



In Haiti, Wilner used to harvest very little, no matter how hard he worked his field. **So, in 2017, Wilner joined an agroforestry program where he received training and learned sustainable agriculture techniques to conserve the soil in his fields and increase crop yields.** His crop yields have now increased, and he has a greater variety of food available for him and his family. Today, Wilner has a beautiful garden with diverse crops, such as corn, pigeon peas, yam, taro, squash, okra, spinach, and forest and fruit trees. This has helped Wilner afford to pay the school fees for his four children and support his family's other needs as well. This sustainable agriculture project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.



PCC Daily Prayer – We pray for farmers in Haiti and give thanks for the sustainable farming projects supported by the church through Presbyterian World Service & Development that help their crops flourish.



Life-Saving Food Assistance in Afghanistan - When the Taliban took control of Afghanistan in August, an atmosphere of uncertainty prevailed in the country. Large numbers of people fled to urban centres in hopes of exiting the country, leaving their homes and livelihoods behind. Many are struggling to make ends meet.

With a new government in place, significant concerns are on the horizon. A collapsing economy, soaring prices, widespread impoverishment, rapidly spreading hunger, and restrictions on the banking system impeding access to cash are just a few.

The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) says 97% of Afghanistan's 40-million-person population could fall below the poverty line by mid-2022.

As winter sets in, these numbers will only get worse.

PWS&D Responds. Please mark your donation "Afghanistan Relief."



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

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 16, 2022

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton

Director of Music: Angus Sinclair, B.Mus., ARCT, ARCCO, LRSM, DD

Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO

Welcome!

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

Psalm 122

Worship will continue to look different for now. There will be no greeting after the service and no coffee-hour. An offering can be made in one of the offering plates upon entering or leaving.

We all miss the social interaction aspect of worship, but the health of worshippers is a high priority. Please wear your mask and maintain a physical distance of two meters between yourself and anyone who is not part of your family group. Only one washroom is open for use. Thank you for showing concern and care for others.

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

Prelude: Two Slow Airs

Howells

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship:

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

Solo: Give Me Jesus – Spiritual

Soloist: Kathy Pearson

Solo Text:

In the morning, when I rise
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world
Give me Jesus.

Oh when I am alone
Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus...

When I come to die
Give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus.

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Isaiah 62:1-5** (pgs. 802-r, 725-w, 604-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **36**

***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.
Amen.*

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (pgs. 1231-r, 1113-w, 933-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. John 2:1-11 (pgs. 1139-r, 1028-w, 863-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

Organ Meditation

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)

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: La Réjouissance



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. 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

The minister will be on an extended Study Leave from January 17 to March 28. Should you require pastoral care or assistance in that period, please be in touch with your Elder. The Church office will be open as usual. Guest Ministers and qualified Lay Preachers will lead worship until the Minister returns.



Our January and February mission is to provide items for Anova. Anova provides safe places, shelter, support, counseling, and resources for abused women, their children, and all oppressed individuals to find a new start. Please consider donating the following items:

- ❖ Self-care items for women & children
- ❖ Diapers & Baby Food
- ❖ Small housewares - NEW
- ❖ Underwear - NEW
- ❖ Gift Cards

If you prefer to donate money, please make your cheque payable to Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church with a notation on the cheque and envelope stating 'Mission Project'. *Thank you from your Mission Committee.*

Pop Can Tabs – Please continue to save pop can tabs. The current project is a wheelchair for Pierce Wisotzki, a quiet 19 year old young man from Strathroy who has C.P. He attends Holy Cross High School there. Pierce is an only child who enjoys a wide variety of music and has an interest in many instruments. He displays technical talent with his ipad and computer. He also finds much joy being outdoors and on walks, exploring. He needs a larger, stronger wheel chair with features that will ensure his safety. So save your aluminum tabs and help Pierce acquire a new, stronger, wheel chair! Your tabs can be dropped off in the Narthex or at the church office during office hours. Thank you!

Food Bank Sunday - Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. If you would keep in mind our Food Cupboard is in need of coffee, ready serve soups and pastas, peanut butter, cereal bars and canned meats, salmon & tuna (no sardines needed at this time.) Thank you!