

Dates To Remember

	Wednesdays, Dew Drop In – 10 a.m. to noon (Fleck Hall)
Nov. 2	All Saints Sunday Holy Communion worship service
4	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship meeting 2 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
6	Ladies Bible Study 10 a.m. (Campbell Room)
	Setup and drop off for Food Fare / Bazaar 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
8	FOOD FARE / BAZAAR 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
14	Session 11 a.m. (Campbell Room)

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



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. Thank you in advance for your generous givings! Juel Howse-McLean, Mission Committee



Since Russia invaded Ukraine and the war began, millions of Ukrainians have been forced to flee their homes and require urgent humanitarian assistance. PWS&D is providing food assistance in the form of cash transfers to families in Ukraine, Moldova and Romania, through Canadian Foodgrains Bank member ADRA Canada, allowing donations to be matched 4:1. With priority given to the most vulnerable households, including women and single-headed households, children at risk, and gender-based violence survivors, families are able to use cash assistance to purchase food and other essential items.

In Guatemala, PWS&D supports a project through our local partner, AMMID, to implement rainwater harvesting tanks as a sustainable and efficient solution to water shortages in rural communities. *"In my community, we have had problems with our drinking water for two years,"* shares Catalina Pérez Aguilón. *"As women, we have to carry water and travel 25 minutes to the river to wash, which is physically exhausting. But today I feel happy because of the water tanks; our family will have safe water for our consumption, irrigation for our family garden, and personal hygiene at home. Water is life; without water, we will all perish, so it is important to take care of water to ensure the future of the next generations."*

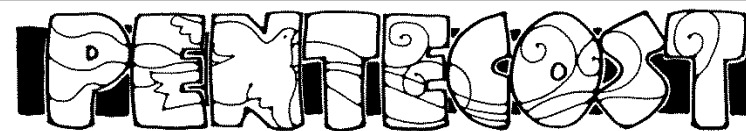
Mark your offering envelopes PWS&D.



Disarmament Week – October 24 – 30 We give thanks for those who work towards peace in places of conflict and for those who advocate for the disarmament of weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, in order to build a safer and more secure world.



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Seeking Mercy

October 26, 2025

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Music Director: Bonnie Neaves

Today's Music Director: Paul Merritt

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.*

Organ Prelude: Settings of "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

J.G. Walther, D. Buxtehude and J. Pachelbel

Prelude on "Cwm Rhondda"

A. Viner

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

*Hymn: **When morning gilds the skies**

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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: **Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer**

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament: **Joel 2:23-32**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **65**

***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: **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. Luke 18:9-14**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Praise my soul, the King of heaven**

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Sermon

Anthem: Fill Your Hearts With Gladness

Sarah Quartel

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: **Thy kingdom come – on bended knee**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: A Mighty Fortress

David Cherwien



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



Our thanks to Paul Merritt this morning for his music direction of our worship service as we wish Bonnie Neaves a speedy recovery from her recent double knee surgery.



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: Living is giving. We live life best as we give our strengths, gifts, and competencies in the service of God's mission. Dr. Kennon Callahan (1936 -), author and teacher, congregational development



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

All Saints Day Service – We will observe All Saints Day at the regular service on **Sunday, November 2**. If you wish to have the name of someone who has died in the last twelve months read aloud, please let the church office know by October 29, 2025.

Elmwood Ladies Fellowship Meeting - Tues. Nov. 4th at 2 p.m. We will be making a Christmas cards! After a long absence, pre-COVID, Cheryl Williamson will be returning to lead us! Also, we are in need of a few items for our Food Cupboard: cereal/breakfast bars, heat and serve soups & pastas and stews and canned milk and juices. Your donations would be greatly appreciated!

Elmwood Ladies Bible Study – Thursday, November 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. will be the start of a six week ladies bible study. We will be studying from the Advent of the Savior. Come get a fresh vision for the up-coming Christmas season by studying scripture and sharing with others. For information and registration contact Jackie Schmidt (519-933-122 call/text) or email Jackie.schmidt@sympatico.ca.

FOOD FARE & BAZAAR - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th Volunteers needed - Please sign up at coffee hour if you can help set up Friday Nov. 7 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. or sell on Saturday Nov. 8 from 9:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Your help is also needed with supplying our bake table with cakes, loaves, cookies, squares, pies and any other mouth-watering treats. Requesting gluten-free baking too. We will also be accepting cookies or loaves to be served in the Tea Room.** Bring in your jams, preserves, baked goods Friday morning so that they can be priced and displayed for Saturday. Cream pies should be brought in early Saturday morning. Donations to Attic Treasures should be suitable for 'regifting'. Once again, there will be no book table. For further information, contact Dianne Walker (519-649-1046) or Joan Walsh (519-268-0941). Your support is needed and greatly appreciated!