


## Outside Elmwood

Today, the 94th Annual RCCO Carol Service will be Live Streamed at 7:30 p.m. You can find the link to this service on the London Centre RCCO website: [www.londonrcco.com](http://www.londonrcco.com) Hope you will join us!


**It's back! On December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm Jazz Vespers returns to Calvary United Church.** We welcome Glenn and Beth Parsons and the Jazz Vespers Quartet. Rev. Kerry Stover will lead the service; "The Light and Love of Christmas." Please join us for a short and meaningful evening of scripture, music and a brief message to start the Advent season. All are welcome and you do not need to pre-register for this service.

### Dates To Remember

<b>Dec. 5</b>	Advent Lessons and Carols Service
<b>12</b>	Holy Communion
<b>19</b>	Readings and Carols Service
<b>24</b>	Lessons and Carols 7:30 p.m.
<b>25</b>	Christmas Worship 10:30 a.m.

 **Even in the face of poverty, injustice and disaster, hope, love, peace and joy find a way.** Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, we are responding to God's call to care for the poor, sick and vulnerable. We are responding to restore human dignity, ease the pain of want and promote community cooperation. As an expression of Christ's hope, peace, joy and love, we are working towards a sustainable, compassionate and just world.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, let us continue to remember our neighbours near and far.

 **PCC Daily Prayer – First Sunday of Advent** We pray that our hope is nourished during Advent as we prepare to receive Christ among us again.



### 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

Office Hours (currently): 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Monday – Thursday  
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### First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

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!

*I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"*  
Psalm 122

Worship will continue to look different for now. 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.*

Preludes: Chorale Preludes on "Sleepers Wake" *J.S. Bach*  
"Saviour of the Nations Come" *J.S. Bach*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

### We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship:

\*Hymn: **Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel** # 122

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

Choir Anthem: Thou Shalt Know Him

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\*Hymn: **Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

Passing of the Peace

L: The Peace of Christ be with you all

**P: And also with you**

## **Hear the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Jeremiah 33:14-16** (pgs. 853-r, 770-w, 645-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **25:1-7**

\***Gloria Patri** (*sung*)

*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.*

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13** (pgs. 1268-r, 1147-w, 960-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

**St. Luke 21:25-36** (pgs. 1130-r, 1021-w, 856-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

**P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

\*Hymn: **Lo! Christ comes with clouds**

Sermon

## **We Respond in Faith and Service**

Solo: This is the Truth Sent From Above – English Traditional

Soloist: Alistair McGhee

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Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy

**P: Hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

\*Hymn: **Hark the glad sound**

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: Saviour of the Nations Come

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**# 110**

*J.S. Bach*



**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](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.



**Stewardship Moment** – According to the revelation of Jesus Christ on the cross, if we would see God, touch eternity, or participate in God's salvation, then we must somehow enter into the world of those who suffer.  
*Christopher Levan, author of the Dancing Steward*



## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**



During the months of November and December we ask you to donate socks, mitts, hats and gloves for adults and children and also men's underwear. Please leave everything in the same laundry basket in the Narthex. Everything collected will be delivered to The Mission Store and The Salvation Army.  
*Your Mission Committee*

If you prefer to donate money, please make your cheque payable to Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church with a notation on the cheque and envelope stating 'Mission Services'. Thank you from your Mission Committee. **Reminder** - Our Mission project for January and February will be hand towels, face cloths, kleenex and laundry detergent.

**Elmwood's FALL FOODIE FARE**—...Mincemeat is still available! We are now taking orders for some of the other delectable items. Curb side pick-up during church office hours or to your door delivery is an option. Order forms are available in the Narthex.  
*Dianne Walker & Joan Walsh*

**Volunteers needed for Christmas in the Village, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 12-4**, on the front lawn. There will be crafts, cookie decorating and serving hot apple cider. Please contact Darlene ten Haaf at [tenhaaf3743@rogers.com](mailto:tenhaaf3743@rogers.com) or Andrew McClenaghan at [t.andrew.mcclenaghan@gmail.com](mailto:t.andrew.mcclenaghan@gmail.com). Thank you!

**Gift Giving With Meaning - 2021-2022 Gifts of Change booklets are available** in the narthex and church office. By giving a **Gifts of Change**, you are making a difference in the lives of people in Canada and around the world. No matter what you choose to support, you can be sure your funds will be used effectively and efficiently to carry out life-changing programs.

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<https://presbyterian.ca/gifts-of-change/>