## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Play Area** for children aged 0 – 7 yrs. during the worship service. An usher can direct you there. Please make the necessary arrangements for your children's supervision. Thank you.

**Thank you** for all of the cards and phone calls after my recent surgery and recuperation. Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated.

*Mary Hickling*

**Project for August: for My Sister's Place:**
They need travel sizes of these: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, bar soap and hand cream. (NOTE: cheque donations are to be made payable to Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church with a notation on the cheque and offering envelope "Mission Services"). Thank you.

**Early Warning** - the next issue of *Hark The Herald* is scheduled for mid-October. While enjoying the 'lazy, hazy days of summer', please think of a contribution you might make - story, joke, announcement, photograph etc. Please send items to church office. Thanks!

**Fall Bazaar - Saturday, October 26, 2019**
While you are enjoying your summer vacation, please remember to work on your knitting, crafts, preserves etc. If you need jars…there's a large selection of sizes stored downstairs in the church's youth room. Help yourself!

**Listen Again:** You can hear recordings of the latest sermons on our website. Visit www.elmwoodchurch.ca/media

## Dates To Remember

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| **Aug. 5** | Civic Holiday – church office closed |
| **11** | Pulpit: Rev. Joyce Elder |
| **18 & 25** | Pulpit: The Rev. Dr. David McKane |
| **18** | Food Bank Sunday |
| **31** | Hospitality Breakfast – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. |

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

## OUR PURPOSE

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.

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

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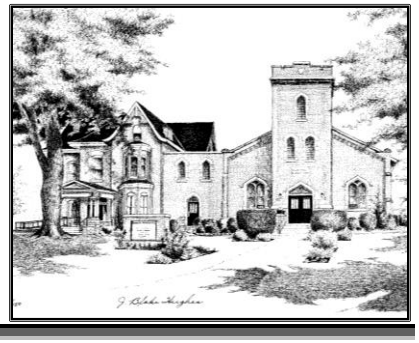
**Community Caring Christ**



**Sunday, August 4, 2019**

# Summer Worship

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
Today's Worship Leader: Margaret McGugan
Director of Music: Lorraine Clark, A. Mus., B.Mus., B.Ed.
Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO

*If able, please stand where indicated with an * asterisk.*

Organ Prelude: Matins — *Healey Willan*
Prelude — *C.S. Lang*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

## We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Congregational Introit: Holy, holy, holy (verse 1) # 299

*Responsive Call to Worship:
L: We are called to be our brother's and sister's keeper.
**P: Who may our Abel be?**
L: An Abel today could be anyone who has been hurt, abused and discarded by others… anyone oppressed or forgotten.
God still asks of you and I:
**P: Will we continue to pursue selfish agendas, or will we look out for our brothers and sisters?**
L: The call to love them is rooted in our hearts.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn: **Come, let us sing** **# 706**

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

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

L: The Peace of Christ be with you all
**P: And also with you**

Children's Time

*Hymn: **Make me a channel of your peace** **# 740**

Duet: All Creatures of Our God and King *Dave & Jean Perry*
Juel Howse-McLean and Kathy Pearson

## Hear the Word of God

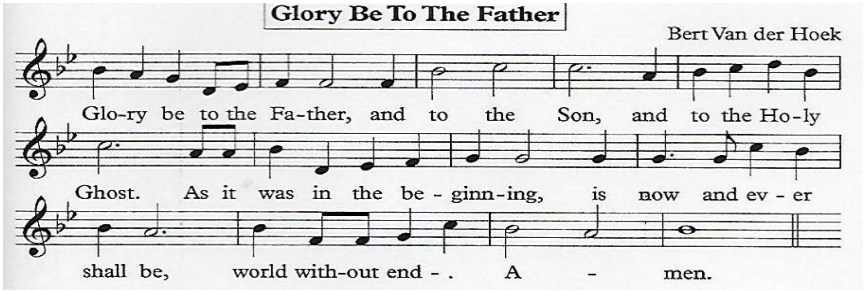
Unison Prayer of Illumination:
**Almighty God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, open your Word and illumine our darkened world, that we may see clearly and live faithfully by the light of your truth in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

First Reading: **Genesis 4:1-16** (pgs. 4-r, 4-w, 3-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **139:11-18, 23-24** (Refrain III)

***Gloria Patri Hymn** # 594

*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.*
*Amen*




Scripture Readings: **John 3 17-21** (pgs. 1140-r, 1030-w, 864-NRSV)
**James 1:12-18** (pgs. 1301-r, 1172-w, 980-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,
**P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Sermon: "**Blood is thicker than time"**

## We Respond in Faith and Service

*Hymn: **Great is thy faithfulness** **# 324**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
L: Lord, in your mercy
**P: Hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Offering of our Gifts in Response

Organ Offertory: Largo – Corelli *arr. D. Wolff*

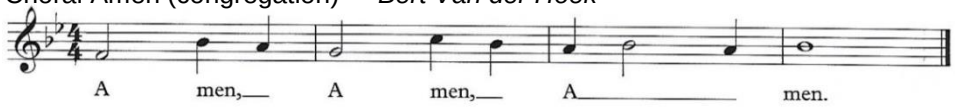
*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow # 830

*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn: May the God of hope go with us every day** **# 726**

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Choral Amen (congregation) *Bert Van der Hoek*




Organ Postlude: Jubilate Deo *C. Armstrong Gibbs*

**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 for lemonade and fellowship on the front lawn.*** *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

**Vacation:** Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton will be on holidays until August 27.
Pastoral Emergencies: Rev. Keith McKee (St. George's Presbyterian) 519-455-5760 or stgeorge@execulink.com

**Welcome Back Margaret McGugan**! – Margaret and her husband, Rob are long term members at New St. James Presbyterian Church. She's an Elder, a choir member, and a bible study leader. She has lay-ministry certificates from Knox College and Princeton University and recently audited a Homiletics course at Huron College. Margaret enjoys her pulpit supply visits to surrounding churches, preaching the gospel.

Thank you to Bert Van der Hoek, Organist Emeritus and Juel Howse-McLean and Kathy Pearson for participating in this morning's worship service.

**Stewardship Moment** – Give thanks for a little, and you will find a lot.
*Hausa proverb*

***Presbyterian Prayer Partnership***: We remember the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 and pray for an end to the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

*When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.*