

Elmwood Foodies - If anyone has or will have a ham bone they are not going to use, would you kindly donate it to our soup making team? Bring it with you to church and Dianne will put it in the freezer. *Thank you!*

FOOD FARE - Currently, we are planning to proceed with a **FOOD FARE** on **Saturday, November 6th**. We will adhere to all the COVID-19 guidelines and adjust as needed. So, if you're in the midst of canning, please remember to make extra jars for our bazaar. Also requesting gluten-free baking this year along with all the other sweet treats. We need your help and your support will be greatly appreciated. In the event of another total lockdown, we will make other arrangements to sell and distribute our goods. We'll keep you advised as more details become available.

Dates To Remember

Oct. 11	Thanksgiving – church office closed
13	Session 7:30 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
17	Food Bank Sunday

 **Update on Afghanistan** - Pray for the people of Afghanistan given the rapidly changing situation on the ground and the serious humanitarian situation that is developing.

For the last 20 years, PWS&D have responded to urgent food needs and supported girls' education and maternal and child health projects to help improve livelihoods in the country.

Pray for safety and security for our partner, their staff and all those who are experiencing heightened anxiety and food insecurity because of recent developments.

You can support our ongoing work in Afghanistan by making a donation. Please mark your offering envelope "PWS&D Afghanistan"



PCC Daily Prayer – We pray for farmers and farm workers as they steward the soil and work to grow and harvest food.



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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Harvest Thanksgiving

October 10, 2021



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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 continue to look different for now. All of the books we normally use for worship will not be used 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: Partita: What God Ordains is Always Good
Now Thank We All Our God

*Pachelbel
Manz*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship 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: Thanks Be To Thee

Soloist: Kathy Pearson

Solo text:

Thanks, thanks be to Thee,

For Thou hast led Thy people Israel safe through the sea.

And as a flock it passed through, O Lord,

Thy hand, O Lord protected it,

Thou gav'st it safety in Thy goodness.

Handel

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Joel 2:21-27** (pgs.977 -r, 883-w, 741-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **126**

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
- 2 **Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**
then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 3 **The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.**
- 4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
- 5 **May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.**
- 6 **Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

***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 Readings: **Hebrews 4:12-16** (pgs. 1291-r, 1163-w, 972-NRSV)

St. Mark 10:17-31 (pgs. 1086-r, 980-w, 822-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: Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals

Karg Elert



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.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 is Food Bank Sunday - If you would keep in mind that we are in need of some of the following items, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

- canned meats (ham & chicken)
 - chunky soups & crackers
 - cans of tuna & salmon (no sardines, thanks)
 - cans of heat & serve pasta
- Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex.

ALL SAINTS DAY – Sunday, October 31, we remember those who have died. If there is someone who has died, whose name you would like to include, please let the Church Office know in good time.

MISSION COMMITTEE -There is a laundry basket in the Narthex ready to collect your donations of items for school lunches, eg. juice boxes, granola bars, and fruit cups along with toilet paper, baby blankets and baby formula. Please ensure that every food item is **NUT FREE**. If you prefer to donate money, 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 November and December is hats, mittens and socks.