



Parbati Damai lives in Nepal with a spinal cord injury she endured after falling down a hill three years ago. During that time, her family took her to the local hospital for emergency treatment, where she underwent multiple surgeries and started using a wheelchair. However, with her husband and sons working during the day, she was often left at home in her wheelchair for 10 to 14 hours daily, causing pressure sores to develop on her body. Parbati's local health facility couldn't provide her with the help she needed, so they referred her to the Green Pastures Hospital for further treatment. There, with the support of PWS&D's partner, she received treatment and counselling free of charge. Parbati hopes to complete her treatment and return home soon.



PCC Daily Prayer - On International Literacy Day, we pray for the millions of children who, due to poverty, conflict and other challenges, lack the opportunity to learn. We give thanks for PWS&D-supported programs that work to provide many of them with educational opportunities.

SOCIAL ACTION SPOTLIGHT: VACCINE EQUITY The COVID-19 pandemic highlights the importance of equitable access to vaccines and medicines for all. Unfortunately, COVID-19 vaccine distribution has been unequal, with more than 75% of COVID-19 vaccine doses having been administered in just 10 countries, while underserved low-income countries have been left vulnerable to new COVID-19 variants. The World Health Organization warns that vaccine inequity threatens our ability to end pandemics and poses a risk to global health security. The Presbyterian Church in Canada has supported equitable access to vaccines and essential medicines for years, including the Towards a World Without AIDS campaign and advocating for the reform of patent laws that prevent fair and equitable access to vaccines and essential medicines. It is essential that wealthier countries address the underlying factors contributing to inequitable access to medicines and vaccines, such as systemic racism and economic inequality. To begin, we can support the COVAX initiative, which aims to distribute vaccines fairly to all countries by providing funding to organizations to increase vaccine access for all. We can also advocate that Canada develop vaccine production capacities domestically and set a percentage of all vaccines to go to low-income countries that cannot afford to pay market rates for vaccines and essential medicines.

What can you do?

- Write to your elected representatives to express your support for vaccine equity and urge them to take action. Template letters are online at presbyterian.ca/justice/advocacy.



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Get behind
Me, Satan
Sunday



Sunday, September 3, 2023

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.*

Prelude: Chorale; Intermezzo; Prière

D. Bédard

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **New every morning is the love**

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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: **O God, your love's undying flame**

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Exodus 3:1-15** (pgs. 61-r, 56-w, 44-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **105:1-11**

***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.*

Romans 12:9-21 (pgs. 1217-r, 1101-w, 922-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. Matthew 16:21-28, (pgs. 1054-r, 951-w, 798-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Take up your cross**

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Sermon

Solo: O Rest in The Lord

Soprano: Kathy Pearson

F. Mendelssohn

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: **Lift high the cross**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Allegro Giocoso

D. Bédard



Our thanks to soloist, Kathy Pearson for her contribution to our worship service this morning!



Stewardship Moment: God never promised to meet our budget, only our needs.
J. Hudson Taylor – Baptist missionary to China



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 on the front lawn, weather permitting 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



MISSION For the months of **September & October**, please consider donating school snack items which will be delivered to Rotholme. I have spoken directly to Rotholme and they welcome school snack items such as:

- paper lunch bags
- juice boxes
- licorice
- fruit cups
- Rice Krispie squares
- cheese & cracker snacks
- granola bars
- gift cards to WalMart, Giant Tiger, etc.

Please remember that everything must be NUT FREE. Thank you so much for your donations! If you prefer to make a financial contribution to this mission, make your cheque payable to Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church with a notation on the cheque and envelope stating 'Mission Project'.

Pop Can Tabs - We continue all year to collect pop can tabs. When you have a quantity anytime, please hand them in to Ann Fitchett (mailbox D10) or to the church office. Thank you!

Sunday, September 17 is Food Bank Sunday - If you would keep in mind that we are in need of some of the following items, it would be very much appreciated.

- toilet tissue
- peanut butter
- coffee
- cereal & cereal bars
- chunky, heat & serve soups, pastas & stews
- crackers
- canned fruit & puddings cups
- juice boxes
- canned meats & fish

Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex.
Thank you!

Are you in the midst of canning? Would you please remember our Annual Bazaar, **November 4th** and make extra jars. It would be greatly appreciated! A large selection of various size jars are available in the basement. Please remember to work on your knitting and crafts too! Thank you!

Choir will start rehearsing on Thursday, September 7th (7:00 p.m.). We will certainly welcome new members in every section. If you are interested in singing and great fellowship, please contact our Music Director, Bonnie Neaves (519-685-6324). Being able to read music is helpful, but not essential.