

Dates To Remember

- ◆ Nov. 29 First Sunday of Advent
- ◆ Dec. 20 Food Bank Sunday
- ◆ Dec. 24 Lessons & Carols 6:30 & 8:00 p.m. (R.S.V.P.)
- ◆ Dec. 25 Worship service 10:30 a.m. (R.S.V.P.)

 **Providing Food Assistance in Afghanistan** - As the world continues to feel the impact of COVID-19, some countries are feeling the consequences more severely than others. Afghanistan is one of those countries.

Before the pandemic hit, people in Afghanistan were already struggling with increased food insecurity, unemployment and poverty due to decades of ongoing conflict. COVID-19 has only intensified these issues, pushing over 150,000 Afghans living in neighbouring Iran back into an already fragile country. Households are struggling to stay afloat and finding it challenging to access food to meet their basic needs.

In response to the devastating effects of COVID-19, PWS&D, through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is working to provide 1,100 of the most vulnerable households - 480 of which are women-headed - with monthly cash transfers. PWS&D's local partner, Community World Service Asia, will conduct a total of five monthly distributions, running from November 2020 until March 2021.

Each family will receive the equivalent of about \$120 CDN with which they can purchase much-needed food and essential items from local markets, while at the same time stimulating the local economy. With the winter months approaching and the loss of livelihoods being felt, these cash distributions will be vital in combatting food insecurity.



Stewardship Moment – The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. *Psalm 24:1*



PCC Daily Prayer (Legacy Giving Sunday) We give thanks for and remember the many faithful stewards who have believed in God's church and seeded new missions and ministries through legacy gifts.

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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Sunday, November 15, 2020

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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

We are thankful to be in Elmwood's sanctuary again.

Worship will look different for now. We have removed all the books we normally use for worship in order to minimize the number of items that might be touched and shared. 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.*

Organ Preludes: Sheep May Safely Graze
Dearest Jesus We are Here

*Bach
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Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship:

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

Solo: Be Thou but Near

Guest Soloist: Karianne Pasma

Translation: *Bist du bei mir*

*Be thou with me and I'll go gladly
To death and on to my repose.*

*Au, how my end would bring contentment,
If, pressing with thy hands so lovely,
Thou wouldst my faithful eyes then close.*

Bach

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** (pgs. 1269-r, 1148-w, 960-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **123**

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes,
To you enthroned in the heavens!
- 2 **As the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God,
until you have mercy upon us.**
- 3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- 4 **Our soul has had more than its fill
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.**

***Gloria Patri** (*said*)

***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 Reading: **St. Matthew 25:14-30** (pgs. 1066-r, 961-w, 807-NRSV)

M: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

We Respond in Faith and Service

Organ Meditation

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

M: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

*Commissioning and Benediction

Organ Postlude: Fugue a la Gigue

Bach



Thank you to Karianne Pasma for her participation in our worship service this morning.



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 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.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Today is Food Bank Sunday - Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

2021 Budget – For your review, a copy of the proposed budget has been sent to you by email or by Canada Post, if email is not available. If you have any questions, please contact Des Perry before December 1, 2020.

Hat & Mitten Tree - The Mission Committee has placed the tree in the sanctuary to collect hats, scarves and mittens for The Boys & Girls Club of London. The need is great. If you have been busy knitting and crocheting these past few months, please consider donating your projects to this worthwhile charity. We will attempt to deliver everything to the club before the next snowfall. *Thank you!*

Thank you for your enthusiastic response to Elmwood's *Fall Foodie Fare*! A lovely assortment of both savory and sweet treats are still available. If needed, ask an Usher for an order form. It can be emailed, dropped off in the church mailbox (at west door), or put in Sunday's collection plate. Contact is Dianne Walker (519-649-1046). Curb-side pick-up during church office hours or we are offering home delivery if you prefer.

Jar and Lid Return – If you have or will be purchasing any of the *Foodie Fare* preserves, please return the jars when you're done and anytime throughout the year is fine. Please leave them in the Narthex. *Thank you!*