

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILBOX – The offering envelopes for 2018 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 4, 2018.

YOUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED! London Chaplaincy is in need of the following items to fill their Christmas hampers:

- * Small cans of baby formula
- * 100 cans of Chunky Soup
- * 50 boxes of pancake mix
- * 50 containers of maple syrup

We would like to collect as much of these items as possible by **Sunday, December 17th** to be delivered by Dec. 19. Items can be left in the church office. Thank you! *Your Mission Committee*

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 2017/2018 catalogues are available in the church office or in the Narthex. Together we are making a difference. Thank you!

RCCO Carol Service – **tonight, 7:30 p.m.** at Metropolitan United Church (468 Wellington Road). Dr. Andrew Fullerton and our choir will be participating. All welcome!

Dates To Remember

Dec. 4	Spirituality Group - cancelled	Dec. 18	Spirituality Group – 7:30 p.m.
5	E.L.F. Luncheon 1:30 p.m.	21	Road of Life Journey -
12	Dream Group – 4:00 p.m.	24	Lesson & Carols – 7:30 p.m.
13	Session meeting - cancelled	25	Christmas morning worship – 10:30 a.m.
17	Food Bank Sunday	30	Hospitality Breakfast – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

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

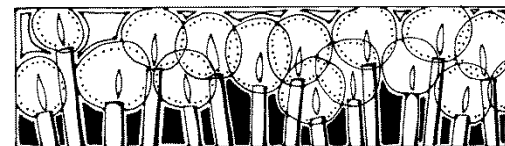
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**OUR PURPOSE**

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  
 phone .....519-438-3492  
 e-mail .....contact@elmwoodchurch.ca  
 web address .....www.elmwoodchurch.ca  
 Clerk of Session: Cathy Cornhill phone 519-681-4932 or email light932@gmail.com



First Sunday in Advent

**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

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: Oh Come, oh Come, Emmanuel

*Robert Lau*

Solo: Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion

*G.F. Handel*

Soloist: Kathy Pearson

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: **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**

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Prayer for the Day

The Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

M: The Peace of Christ be with you all

**P: And also with you**

Children's Time

Lighting of the Advent Hope Candle (responsive reading – see insert)  
 Readers: Joanne Vegso and John Harris  
 \*Hymn: Hope is a star (verse 1) # 119  
 \*Hymn: **All earth is waiting to see the Promised One** # 109  
 Choir Anthem: Advent Supplication Hal Hopson

**Hear the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination  
 First Reading: Isaiah **64:1-9** (pgs. 804-r, 727-w, 606-NRSV)  
 Responsive Psalm: **80** (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 Corinthians 1:3-9** (pgs. 1222-r, 1105-w, 926-NRSV)  
**Mark 13:24-37** (pgs. 1091-r, 984-w, 826-NRSV)

M: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,  
**P: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ!**  
 Sermon: “**What’s it all about Alfie?**”

**We Respond in Faith and Service**

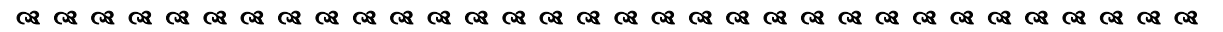
\*Hymn: **Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding** # 116  
 \*The Apostles’ Creed (see front cover of the Book of Praise)

Prayers of Intercession  
 M: Lord, in your mercy  
**P: Hear our prayer**  
 Offering of our Gifts in Response  
 Organ Offertory: Offertorio Pastorale Anonymus (1700’s)  
 \*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow # 830  
 \*Prayer of Dedication

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Invitation to the Lord’s Table  
 \*Hymn for Communion: **The love of God comes close** # 474  
 The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving # 564  
**Sanctus, Mystery of Faith** (sung responses - see insert)  
 The Lord’s Prayer (debts)  
 Breaking of the Bread & Elevation of the Cup  
**Lamb of God** (sung responses - see insert)  
 Distribution of the Elements  
 Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn: **Lo! Christ comes with clouds** # 120  
 \*Commissioning and Benediction  
 \*Choral Amen (congregation)  
 Organ Postlude: Partita on “People Look East” Joseph Bertolozzi



**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 for Coffee Hour in Fleck Hall.** 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.

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](mailto:afullerton@elmwoodchurch.ca)

**LISTEN AGAIN:** You can hear recordings of the latest sermons on our website. Visit [www.elmwoodchurch.ca/media](http://www.elmwoodchurch.ca/media)



**Stewardship Moment** – I believe that if children fall in love with wildlife they will grow up wanting to protect it. Imogen Taylor, British children’s author and illustrator



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**Supervised Play Area** for children aged 0 – 7 yrs. during the worship service. An usher can direct you there.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion - Please sign in** – All those baptized into Christ’s Church are invited to the Lord’s Table. We ask that you sign the attendance cards located in the pews. Session relies on these cards to maintain accurate records. Thank you.

**Communion Wine:** Wine is available in the inner rings of the trays. The grape juice is the outer ring.

**Elmwood Ladies Fellowship - Catered Christmas Luncheon Tuesday, December 5, 1:30 p.m.** All ladies welcome. Cost \$15.00. If you plan to attend, please remember Rotholme with a gift and/or toiletries.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

\* print on your offering envelope and cheque – “Poinsettia”

