


October Dates To Remember

- ◆ October 12 Thanksgiving Day - church office is closed
- ◆ October 14 Session 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ October 18 *Celebrate Elmwood!* 95th Anniversary!
Food Bank Sunday

ANNUAL BAZAAR – is planned for **November 7th**. We will adhere to all the COVID-19 guidelines and adjust as needed. So, if you're in the midst of canning, please remember to make extra jars for our bazaar. Also requesting gluten-free baking this year along with all the other sweet treats. Your help and support will be greatly appreciated. In the event of another total lockdown, we will make other arrangements to sell and distribute our goods. We'll keep you advised as more details become available.



 Today, there are **690 million people around the world who suffer from undernourishment**. Of those 690 million people, 130 million suffer from acute hunger caused by conflicts, climate change and economic decline. **COVID-19 has doubled the number of people suffering from hunger**, putting millions more at risk.

Now, more than ever, it's imperative to take action. By investing in communities, we can help small-scale farmers adapt techniques to deal with climate change, improve food security and nutrition and help poor, rural communities build resilience to deal with crises.

October 16 is World Food Day, a day to raise awareness and take action for those who struggle against hunger and malnutrition.

Donations can be made through your offering envelope. Mark on your envelope, PWS&D. Together we are making a difference!



PCC Daily Prayer for Harvest Sunday - We give thanks for the harvest season, and pray for those who do not have enough to eat.

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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Harvest Sunday, October 11, 2020

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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

We are thankful to be in Elmwood's sanctuary again.

Worship will look different for now. We have removed all the books we normally use for worship in order to minimize the number of items that might be touched and shared. 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.*

Preludes: Now Thank We All Our God (Cantata 79) *J.S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox*
We Thank Thee O God (Cantata 29) *J.S. Bach, arr. David Patrick*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship:

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

Solo: With Verdure Clad (Creation)

Soloist: Katy Clark

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Exodus 32:1-14** (pgs. 94-r, 86-w, 69-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **106:1-6, 19-23**

- 1 Praise the LORD!
O give thanks to the LORD, for the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.
- 2 Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD,
or declare all God's praise?
- 3 **Blessed are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.**
- 4 Remember me, O LORD, when you show favour to your people;
help me when you deliver them;
- 5 that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,
**that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,
that I may glory in your heritage.**
- 6 Both we and our ancestors have sinned;
we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.
- 19 They made a calf at Horeb
and worshipped a cast image.
- 20 **They exchanged the glory of God
for the image of an ox that eats grass.**
- 21 They forgot God, their Saviour,
who had done great things in Egypt,
- 22 wondrous works in the land of Ham,
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.
- 23 **Therefore God would have destroyed them-
had not Moses, the chosen one,
stood in the breach before God,
to turn away the wrath that would destroy them.**

*Gloria Patri (said)

***Glorify 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.***

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Scripture Reading: **St. Matthew 22:1-14** (pgs. 1061-r, 957-w, 803-NRSV)

M: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

We Respond in Faith and Service

Organ Meditation

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

M: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer


The Lord's Prayer (debts)

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: Now Thank We All Our God

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 Thank you to Katy Clark for her participation in our worship service this morning.



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.

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 is Food Bank Sunday - If you would keep in mind that we are in need of some of the following items, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

• canned meats and fish • laundry soap • cleaning products
• canned and powdered milk • toilet tissue • toothpaste & deodorant
Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex.

NEW WOMEN'S AND MEN'S SOCKS are needed at the London Food Bank. Bundles of socks can be purchased in many stores. Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Your Mission Committee

ALL SAINTS DAY – Sunday, November 1, we remember those who have died. If there is someone who has died, whose name you would like to include, please let the Church Office know in good time.