

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MISSION COMMITTEE - Welcome back, Everyone! Not only have you been missed by fellow Elmwood congregants but also by the local charities we support throughout the year. There is a laundry basket in the Narthex ready to collect your donations of items for school lunches, eg. juice boxes, granola bars, and fruit cups along with toilet paper, baby blankets and baby formula. Please ensure that every food item is **NUT FREE**. If you prefer to donate money, make your cheque payable to Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church with a notation on the cheque and envelope stating 'Mission Services'. Thank you from your Mission Committee.

Reminder - Our Mission project for November and December is hats, mittens and socks.

ANNUAL BAZAAR - Currently, we are planning to proceed with our Annual Bazaar on **November 6th**. 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. We need your help and your 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.



 **PWS&D** Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers as these are very trying times for so many. PWS&D is in contact with our partners in Haiti. They are located in areas away from the epicentre of the earthquake, where the main damage occurred. Accessing health care is also a challenge, as many health facilities were already struggling to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. **Please mark your church envelope donation "Haiti Crisis."**



PCC Daily Prayer - We pray for God's wisdom and guidance to protect creation and the world's biodiversity.



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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Sunday, September 12, 2021

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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 continue to look different for now. All of the books we normally use for worship will not be used 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.*

Organ Prelude: Cloister

Chanson de Matin

Garth Brewer

Elgar

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: Lo, God is Here

Soloist: Steve O'Neil

Note: copy of lyrics available in the Narthex

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Proverbs 1:20-23** (pgs. 680-r, 616-w, 509-NRSV)

Responsive Psalm: **19**

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
- 2 **Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.**
- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
- 4 **yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**
- 5 In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong runner pursues its course with joy.
- 6 **Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.**
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;
- 8 **the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**
- 9 the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 **More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- 11 Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

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12 But who can detect their errors?

Clear me from hidden faults.

13 **Keep back your servant also from proud thoughts;
do not let them have dominion over me.**

**Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.**

All:

14 **Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you.
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

***Gloria Patri** (*said*)

*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: **James 3:1-12** (pgs. 1303-r, 1173-w, 981-NRSV)
St. Mark 8:27-38 (pgs. 1083-r, 977-w, 820-NRSV)

M: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

We Respond in Faith and Service

Solo: Dear Lord and Father

C.H.H. Parry

Soloist: Steve O'Neil

Note: copy of lyrics available in the Narthex

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

M: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

*Commissioning and Benediction

Organ Postlude: Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

Handel



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