

Dates To Remember

Mondays , Prayer Meeting - Will resume September 14
Wednesdays , Dew Drop In - Will resume September 9
Thursdays , Silent Prayer –Will resume September 10
Ladies Bible Study will resume September 10
Friday, September 11 – Session, 11 a.m. in the 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!

Nepal Flood Update - Updates from Nepal provided by The Presbyterian Church in Canada's partner, United Mission to Nepal (UMN), confirmed the devastation caused by flooding that has affected parts of the country's centre. Thousands of people have been affected by the loss of homes, livelihoods and essential services.

UMN has convened an Incident Management Team to review the situation. While UMN is not currently operating in the affected areas, they will be working with partners to respond to the disaster in Dhading and Nuwakot. Their Immediate response will be to support approximately 1,000 affected families with essential food and non-food relief items, based on needs identified through rapid assessment.

UMN Funding Management Team Leader, Bibhu Singh has asked that people lift up Nepal in prayer. "Please remember those still waiting to be rescued, families grieving the loss of loved ones, those anxiously awaiting news of people they cannot reach, those who are injured or have lost their homes and livelihoods, and the many people working tirelessly in rescue and relief efforts. Please also pray for wisdom and protection for our staff and partners as they travel to the affected areas and begin the assessment. At times like this, we are especially grateful to know that friends and partners around the world are standing with us and with the people of Nepal."

The PCC's mission staff in Nepal have not been affected by the flooding. PWS&D is accepting donations for Nepal relief.

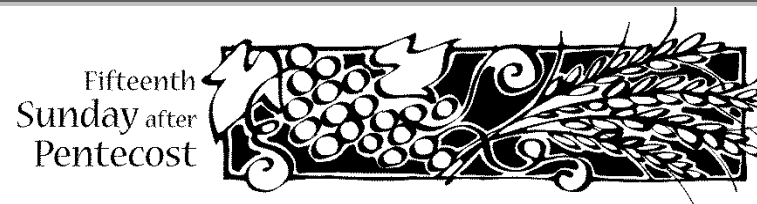
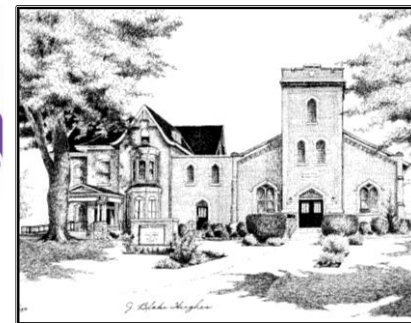
Please mark your offering envelopes PWS&D Nepal Flood Relief.

<https://presbyterian.ca/2026/08/27/nepal-flood-update/>



PCC Prayer – We pray that God will help us grapple faithfully with questions of suffering, autonomy, and the sanctity of life, without losing sight of our call to accompany one another

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September 6, 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: Selections from "60 Short Pieces"

Flor Peeters

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **All people that on earth do dwell**

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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: **Come let us to the Lord our God**

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Solo: "How Beautiful Are the Feet" from Messiah

G.F. Handel

Soloist: Paulina Himaras

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Psalms 122**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **121**

***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 Timothy 2:8-13**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. Luke 2:41-51**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Jesus, where'er thy people meet**

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Sermon: **"We Gather to Worship God"**

Solo: The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

Soloist: Paulina Himaras

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: **Immortal, invisible, God only wise**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Toccata – Sortie

Auguste Larriau

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



**Stewardship Moment** – Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity, I know I am moving from fear to love.

*Henri Nouwen (1932-1996), priest, professor, writer and theologian*



**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.

**We want to warmly welcome back and thank Rev. Herb Hilder for kindly leading us in worship this morning.** Rev. Herb comes from Welland, Ontario. He holds academic degrees from Brock, the University of Western Ontario, and Knox College (University of Toronto), and a Certificate in Spiritual Formation from Columbia University in Decatur, Georgia

Beginning in 1980, he served congregations in Guelph, Sackville and Port Elgin New Brunswick, Chilliwack and Prince George, British Columbia. Rev. Herb stepped away from full time active parish ministry in December 2019. He and his wife Katharine (also an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in Canada) moved to London in 2022. They have two adult daughters - Ruth and Jane and a delightful granddaughter, Nora.



Thank you to soloist, Paulina Himaras for sharing her musical talents with us this morning as part of our worship service.



## **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.

**Ladies Bible Study will be starting a 6 week study on *The Essentials of Effective Prayer* on Thursday, September 10, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Cost \$15.00. For more information contact Jackie Schmidt ([jackie.schmidt@sympatico.ca](mailto:jackie.schmidt@sympatico.ca) or 519-933-1229).



**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*