

2021 PCC Wall Calendar is now available - It features beautiful photographs of God's creation, submitted by Presbyterians from across the country, and highlights our God-given mission to care for the environment and live in right relationship with it. The calendar provides unique church year dates for The Presbyterian Church in Canada, as well as the lectionary and church colours. **Cost:** \$4.00 each

Special note: the canola field in Woodstock, ON featured in the month of April was taken by our very own Marianne Pfleger! Kudos, Marianne!

To purchase, please contact the church office. To keep shipping costs in check, we would like to place only one order so; **all orders must be placed by October 5, 2020.** To view the calendar, go to <https://presbyterian.ca/resources/communications-resources/pcc-wall-calendar>



PWS&D International Day of Prayer for Peace (September 21)

Today, there are millions of people around the world living in conflict-affected countries. Many have been displaced from their homes and have limited access to basic needs. Children are unable to go to school. Families do not have enough food to eat. There is no telling when home might be safe again. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) continuously provides emergency relief in conflict-affected areas. By reaching out to the most vulnerable to address immediate needs such as food, shelter, and water and sanitation, as well as long-term needs, such as livelihood recovery, education and psychosocial support, we help to restore strength and hope for the future for the world's most vulnerable.

PWS&D responds to conflict



PCC Daily Prayer - We pray for the safety and well-being of those living in conflict situations around the world and that hear the call to be peacemakers and to speak out against forces of violence.

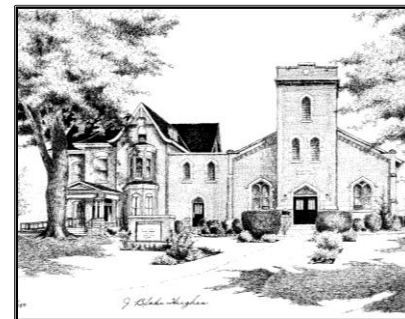


OUR PURPOSE

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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Sunday, September 20, 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.*

Organ Prelude: Chorale Prelude on Rhosymedre
Air and Interlude for Trudy

*R. Vaughan Williams
Bert Van der Hoek*

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: Acquaint Now Thyself With Him

Soloist: Alistair McGhee

Michael Head

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Exodus 16:2-15** (pgs. 76-r, 70-w, 55-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **105:1-6, 37-45**

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name,
make known God's deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to the Lord, sing praises,
tell of all God's wonderful works
- 3 Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Seek the strength of the LORD;
seek the Lord's presence continually.
- 5 **Remember the wonderful works God has done,
the miracles, and the judgements God has uttered,**
- 6 **O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**
- 37 Then the Lord brought Israel out with silver and gold,
and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad when they departed,
for dread of them had fallen upon it.
- 39 **The Lord spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.**
- 40 **They asked, and the Lord brought quails,
and gave them food from heaven in abundance.**
- 41 **The Lord opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.**
- 42 **The Lord remembered the holy promise
made to Abraham, God's servant.**
- 43 So the Lord brought the people out with joy,
the chosen ones with singing.
- 44 **The Lord gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,**
- 45 **that they might keep God's statutes
and observe God's laws.**

All: Praise 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: **St. Matthew 20:1-16** (pgs. 1058-r, 954-w, 801-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: How Can I Keep From Singing?

arr. Richard Walters

Soloist: Steve O'Neil

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

M: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

*Commissioning and Benediction

Organ Postlude: Festive Trumpet Tune

David German



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning have been placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy Abernethy's mother, Diane Screaton-Abernethy.



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

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.