Dates To Remember

Mondays, Prayer Meeting - 1 p.m. (Campbell Room)		
Wednesdays, Dew Drop In - 10 a.m. to noon (Fleck Hall)		
Thursdays, Ladies Bible Study - 10 a.m. (Fleck Hall)		
Dec.	**1**	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship – 1 p.m. Christmas Potluck (Fleck)
	5	Christmas in the Village – 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
	24	*Lessons & Carols* service – 7:00 p.m.
	25	Christmas Day service at St. James Westminster at 10:00 a.m.
		Church office will be closed Dec. 18 through January 3

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

For the months of November and December, we will collect hats, mitts and gloves for several local elementary schools and we will also continue to collect men's socks for The Men's Mission. Thank you in advance for your generous givings!

If you prefer to donate cash or cheque, please feel free to do so. Cheques are to be made payable to Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church, Mission Project. Please and thank you! *Juel Howse-McLean*, Mission Committee

PWS&D Dona Antoine was worried when her baby Doriana started to show serious symptoms like swelling, diarrhea, vomiting and trouble urinating. Her health worsened quickly. Initially, Dona tried a traditional healer. When that failed, she took Doriana to various clinics, but nothing helped. Feeling desperate, Dona followed a community health worker's advice and took Doriana to a hospital operated by PWS&D's partner in Haiti, Zanmi Lasante, where she was admitted to the malnutrition program. She received six days of intensive therapeutic feeding, a transition to home care, and has now fully recovered. This project, funded through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is saving the lives of many children in Haiti every year. Please donate to these efforts and mark your offering envelopes PWS&D.



1st Sunday of Advent - We pray that our hope is nourished during Advent as we prepare to receive Christ among us again.

Give a gift with meaning! - The **2026-27 *Gifts of Change* -** catalogue supports marginalized communities across Canada and around the world. Giving a gift from this catalogue, you can be sure your gifts will be used to carry out life-changing programs that are responding to the needs of people affected by poverty, hunger, natural disasters and conflict.
Catalogues are available in the Narthex, Fleck Hall and church office.

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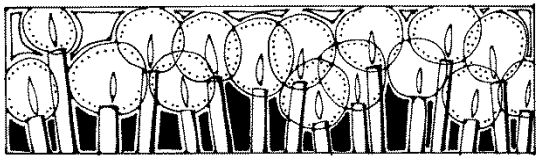

First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2026

Co-Interim Moderators: Rev. Tim Raeburn-Gibson & Rev. Michael Stol
Today's Worship Leader: Rev. Herb Hilder
Music Director: Kelsey Lenti, M.Mus., B.Mus.
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: The Advent Star *Gilbert M. Martin*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **Come, thou long expected Jesus** **# 110**

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: **People in darkness** **# 124**

Solo: An Advent Prayer *Allen Pote*
Soloist: Steve O'Neil

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament: **Isaiah 60:1-6**
L: This is the Word of the Lord
P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **111**

***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.

Epistle Lesson: **Romans 13:8-14**
L: This is the Word of the Lord
P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. Luke 1:68, 74-79**
L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,
P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Lo, Christ comes with clouds** **# 120**

Sermon: ***"THE DAY IS NEAR"***

Choir Anthem: E'een so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come *Paul Manz*

We Respond in Faith and Service

*The Apostles' Creed (see front cover of the Book of Praise)

Prayers of Intercession
L: Lord, in your mercy
P: Hear our prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving # 564

Sanctus, Mystery of Faith (sung, see back cover of the Book of Praise)

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Breaking of the Bread & Elevation of the Cup

Lamb of God (sung, see back cover of the Book of Praise)

Distribution of the Elements

Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn: **Oh come, O come Emmanuel** **# 122**

*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Finale *Gilbert Martin*

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



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.*

Pastoral Emergencies: contact Rev. Tim Raeburn-Gibson or Rev. Michael Stol (Westmount Presbyterian) phone: 519- 472-3443, email: WSTMT@execulink.com. Or, contact your Elder. Thank you.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Sacrament of Holy Communion - All those baptized into Christ's Church are invited to the Lord's Table.
Communion Wine: Wine is available in the inner rings of the trays. Grape juice is the outer ring.
Note: Gluten-free communion wafers are available in the muffin cup.

TODAY, A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING in Fleck Hall following the worship service to consider and adopt the budget for 2027. **Your presence and awareness regarding this matter is important so, please attend.**

Elmwood Ladies Fellowship Christmas Potluck - Tuesday, December 1, 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.

Today, Sunday Nov. 29 at 4 p.m. the *Annual RCCO Carol Festival* at Metropolitan United Church (468 Wellington St.). It features ministers from local churches reading Scripture, a mass choir made up of many different church choirs, and the London Salvation Army Citadel Band. Free will donations will be gratefully accepted.

Please Check Your Mailbox (Fleck Hall) **–** The 2027 offering envelopes have been distributed. Please advise Karen Russo (Office Admin.) if there are any errors or omissions.