

Dates To Remember

Nov. 22	<i>Religion and Science – 7:00 p.m.(Fleck Hall) – final session</i>
	<i>Dew Drop In, Wednesdays 10 am to noon, coffee & conversation</i>
23	CNIB – Wellness Day Event, 9:30 am (Fleck Hall) see below
Dec. 3	Congregational meeting – 2024 Budget Review (Fleck Hall)
5	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship Christmas Lunch 1:00 pm

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

CALLING ALL SENIORS – Thursday, November 23rd, 9:30 am in Fleck Hall. This wellness day event, designed BY Seniors with sight loss FOR Seniors with sight loss. This is part of a community outreach service under the CNIB Foundation. If you are 55 or over, and having any difficulty with your vision, we would like to invite you to this free, one-day information programme to hear a panel of professionals, speaking about: Fraud, Nutrition, Sleeping Problems; Exercise and High and Low Technology. Please join us for a most interesting and informative day. Lunch and door prizes will be provided. **RSVP: by November 17, 2023 to Vera Orsini 1-800-563-2642 x 5144 or Email: vera.orsini@cnib.ca**

Reconciliation to Reconciliation – Saturday, November 25th, 11 am – 3 pm. at Chalmers Pres. Church (342 Pond Mills Rd.). Meet the PCC Moderator, The Reverend Mary Fontaine a Member of the Cree Nation and First Nations Friends from local First Nations Communities. We will share and gain knowledge of our People as People of God. A light lunch will be served. Please register by November 15th to wandamayrobinson@gmail.com All are welcome!



PWS&D Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza - As Palestine and Israel are mired in violence and suffering, PWS&D is prepared to respond to the humanitarian needs. The ongoing hostilities have created a humanitarian crisis, with homes, schools, medical facilities and crucial infrastructure having been extensively damaged or destroyed. The conflict has led to a significant mass displacement - 1.4 million out of Gaza's 2.2 million residents are currently displaced.

With the church leaders in the area, the PCC condemns all acts that target civilians, regardless of nationality, ethnicity, or faith.

PWS&D's humanitarian response will assist with shelter, food, livelihoods, emergency health, psychosocial and mental health support, as well as cash assistance to allow people to purchase the goods they require.



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Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
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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: Hymn Preludes on Grafenberg, Christe Sanctorum & Lauda Anima
Gerhard Krapf

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **Praise, my soul, the King of heaven**

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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: **God who gives to life its goodness**

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Solo: Prayer of the Children

Kurt Bestor

Baritone: Alistair McGhee

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18** (pgs. 1010-r, 912-w, 765-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **90:1-12**

***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.

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

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

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **How clear is our vocation, Lord**

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Sermon

Anthem: Richard De Castre's Prayer to Jesus

Sir R.R. Terry

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: **Lord of light, whose name and splendour**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Festive March

G.F. Handel

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



This morning, the flowers in the sanctuary have been placed by Patty Carnegy to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Margaret and Bob Carnegy.



**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](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 or email [afullerton@elmwoodchurch.ca](mailto:afullerton@elmwoodchurch.ca)



**PCC Daily Prayer** – We pray for all women who are survivors of violence and for those who have lost loved ones to gender-based violence. We pray that we, as a society, commit to working toward achieving safety for all women and an end to misogyny.



**Stewardship Moment:** We do not live by what is possessed but by what is promised. *Walter Brueggemann – scholar, theologian*

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

Congregational Meeting in Fleck Hall following the worship service on **Sunday, December 3rd** to consider and adopt the budget for 2024. Copies of proposed budget available in the Narthex. Please plan to attend.



For the months of November and December, we will continue with our usual collection of hats, mitts and gloves for The Boys & Girls Club and we will also continue to collect men's socks for The Men's Mission. The mitten/sock tree will be up in place after our Remembrance Day service on November 12th. If you have contributions before the 12th, please put them in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you for your generous givings!
Your Mission Committee

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for *Christmas in the Village, Dec. 2nd, 12 pm – 4 pm (11 am setup)*. 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

This Christmas, give a gift that matters through Gifts of Change - Forget about buying more stuff - give a gift that makes a difference! Train a healthcare worker in maternal and child health. Buy a goat for dairy production. Plant an olive tree in Palestine. Support an after-school program for vulnerable children and youth. Make a gift in the name of a friend or family member and we'll send them a card on your behalf. Learn more: www.presbyterian.ca/giftsofchange. 2023-24 booklets available in narthex and church office.