

ANNUAL BAZAAR - Currently, we are planning to proceed with our Annual Bazaar on **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 In need of canned meats. No sardines, thanks



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Elder Exemplifies God's Love at Place of Hope

Indigenous PC - Although the work of God is sometimes accompanied by displays of power or dramatic revelations, it is often the gentle whisper of the Spirit that stirs someone deeply. The Holy Spirit has been stirring in Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This is due in part to the work of an elder at Place of Hope, who simply lives out what she believes. In a quiet, loving way, this elder has been teaching the church's young people that God cares about the details of their lives and loves them unconditionally. And in following her example, many older youths have been baptized in recent months. The elder's faith is a compelling testimony and an example for all, as she quietly draws those around her to Christ. Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church receives support from gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.



PCC Daily Prayer – National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. We pray for the insight and strength to work for an end to colonial racism and misogyny that targets and harms indigenous women, girls and LGBTQI25+ people.



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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Sunday, October 3, 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

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 (Mary Ann McDowell, flute):
Adagio (Sonata No. 1)
Largo e cantabile (Concerto in F Op 10 No. 5)
Words of Welcome and Announcements

*Michel Blavet
Antonio Vivaldi*

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: I See the Love of God in Every River

Ouchterlony

Soloist: Gillian Laidlaw

(Solo text insert available in Narthex)

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Job 1:1, 2:1-10** (pgs.541 -r, 493-w, 392-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **26**

1 Vindicate me, O LORD,

**for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.**

2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.

3 **For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.**

4 I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

5 I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

6 **I wash my hands in innocence, and walk around your alter, O LORD
7. singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

8. O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.

9. Do not sweep me away with sinners,

**nor my life with the bloodthirsty,
10 those in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

11 But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

12 **My foot stands on level ground;
in the great congregation I will bless the LORD.**

***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 1:1-4, 2:5-12** (pgs. 1288-r, 1161-w, 970-NRSV)

St. Mark 10:13-16 (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

Solo: For the Fruits of His Creation

Francis Jackson

Soloist: Steve O'Neil

(Solo text insert available in Narthex)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

M: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude (Mary Ann McDowell, flute):

Allegro ma non tanto (Concerto in F)

Antonio Vivaldi



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



Thank you to all the soloists this morning!



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Hand in your pop can tabs. Leave your collected TABS in the front entrance. Used to buy more wheelchairs for needy children. Thank you !

All Saints Day – 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 - Welcome back, Everyone! Not only have you been missed by fellow Elmwood congregants but also by the local charities we support throughout the year. 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.