

Poinsettia Order Form



Please place _____ Poinsettia(s) at \$10.00 each in the sanctuary.

In memory of: _____

OR

In living tribute to: _____

Given by: _____

Envelope # _____

* print on your offering envelope and cheque – “Poinsettia”



2021 Offering Envelopes - This year, your Elders will ensure your delivery. If you have not received your box, contact your Elder or the church office. Please advise Karen Russo (Office Admin.) if there are any errors or omissions.

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.

Dates To Remember

- ◆ 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.)

OTHER EVENTS:

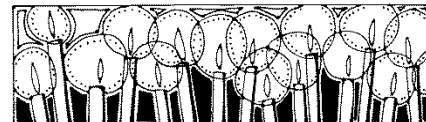
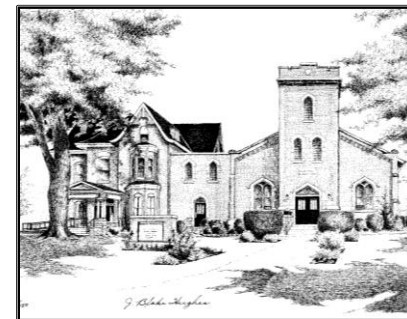
On the first Sunday of Advent, TODAY, at 7 p.m., the London Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists will present their annual Carol Service. The service was recorded at Metropolitan United Church and follows the traditional service of lessons and carols. Readers are members of London clergy, and there are organ and vocal solos as well as a guest appearance by the Salvation Army Citadel Band. We hope you will join us for this service, either Sunday evening or later at your convenience. The link will be available at londonrcco.com.

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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First
Sunday
in Advent

Sunday, November 29, 2020

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

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.*

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

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Advent (*Hope*) 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: This is the Truth Sent From Above

R. Vaughan Williams

Soloist: Alistair McGhee

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Isaiah 64:1-9** (pgs. 804-r, 727-w, 606-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **80:1-7, 17-19**

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you, who lead Joseph like a flock!

You, who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

2 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

**Stir up your might,
and come to save us!**

3 Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

6 You make us the scorn of our neighbours;
our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

17 But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

18 Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.

19 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*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. Mark 13:24-37** (pgs. 1091-r, 984-w, 826-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

Postlude: Fugue on Saviour of the Nations, Come

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 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



Stewardship Moment – It is the heart that does the giving; the fingers only let go. *Nigerian proverb*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Elmwood's Fall Foodie Fare – We are now taking orders for PIES!

See the order form insert. Also, a lovely assortment of sweet treats are still available. Your order form 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.

Earrings for Elmwood – In lieu of a Church Bazaar, Elmwood is offering unique items for sale with all proceeds going directly to the church. Both clip on and pierced, designed and crafted by Diane Coffin. Please call Diane directly at 519-264-2125 if you wish to purchase any of these delightful designs. **\$10.00 each**. Curb side pick-up during church office hours or to your door delivery is an option. Check them out on our website www.elmwoodchurch.ca/events/earrings-elmwood *Bazaar Committee*

Hat & Mitten Tree - The Mission Committee will continue to collect hats, scarves and mittens for The Boys & Girls Club of London. The need is great. Please consider donating to this worthwhile charity. Place your donations in the basket in the Narthex. We have already made one delivery! *Thank you!*