

October & November Dates To Remember

- ◆ October 12 Thanksgiving Day - church office is closed
- ◆ October 14 Session 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ October 18 Celebrate Elmwood! 95th Anniversary!
Food Bank Sunday
- ◆ November 7 Annual Bazaar

Note: Hospitality Breakfast scheduled for October 31 has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. The next Breakfast is slated for January 30, 2021.



Making a Difference in the Lives of Women and Girls

Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church in Mistawasis Nehiyawak First Nation, Saskatchewan, holds a unique place within the history of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Not only is this church one of the oldest within our denomination, it is also the only PCC church located on a reserve. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing have enabled this congregation to faithfully provide ministry in the Mistawasis community. In addition to a yearly Vacation Bible School program and a women's craft club, Mistawasis Memorial PC has launched a new girls' empowerment program. After school, girls in grades 1–8 gather to learn about fitness and life skills. The prayer of this program is that these skills will help the girls live fulfilling lives. For more information <https://presbyterian.ca/sharing>

Donations can be made through your offering envelope. As marked on your envelope, just below ELMWOOD BUDGET is (GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET – (Presbyterian Sharing). Together we are making a difference!

Thank you!



PCC Daily Prayer –We give thanks for the blessings we see daily in our lives.



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

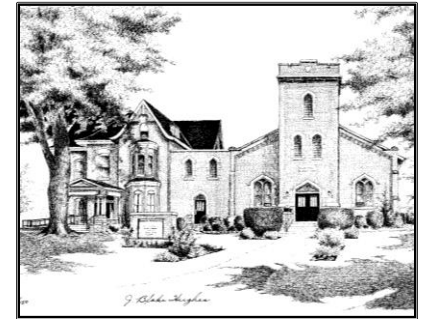
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18th Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, October 4, 2020

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: Meditation on Psalm 23
Soliloquy

Angus Sinclair
Gordon Atkinson

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: My Song of Praise
Soloist: Kathy Pearson

Don Besig

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Philippians 3:4b-14** (pgs.1261 -r, 1140-w, 954-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **80:7-15**

- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- 8 You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.
- 10 **The mountains were covered with its shade,**
the mighty cedars with its branches;
- 11 **it sent out its branches to the sea,**
and its shoots to the River.
- 12 **Why then have you broken down its walls,**
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
- 13 **The boar from the forest ravages it,**
and all that move in the field on it.
- 14 Turn again, O God of hosts;
look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,
- 15 **the stock that your right hand planted.**

***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. Matthew 21:33-46** (pgs. 1061-r, 956-w, 803-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: Trumpet Tune

Bert Van der Hoek



All of the prelude and postlude music this morning was written by Old South composers; Gordon Atkinson was the Music Director at St. James Westminster Anglican Church for many years.



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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER - 2021 PCC Wall Calendar. Cost: \$4.00 each
To purchase, please contact the church office. **All orders must be placed by tomorrow, October 5, 2020.** To view the calendar, go to <https://presbyterian.ca/resources/communications-resources/pcc-wall-calendar>

ANNUAL BAZAAR - Currently, we are planning to proceed with our Annual Bazaar on **November 7th**. 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.

SMALL JARS NEEDED for the Annual Bazaar preserves – Please leave your small jars only in tied off bags for pick up in the Narthex. Thank you!

FLOWER FUND - If anyone would like to donate for the purchase flowers to beautify the sanctuary, please select a date and notify the church office or you can just make a cash donation towards the *Flower Fund*. You may also contact Darlene ten Haaf if you require more information.

ALL SAINTS DAY – **Sunday, November 1,** 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.