Dates To Remember

June 2-6	145th General Assembly - Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo
4	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship – catered lunch - $10.00 each
9	Holy Communion
12	Session – 7:30 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
16	Food Bank Sunday
29	Hospitality Breakfast – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

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

Presbyterians Sharing

Receive the Holy Spirit - Today begins General Assembly – the annual gathering of commissioners from across Canada who meet together to worship and discuss, debate and vote on matters that affect our denomination. This year's theme is "Receive the Holy Spirit." Last year, a first-time commissioner shared, "I came home feeling very blessed and encouraged about our Church. I loved the music and the praise team. They added so much to worship. The speakers and the messages were just what I needed to hear. It was an incredible experience and one I would gladly repeat." Please pray for those gathered as they work together to plan the future of our church with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
Presbyterians Sharing brings Presbyterians together at General Assembly

Presbyterian Prayer Partnership – We pray for the Moderator, the Rev. Amanda Currie, commissioners, convenors of committees, guests and staff as they gather for the opening of the General Assembly.

Stewardship Moment – Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns; I am thankful that thorns have roses.
Alphonse Karr (1808-1890), critic, journalist, novelist

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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ELMWOOD AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Community Caring Christ

Sunday, June 2, 2019

EASTER the Ascension of our Lord

Minister: The 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: Meditation *Douglas Wagner*
Hymn *Douglas Wagner*

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: **Rejoice, the Lord is King** **# 267**

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: **The head that once was crowned with thorns** **# 270**

Choir Anthem: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies *Bert Van der Hoek*

Hear the Word of God

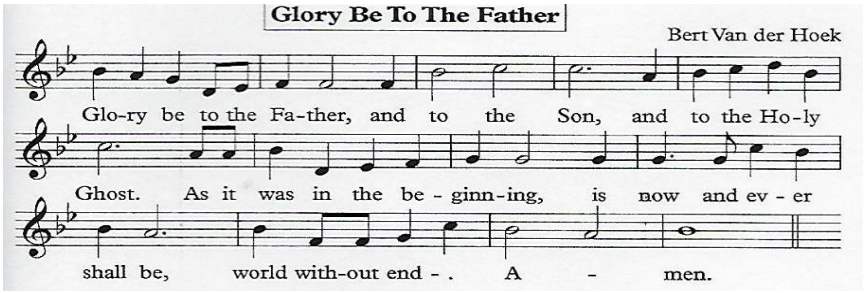
Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Acts 1:1-11** (pgs. 1167-r, 1055-w, 884NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **47** (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: **Ephesians 1:15-23** (pgs. 1253-r, 1133-w, 949-NRSV)
St. Luke 24:44-53 (pgs. 1136-r, 1026-w, 861-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 the day that sees Christ rise** **# 265**

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: Gigue *Douglas Wagner*

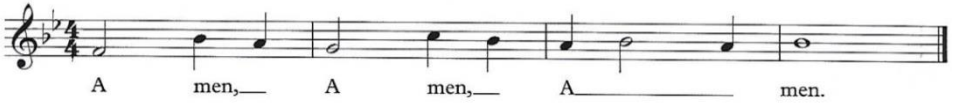
*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow # 830

*Prayer of Dedication

*****Hymn: **Crown Him with many crowns** **# 274**

*Commissioning and Benediction

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



Organ Postlude: Triumphal March *Norman Warren*

Thank you to Bert Van der Hoek 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 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

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are placed by Betty and John Lawrence to the glory of God and in loving memory of Peter John Lawrence.

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.

Elmwood Ladies Fellowship June Lunch - Tuesday, June 4 at 1:30. Cost is $10/person. Please remember to bring Rotholme donations.

Project for June – Your Mission Committee has made two deliveries to the chaplaincy in May and everyone is thrilled with the generosity of Elmwood's congregants. The chaplaincy is still in need of all the items originally listed but we were told that they could really use cereal. When you are shopping, perhaps you might consider purchasing a box or two and donating it. Donations can be dropped off at the church office or speak to Ann Fitchett or Juel Howse-McLean. **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, *Your Mission Committee*

New additions to Elmwood Library's collection are now on the shelves and ready to be signed out. A complete list of the new additions can be found atop the index card cabinet to the left of the bay window in the library. Happy reading, and thanks to all who donated books.

145th General Assembly - The theme of this year's Assembly is *"Receive the Holy Spirit"* and will take place June 2–6, 2019, at Wilfrid Laurier University. The opening worship will be at St. Andrew's Church, Kitchener on Sunday at 7:30 pm.
Follow General Assembly on Social Media #pccga2019

Thank you - Raymond Howell and family would like to thank everyone for their cards and expressions of sympathy following the recent death of his mother, Myriam.

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