

Dates To Remember

Mondays,	Prayer Meeting - 1 p.m. (Campbell Room)
Wednesdays,	Dew Drop In - 10 a.m. to noon (Fleck Hall)
Thursdays,	Ladies Bible Study - 10 a.m. (Fleck Hall)
Sept. 27	Truth & Reconciliation Day – 5:30 p.m. <i>Book Talk</i> over pizza
29	Search Committee meeting 7:00 p.m. (Campbell Room)

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

Fall Bazaar November 7th - Canning this summer? Would you please remember our Bazaar and make extra jars? It would be greatly appreciated! Jars are available. We are running low on the quart glass canning jars. Please help us restock. Contact Karen in the church office. Thank you!



MISSION *London Community Chaplaincy* is in need of **Back to School Supplies.** Suggested items:

- **writing & paper supplies** (pencils, pens, markers, notebooks)
- **organization & folders** (binders, accordion folder, pocket folders)
- **art & craft supplies** (glue, scissors, ruler, construction paper)
- **math & science tools** (scientific calculator, graph paper)

Copies of the complete list are available in the Narthex or Fleck Hall. List is also posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.

If you prefer to donate cash or cheque, please feel free to do so. Cheques are to be made payable to Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church, Mission Project. Please and thank you! *Juel Howse-McLean, Mission Committee*

 **Presbyterians Sharing** Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing bring hope and transformation to vulnerable people and communities in Canada and internationally. Together, we support the PCC's efforts of confession, truth and reconciliation with Indigenous people. We equip congregations and leaders through resources and webinars and connect Presbyterians across the country through the Presbyterian Connection newspaper. We equip ministers through PCC theological colleges and help congregations discern God's call and create a plan for their future through renewal programs. We live out the biblical call to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. Together, we are making mission and ministry happen!

To donate to Presbyterians Sharing, mark your offering envelope under **GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET (Presbyterians Sharing).** Thank you!



PCC Prayer – We pray for congregations whose faithful and generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing weave together a tapestry of mission and ministry that stretches across the church and around the world.



Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Monday – Thursday

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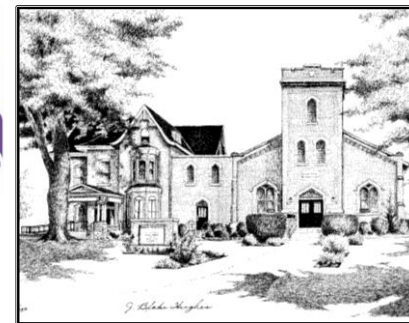
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**Community
Caring
Christ**



Seventeenth
Sunday after
Pentecost



September 20, 2026

Co-Interim Moderators: Rev. Tim Raeburn-Gibson & Rev. Michael Stol

Today's Worship Leader: Rev. Herb Hilder

Organist: Kelsey Lenti

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.*

Prelude: Album Leaf
Pastorale

*Gordon Young
Gordon Young*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **This is the day**

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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: **Take my life, and let it be consecrated**

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Micah 6:6-8**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **124**

***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: **II Corinthians 8:1-15**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. Luke 21:1-4**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Stand up and bless the Lord**

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Sermon: ***"We Respond in Faith and Service"***

Choir Anthem: Sing Out With Splendor

Joseph Martin

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: **Lord of all power**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Postlude

Raymond H. Haan

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

***Our sincere thanks to Rev. Herb Hilder for kindly leading us in worship this morning and for the last few weeks. We hope to see him and his wife, Rev. Katharine Michie here again with us soon!***



**Stewardship Moment** – Money is a great treasure that only increases as you give it away.

*Francis Bacon (1561-1626), English philosopher and scientist*



**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](http://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.



**Kelsey Lenti, our new Music Director!** Originally from Sudbury, Ontario, Kelsey Lenti is a versatile musician and collaborative pianist. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Wilfrid Laurier University and a Master's degree in Performance and Literature from Western University. Following numerous successes and awards at music festivals, pursuing a career in music has always been Kelsey's dream.

Kelsey is an active member of the London music community as both a pianist and organist. She currently works with undergraduate and master's students at Western University as a vocal and instrumental coach, collaborating with musicians of all ages and skill levels. Since 2024, Kelsey has studied organ with renowned Canadian organist Karen Schuessler, continuing to develop her work as both a collaborative pianist and organist.



## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Pastoral Emergencies:** contact Rev. Tim Raeburn-Gibson or Rev. Michael Stol (Westmount Presbyterian) phone: 519- 472-3443, email: [WSTMT@execulink.com](mailto:WSTMT@execulink.com). Or, contact your Elder. Thank you.

**Today is Food Bank Sunday** - Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

**Upcoming Opportunities for Truth and "Reconciliation" - September 25-27 - Oneida Nation of the Thames Fall Fair at the Oneida Community Centre. Also, Wednesday, September 30 at 5:30 pm - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Join us for a book talk over pizza in the Campbell Room.** We will be discussing Ojibway author Richard Wagamese's book of meditations entitled Embers about spirituality, featuring chapters on silence, harmony, trust, reverence, gratitude, and joy (copies available through London Public Library). Check the selection of pizzas at [zenzapizzeria.ca](http://zenzapizzeria.ca), then order and purchase your pizza choice by calling 519-601-0936 by September 29 and mention it is for the Elmwood meeting. It will be picked up by a committee member and delivered to you at the meeting.

*Steve O'Neil, Convenor, Truth and Reconciliation Committee*

**The Silent Prayer Group** is suspending its meetings temporarily out of respect for some members who are experiencing personal life transitions.

**Elmwood Ladies Fellowship** - looking forward to meeting again starting Tuesday, October 6 at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Marjorie Howell (519-457-3839).