

Feb. 19	Food Bank Sunday
20	Family Day – church office closed
22	Ash Wednesday

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Helen Keller – author, political activist, lecturer



 **Syria – Türkiye Earthquake Response** - A 7.8-magnitude earthquake has caused devastation in southeast Türkiye and northern Syria. Multiple aftershocks and a second earthquake have only made the situation worse. Over 17,000 (02/09/23) have been killed and many more are missing or injured. Widespread building collapses have been reported and the search for survivors continues.

The Syrian population was already deeply affected by the ongoing war and the economic collapse of the country and now, many people must deal with being displaced, losing their livelihood and surviving the harsh winter conditions.

In situations like this, PWS&D can help quickly through our partners at ACT Alliance. We continue to assess the situation and will be responding. Members of ACT are on the ground and have begun distributing warm food and canned goods to people affected by the disaster.

To support the response, indicate your donation is for “Syria-Türkiye Earthquake.” Pray for all of those affected.

Ukraine Crisis Appeal - The invasion of Ukraine has created a humanitarian crisis. This devastating conflict has already displaced hundreds of thousands of people. The most urgent needs are for food, water and shelter.

To help respond quickly to the escalating situation, PWS&D is receiving donations for Ukraine. As a member of ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, we are well placed to provide urgently needed food and non-food support. **Please mark donations PWS&D Ukraine.**

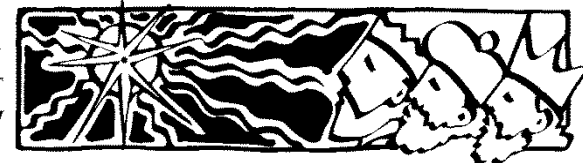
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Community
Caring
Christ

Sixth
Sunday after
the Epiphany



February 12, 2023

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
Music directed by: Lorraine Clark, A. Mus., B.Mus., B.Ed.
Organist Emeritus: Bert Van der Hoek, ARCCO

Welcome!

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.

An offering can be made in one of the offering plates upon entering or leaving.

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

Prelude: Prayer
Cantilene

D. Wagner
D. Bedard

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

***Hymn: Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth**

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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

*Hymn: **Sing your praise to God eternal**

Anthem: Come To Me

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Deuteronomy 30:11-20** (pgs. 219-r, 201-w, 163-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **119:1-8**

***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 3:1-9 (pgs. 1238-r, 1224-w, 927-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. Matthew 5:21-26 (pgs. 1039-r, 937-w, 786-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **How blessed are the ones who hear** (tune # 342)

Sermon

Anthem: My God and is Thy Table Spread

Bert Van der Hoek

We Respond in Faith and Service

*The Apostles' Creed (see front cover of the Book of Praise)

Prayers of Intercession

L: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctus, Mystery of Faith (see insert)

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Breaking of the Bread & Elevation of the Cup

Lamb of God (see insert)

Distribution of the Elements

Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn: **Guide me, O thou great Redeemer**

*Commissioning and Benediction

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Bert Van der Hoek

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Postlude: Cum Rhondda

Paul Manz

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**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 in Fleck Hall for fellowship and Coffee Hour. 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)

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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. Grape juice is the outer ring.

Celebrate Elmwood! - **Congregational Annual Meeting today** following the worship service with a lunch hosted by Session. A free will offering will be collected to "*Close the Gap*" for the General Budget. Please join us!



For the month of February, please consider donating the following items, either new or gently used: facecloths, hand towels, facial tissue, laundry detergent - preferably pods.

This collection will be available to our diners at our April 2023 Community Breakfast. If you prefer to donate cash or cheque, please feel free to do so. Cheques are to be made payable to Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church Mission Project, please and thank you.

Next Sunday, February 19 is Food Bank Sunday – The need is great so, if you would keep in mind that we are in need of following items for our food cupboard it would be appreciated.

• **coffee** • **juice boxes** • **cereal & cereal bars** • **canned meats & fish**
• **heat & serve soups & pastas** • **peanut butter** • **toilet & facial tissue**

Also requesting empty, clean bread bags and large (650 g. +) yogurt containers. Leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Check Your Fleck Hall Mailbox - 2022 donation receipts for income tax purposes are ready for pickup. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Russo at the church office.