

Dates To Remember

Dec. 3	Congregational meeting & lunch – 2024 Budget Review
5	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship Christmas Lunch 1:00 pm
10	Holy Communion
17	Food Bank Sunday
24	Christmas Eve worship 7:00 p.m.
25	Christmas worship 10:30 a.m.
30	Hospitality Breakfast 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. (Fleck Hall)

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

Note: church office will be closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 1, 2024

CHORAL CONNECTION PRESENTS HANDEL'S MESSIAH – Saturday, December 16th at 7:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, (55 Hincks Street). Purchase tickets at www.choralconnection.ca or contact Lucy Van Pelt at 519-661-6902



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



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.

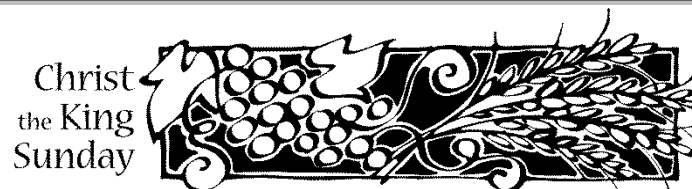
With the church leaders in the area, the PCC condemns all acts that target civilians, regardless of nationality, ethnicity, or faith.

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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November 26, 2023

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: Trumpet Voluntary
Cornet Voluntary

*John Bennett
Starling Goodwin*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **O worship the King**

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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: **Where cross the crowded ways of life**

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24** (pgs. 927-r, 837-w, 702-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **100**

***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.*

Ephesians 1:15-23 (pgs. 1253-r, 1133-w, 949-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. Matthew 25:31-46 (pgs. 1066-r, 962-w, 807-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Come now, you blessed, eat at my table**

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Sermon

Anthem: Behold, the days are coming

Paul Bouman

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: **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun** (Duke Street #67)

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Rondeau

Henry Purcell



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



PCC Daily Prayer – Reign of Christ Sunday Almighty and everlasting God, wrapped in glory; as you are compassionate, make us kind; as you are just, make us doers of justice; as you are one, unite us in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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



Stewardship Moment: Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above. *James 1:17a*



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & LUNCHEON in Fleck Hall following the worship service on **Sunday, December 3rd** to consider and adopt the budget for 2024. Please join us! "Close the gap" free will offering will be gratefully accepted towards the General Budget. Copies of proposed budget available in the Narthex.

ELMWOOD LADIES FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - Tuesday, December 5, at 1:00 p.m. in Fleck Hall. Please remember to bring Christmas gifts for Rotholme children and women; also remember to bring dishes and cutlery for your meal.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILBOX (Fleck Hall) – The 2024 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, contact Karen in the Church Office.

HARK THE HERALD word search solution (fall/winter edition) posted on bulletin board outside the church office.

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

RCCO CAROL SERVICE – December 3rd, 7:30 p.m. at Metropolitan United Church (468 Wellington Road). Elmwood Choir will be participating. All welcome!