Dates To Remember

Dec. 4	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship Christmas Lunch – 1:30 p.m.
9	Holy Communion
11	Dream Group – 4:00 p.m. (Campbell Room)
16	Choir Cantata – *Gloria Deo*
	Food Bank Sunday
24 – Jan.1	Church office will be closed
24	Lessons & Carols - 7:00 p.m. Note time change
25	Christmas Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Note: no Coffee Hour
29	Hospitality Breakfast – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. (Fleck Hall)

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

Stewardship Moment – Nothing is more dangerous than to be blinded by prosperity. *John Calvin (1509-1564), theologian and reformer*

PWS&D **World Soil Day (Dec. 5) -** Soil gives life and supports livelihoods around the world. In Badin, Pakistan, Rabia's life depends on access to rich, fertile soil—she needs it to grow the crops she sells each week at the market. But an especially dry summer has led to severe water shortages in her village. Rabia's soil was too arid to yield the produce she needs. With support from PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Rabia has learned to adopt agricultural practices that use less water. She also received seeds to grow crops that can survive extended dry periods. "This is highly beneficial for farmers like me, who reside in water-scarce areas," shares Rabia.

PWS&D helps farmers adapt to climate change

Presbyterian Prayer Partnership – As we enter into the season of advent, pray that God's spirit of generosity and abundance will fill our hearts and guide our actions

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.

Information concerning the various groups within the congregation may be obtained by calling the church office – 519-438-3492

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

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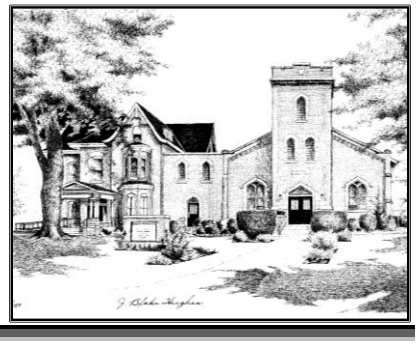

Sunday, December 2, 2018

First Sunday in Advent

Minister: Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
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: Sleepers, Wake! *J.S. Bach*
Selected Settings of Lo, How a Rose

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Advent Hope Candle (responsive reading – see insert)
Readers: McClenaghan family

*Hymn: **Hope is a star** (verse 1) **# 119**

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel** (verses 1, 5, 6 & 7) **# 122**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession
M: Lord, have mercy upon us
P: Christ, have mercy upon us
M: Lord, have mercy upon us

Prayer for the Day

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace
M: The Peace of Christ be with you all
P: And also with you

Children's Time

*Hymn: **Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding** **# 116**

Choir Anthem: People, Look East *arr: Malcolm Archer*

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Jeremiah 33:14-16** (pgs. 853-r, 770-w, 645-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **25:1-11** (Refrain I)

***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: **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13** (pgs. 1268-r, 1147-w, 960-NRSV)
St. Luke 21:25-36 (pgs.1130-r, 1021-w, 856-NRSV)

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

Sermon

We Respond in Faith and Service

*Hymn: **Hail to the Lord's Anointed** **# 115**

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

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Offering of our Gifts in Response

Offertory Solo: O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion *G.F. Handel*
Soloist: Kathy Pearson

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

*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn: Lo! Christ comes with clouds** **# 120**

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Choral Amen (congregation)

Organ Postlude: Toccata from Suite *M. Archer*

Thank you to Paul Merritt for his participation in this morning's worship service.

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 Coffee Hour in Fleck Hall.*** *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

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.

❖**RCCO Carol Service** – **Tonight at 7:30 p.m.** at Metropolitan United Church (468 Wellington Road). Elmwood Choir will be participating in the 75 voiced massed choir with the Salvation Army Band and guest organist, Paul Merritt. All welcome! Free will offering only.

❖**Elmwood Ladies Fellowship Catered Christmas Lunch - Tuesday, December 4, 1:30 p.m.** Cost is $15.00. Please let Jean Watt know if you are planning to attend and, if possible, pay her ahead of the lunch date. Jean's phone # 519-473-5935. Remember Rotholme with a gift and/or toiletries.

❖**Please Check Your Mailbox –** The 2019 offering envelopes have been distributed. Please advise Karen Russo (Office Admin.) if there are any errors or omissions.

❖**Bible Study** – will not be meeting for the month of December, but will resume January 10, 2019.

❖**Annual Report** time is fast approaching. The 2018 written and financial forms are in your committees' mailbox. **Completion date is January 13, 2019….or earlier please!**

❖**Gift Giving With Meaning -** You have the opportunity to give gifts that change lives and have a meaningful impact for others through PWS&D. Make Christmas, birthdays, memorials or weddings extra special by celebrating with family and friends in a true spirit of generosity.

Here in Canada and around the world, the Presbyterian Church's ***Gifts of Change*** really does change lives. To find more alternative gift giving ideas, go to www.presbyterian.ca/gifts-of-change. The 2018/2019 catalogues are available in the church office or in the Narthex. Together we are making a difference. Thank you!

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

Poinsettia Order Form ✂

Please place _____ Poinsettia(s) at $10.00 each in the sanctuary.

In memory of: _____
OR
In living tribute to: _____

Given by: _____

Envelope # _____

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