

Dates To Remember

	Wednesdays, Dew Drop In – 10 a.m. to noon (Fleck Hall)
Feb. 19	Family Day – Church office is closed
Mar. 5	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship – 2 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
8	Session – 11 a.m. (Campbell Room)

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

Holy Week Worship Services:

- † Palm Sunday – March 24th, 10:30 a.m.
- † Good Friday Worship – March 29th, 10:30 a.m.
- † Easter Sunday Worship – March 31st, 10:30 a.m.



Other Events

GROW: Join us for Lenten Studies over Zoom with leadership from across the Presbytery of London. Learn about how you can grow your relationship with God as we explore various faith practices together. For six weeks starting February 14, Wednesday evening sessions will run from 7 – 8 p.m. You are welcome to attend one, several or all of the sessions as your schedule permits. To obtain the weekly zoom link, please email Rev. Mavis Currie (Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas) at m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca

Choral Connection presents *Mozart Mass in C Minor* with orchestra and guest soloists on **Friday, March 29th at 7:30 p.m.** at Knox Presbyterian Church, (55 Hincks St., St. Thomas). Purchase tickets online at www.choralconnection.ca. For more details, see poster on bulletin board across from church office.



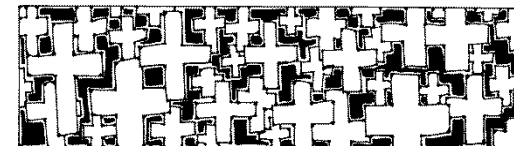
 **PWS&D** Two-year-old Moriamia Safianu has a congenital deformity linked to hydrocephalus. Born into a poor family in northern Ghana, Moriamia faced the heavy burden of social stigma, prompting her parents to keep her indoors to shield her from the community's hurtful judgments. Things changed when she was identified for support during a community survey conducted by a community rehabilitation program. The dedicated staff referred her to the Garu Presbyterian Health Centre for specialized care. The staff at Garu also worked with Moriamia's community to address the stigma she had been facing. Moriamia's mother expressed her profound gratitude: "I am immensely thankful to the CBR program and PWS&D for coming to our aid. Thanks to your intervention, Moriamia is no longer subjected to stigma from the community members."



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Community
Caring
Christ



First
Sunday
in Lent

February 18, 2024

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
Music Director: Bonnie Neaves
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: Largo
Trio on 'Forty Days and Forty Nights'

G.F. Handel
arr. D.N. Johnson

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **O Love, how deep, how broad, how high**

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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: **O Love that wilt not let me go**

Anthem: Lead Me, Lord
Soprano: Kathy Pearson

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Genesis 9:8-17**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **25:1-11**

***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.*

1 Peter 3:18-22

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. Mark 1:9-15

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Come, O thou traveler unknown**

Sermon

Anthem: We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace

Moses Hogan

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)

*Hymn: **God of grace and God of glory**

*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour

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Please note: No photos or filming permitted without the express permission of the participants involved. Thank you.

 **Stewardship Moment:** Stewardship is the way we love God and neighbor with our whole lives, not just our wallets.
Charles Lane and Grace Pomray - authors



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 refreshments. 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 or email afullerton@elmwoodchurch.ca



Nature Garden Design - Session is considering a new design for the Nature Garden on the front lawn. Please review the design concepts in Fleck Hall and share your feedback.

Check Your Fleck Hall Mailbox - 2023 donation receipts for income tax purposes are ready for pickup. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Russo at the church office.

Elmwood Ladies Fellowship – meeting March 5, 2:00 p.m. in Fleck Hall. All ladies welcome. Please join us for an afternoon of games! Reminder, we are collecting for our church Food Cupboard. Thank you!

Today 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.

- canned meats and fish
- cereal
- protein bars/cereal bars
- peanut butter
- fruit juices
- coffee
- fruit cups/lunch snacks
- heat & serve soups & pastas
- laundry & hand soaps
- toothpaste & deodorant,
- items that do not require a can opener or cooking

Please leave your donations in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you!



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 March 2024 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.



PCC Daily Prayer – We pray for all people who face housing insecurity. We pray that governments and decision makers work to remove barriers so that all people have access to affordable, safe and adequate housing.