PWS&D **Yemen Crisis Response** - Yemen is the worst humanitarian crisis the world currently faces. Conflict has resulted in widespread hunger, with more than eight million people facing famine. Ongoing bombing campaigns and disease outbreaks are devastating the lives of millions as the war continues into its fourth year.

Yemen's cholera outbreak is the worst in the world—those facing extreme hunger are even more susceptible to the disease. The World Health Organization reports that roughly 10,000 suspected cases are being reported every week. Access to clean water and sanitation services are essential.

PWS&D will be responding in Yemen with emergency food assistance and water and sanitation programs.

We need your help to save lives. You can make a donation through your offering envelope, donating online or calling 1-800-619-7301 x291. **Please mark your donation "Yemen."**

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!

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.

Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church was founded in 1925 to continue the tradition of the Presbyterian Church in Canada when Knox Presbyterian Church voted to enter Church Union. This may be the first post-union congregation to have erected a building. Our Sanctuary was dedicated on July 19, 1926. We draw your attention to our windows designed by Christopher Wallis, and our organ, built by Gabriel Kney, both of London. The congregation has been ministered to by outstanding spiritual leaders, Dr. Frederick W. Gilmour, Dr. John Fleck, Dr. D. Glenn Campbell, Rev. Rod Ferguson, Rev. Karen Timbers and Rev. Kevin Steeper.

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The Nativity of our Lord

December 25, 2018

Minister: Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
Director of Music: Lorraine Clark, A.Mus., B.Mus., B.Ed.
Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO

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Community Caring Christ

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

Organ Prelude: Angels We Have Heard on High *Wilbur Held*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

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

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **O come, all ye faithful** **# 159**

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

*Hymn: **Away in a manger** **# 149**

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Isaiah 52:7-10** (pgs. 792-r, 716-w, 596-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **96** (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 Reading: **St. Luke 2:1-20** (pgs. 1099-r, 992-w, 832-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: **Good Christians, all rejoice** **# 141**

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

Organ Offertory: Away in a Manger *arr: Mark Blatchly*

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

*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn: Hark! the herald angels sing** **# 139**

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Choral Amen (congregation)

Organ Postlude: Gloria *Michael Bedford*

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 some light refreshments and fellowship 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

Christmas greetings to our Elmwood friends from the McEacherns in Halifax.

Presbyterian Prayer Partnership – "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)."

May you have the gift of Faith, the blessing of Hope, and the peace of His Love at Christmas and always.