

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. 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day – 5:30 p.m. <i>Book Talk</i> over pizza
Oct. 6	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship meeting – 2 p.m. (Fleck Hall)

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



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)

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



 **International Day of Peace** is a worldwide event celebrated annually on September 21. Established by the United Nations in 1981, it provides a chance for individuals, groups and nations to reflect on and take action to promote peace within their communities. Today, peace feels elusive as we bear witness to conflicts and emergencies in Iran, Sudan, Gaza, Haiti, Yemen and elsewhere. Yet, even in the darkest times, inspired by our faith, we find hope in the efforts to bring relief. PWS&D is dedicated to promoting peace by delivering lifesaving aid to those affected by conflict around the world and by engaging in advocacy to decry injustices. As we observe this day, let us reflect on Jesus' words: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. Presbyterian World Service & Development's key values are:

Compassion - PWS&D walks with distressed and marginalized people, listening carefully to their stories and responding effectively.

Justice - PWS&D works for equality, empowerment, human dignity, peace and stewardship of creation. In solidarity, we affirm that all people are entitled to know their rights, to receive equal protection, and to have access to and control over resources.

Partnership - PWS&D believes in dynamic relationships that involve mutual learning, trust and shared vision. Healthy partnerships are accountable, ethical, equitable, flexible and respectful.



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

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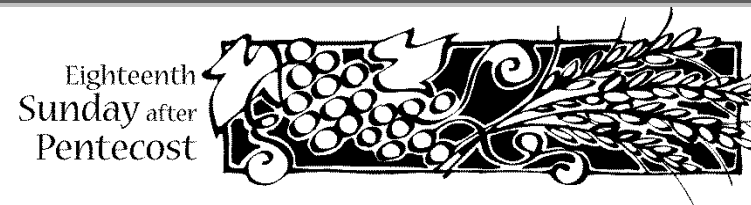
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Community
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September 27, 2026

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

Today's Worship Leader: Inge Stahl

Music Director: Kelsey Lenti, M.Mus., B.Mus.

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: Above All *Paul Baloche & Lenny Leblanc, arr. Mark Hayes*

Here I Am To Worship *Tim Hughes, arr. Mark Hayes*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship (responsive)

L: Listen everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.

P: Come to the fountain, drink living water.

L: Come drink deep of living waters, without cup bend close to the ground.

P: Wade with bare feet into troubled waters,

L: Where love and life abound.

P: Come drink deep and thirst no more.

*Hymn: **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

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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, the light of your love is shining**

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Ezekiel 47:1-12**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **63:1-5**

***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.

Second Lesson: **Revelation 22:1-5**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. John 4:7-24, 28-30, 39-40**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **As the deer**

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Sermon: **"Come Drink Deep"**

Choir Anthem: Go Forth Into The World In Peace

John Rutter

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: **I heard the voice of Jesus say**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Basse de trompette

Gaspard Corrette

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



**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.



I am Inge Stahl, a member of St. Lawrence P.C. I'm not new to Elmwood, but it has been a long time. I retired 2 years ago as chaplain at Strathmere Lodge LTC in Strathroy, which gave me time to focus on activism issues, particularly climate change, Indigenous justice issues and health care. I have four adult grandchildren, a dog, and am a caregiver to my partner Larry.



**PCC Prayer – Wednesday, September 30 (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day)** We pray for the healing and wholeness of people impacted by the legacy of residential schools. We give thanks for Indigenous Elders, leaders and Knowledge Keepers working for healing and wellness in their families and nations.



## **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.

**Upcoming Opportunities for Truth and "Reconciliation"–** Today, 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*

**Elmwood Ladies Fellowship will meet again on Tuesday, October 6, at 2 p.m. in Fleck Hall.** All ladies welcome! Let's have a good turnout.

**Are you canning?** – Please remember our **Fall Bazaar** scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> and make some extra jars. It would be greatly appreciated! Jars are available.