D** Raamia fled to Pakistan with her daughter after divorcing her abusive husband in Afghanistan. As a single mother, Raamia made and sold handicrafts to support herself and her daughter, Zainab. On their way to the city of Lahore, she and her daughter got into an accident. Her daughter was unharmed, but Raamia was severely injured, resulting in her arm having to be amputated. After the accident, she could not continue working on her handicrafts. Raamia and her daughter were selected to receive cash support from a project by Community World Service Asia, a Presbyterian World Service & Development partner. "I was able to buy some food supplies with the money I received," she said. **This project is helping refugee families who have fled Afghanistan since the Taliban takeover.** Please mark your donations "PWS&D". Thank you!

**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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Office Hours (currently): 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Monday – Thursday
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November 27, 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!

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.*

Preludes: Sleepers Wake J.S. Bach
 Now Comes the Saviour of the World J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **Come, thou long-expected Jesus** # 110

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: **Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

Anthem: E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Isaiah 2:1-5** (pgs. 735-r, 664-w, 550-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **122**

***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.*

Romans 13:11-14 (pgs. 1218-r, 1101-w, 923-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. Matthew 24:36-44 (pgs. 1065-r, 960-w, 806-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Hark the glad sound**

Sermon

Solo: This is the Truth

Soloist: Alistair McGhee

arr. R. Vaughan Williams

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: **Lo! Christ comes with clouds**

*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Now Comes the Saviour of the World

J.S. Bach



PCC Daily Prayer – Nourish our hope during this season of waiting, O God, as we prepare to receive Christ among us again.



Stewardship Moment To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh – aviator and writer



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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY in Fleck Hall following the worship service, to consider and adopt the budget for 2023. Please join us.

RCCO CAROL SERVICE – Today, 7:30 p.m. at Metropolitan United Church (468 Wellington Road). Elmwood Choir will be participating. All welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE, Dec. 3rd, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Come join us in Fleck Hall! There will be crafts, cookie decorating and hot apple cider. We expect upwards of 300 of our friends and neighbours to attend. If you can be of assistance for any part of the day, please contact: Andrew McClenaghan at t.andrew.mcclenaghan@gmail.com or call/text: 519-860-9604

ELMWOOD LADIES FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - Tuesday, December 6, at 1:00 p.m. in Fleck Hall. Please bring your own plates & cutlery. Teams 1 & 2 supplying the meal. Remember to bring gifts for Rotholme.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILBOX – The 2023 offering envelopes have been distributed. Please advise Karen Russo (Office Admin.) if there are any errors or omissions.

Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) it is a convenient way to give--and the church benefits from your steady contributions. Contributions are automatically debited from your bank account on the 20th of each month. To sign up for PAR, call the Church Office.



For the months of November and December, you will see the mitten & sock tree on display in our sanctuary. Please hang new hats, mitts, gloves and socks anywhere on the tree and these will be distributed to Mission Services and The Salvation Army. These two organizations are always so delighted with our contributions!

Please watch for the Peavey Mart (previously TSC) annual *Heat the Feet* drive - socks for \$1 per pair. Thank you! *Mission Committee*