

Dates To Remember

Sept. 29	Truth & Reconciliation Luncheon following worship (Fleck Hall)
Oct. 11	Session – 11 a.m. (Campbell Room)
13	Holy Communion
14	Happy Thanksgiving! – church office closed
20	Anniversary Sunday - <i>Celebrating 99 years!</i>
	Food Bank Sunday

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

Are you canning? – Please remember our **Fall Bazaar** scheduled for November 2nd and make some extra jars. It would be greatly appreciated! Jars are available, but **small jars are needed** – Please leave small jars only in the servery. Also, please remember to work on your knitting and crafts. Thank you!



MISSION For the months of September and October, please consider donating school lunch items which will be delivered to Rotholme. This can include:
 ♦paper lunch bags, ♦juice boxes ♦snacks - individually wrapped
 EVERYTHING MUST BE PEANUT FREE. Thank you!

 **PWS&D** PWS&D's annual *Journey for Hope* encourages supporters to gear up and walk, run, ride, roll or do another activity they love to raise money for the food security work PWS&D does around the world. Food security is an essential human right, yet a significant portion of the global population is food insecure, without access to enough food of acceptable quantity and quality. Your participation in and support for *Journey for Hope* enables PWS&D to actively respond to hunger needs through food security projects that improve agricultural production in places like Haiti, Guatemala and Malawi. Funds also help provide emergency food assistance in countries that are extremely vulnerable, including Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Somalia, South Sudan and Ethiopia. Thank you for making a difference!

One Mission, Two Funds – Your gifts to **Presbyterians Sharing** and **Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)** make a difference!

Presbyterians Sharing supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Congregations are encouraged to raise an accepted allocation each year.

Presbyterian World Service & Development is the PCC's development, relief and refugee sponsorship agency. **PWS&D** raises funds directly from congregations and individuals - over and above gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*.

Pray ☙ Act ☙ Give ...Together



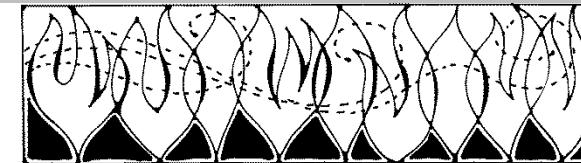
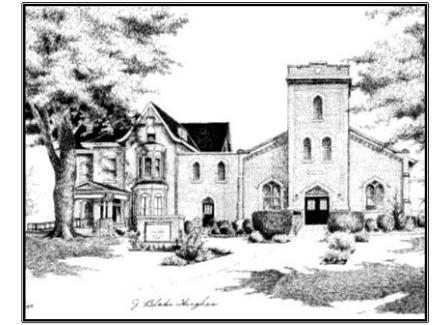
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the First
Must be Last
Sunday

September 22, 2024

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Music Director: Bonnie Neaves

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: *Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Dale Wood

Children of the Heavenly Father

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

"

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

Choral Introt

*Hymn: *Come sing, O church, in joy!*

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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: **Lord, whose love**

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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: I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare.

C.S. Lewis, writer, lay theologian



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Today following worship, the Anniversary Committee will be meeting in the Campbell Room.



The Truth and Reconciliation Committee is pleased to announce that Grant Usher, of *The Imagine Build*, and two young brothers from the Oneida community, Walker John and Orion John, will be speaking at the **Reconciliation Luncheon following the worship service on September 29**. This is true reconciliation in action. We have responded to invitations to events at the Oneida Nation of the Thames and now they are reciprocating. It is an opportunity to hear directly how our donations have been used and are helping to bring positive change to the housing situation at Oneida. We encourage you to attend, to meet our neighbours, to contribute to the cause if you are able, and to enjoy the fellowship of having a meal together. It would be great to have a strong turnout from the congregation. See you there!

Elmwood Ladies Fellowship - looking forward to meeting again starting Tuesday, October 1 at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Marjorie Howell (519-457-3839).

Early Warning - The next issue of *Hark The Herald* is scheduled for mid-October. Contributions gratefully accepted - stories, jokes, photos, etc. Please put hard copies in mailbox E15 or drop off at the church office. Thank you! Deadline is Oct. 3, 2024

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Proverbs 31:10-31**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: 1

***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: **James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson: **St. Mark 9:30-37**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

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

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Sermon

Anthem: Blest are the pure in heart

R.S. Eaton

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: **How clear is our vocation, Lord**

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Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Allegro Maestoso

Flor Peeters



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



Prayer Partnership – We pray for those participating in *Journey for Hope* on September 28 in support of PWS&D's food security programs.

Chance to win London Knights tickets! As part of our 99th Anniversary Celebration, A Millard George Funeral Home has kindly donated four tickets to the London Knights vs. Windsor Spitfires game on January 10, 2025. Draw will be held Anniversary Sunday, October 20, 2024. Stay tuned for more details!