

## Dates To Remember

Feb. 20	Family Day – church office closed
22	Ash Wednesday
Mar. 7	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship 2 p.m. in Fleck Hall

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



**Presbyterian Prayer Partnership – Transfiguration Sunday** – God of Glory, whose son was wonderfully transfigured, give us the strength to hear and ponder the good news of his life, death and resurrection.

**PWS&D 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 42,000 (02/16/23) 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.**

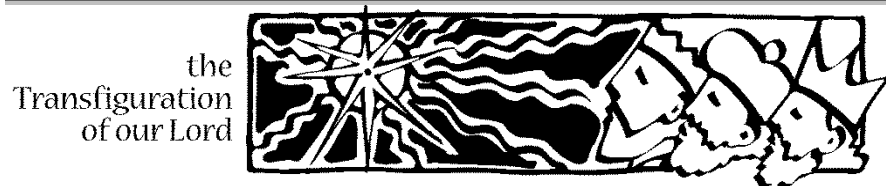
**PWS&D** Climate change, conflict and COVID-19 have combined to create a global food crisis where 50 million people in 45 countries suffer from acute hunger. *Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)*, with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance, is responding in South Sudan, Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia—countries where hunger needs are worsening daily. This crisis has disproportionately adverse effects on women and girls, who make up 60% of those affected by food insecurity. Without proper nutrition, women can experience higher mortality rates for themselves and their children. With support from the church, PWS&D distributes food packages with essential nourishing items and provides families with cash assistance, helping ensure that families are fed. Please mark donations PWS&D. Thank you!



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**Community**  
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**Christ**



the  
 Transfiguration  
 of our Lord

**Sunday, February 19, 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.*

Preludes: Three Liturgical Preludes

*G. Oldroyd*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

### **We Gather To Worship God**

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymn: **Immortal, invisible, , God only wise**

**# 290**

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: **Christ, whose glory fills the skies**

# 177

Choir Anthem: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*Bert Van der Hoek*

## Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Exodus 24:12-18** (pgs. 75-r, 78-w, 62-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **99**

**\*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.*

**2 Peter 1:16-21** (pgs. 1311-r, 1180-w, 987-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

**St. Matthew 17:1-9** (pgs. 1055-r, 951-w, 798-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

**P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

\*Hymn: **You, Lord, are both lamb and shepherd** (Tune # 542)

# 356

Sermon

## 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: **Thy kingdom come – on bended knee**

# 784

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Fanfare

*M. Helman*

**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)



**Stewardship Moment:** Wealth isn't always measured in dollar signs. We have time, talent and creativity, all of which can be powerful forces for positive change. Share your blessings in whatever form they come and to whatever level you have been blessed.

*Jon M. Hunstman businessman, diplomat, politician*



**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.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**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
- paper products i.e. facial & bathroom tissue
- items that do not require a can opener or cooking

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

**Dr. Fullerton will not be available February 20 to 25.** Should you require pastoral care or assistance in that period, please be in touch with your Elder. Or, you can contact Rev. Keith McKee at St. George's Presbyterian, 1475 Dundas St. Phone: 519-455-5760.

**Monday, February 20, Family Day** – the church office will be closed.

**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.

**Hark The Herald** - Spring Edition deadline for contributions March 24<sup>th</sup> or earlier. Please think of a contribution you might make - story, joke, announcement, photograph etc. Send items to church office or put in mailbox E15.

**Pop Can Tabs** – Please continue to save pop can tabs. The current project is a wheelchair for Dylan DeBeer. He is a five year old boy who attends the Woodstock Christian School. Dylan tires easily and is prone to falling because of an issue with C.P. So save your aluminum tabs and help Dylan acquire a new Convaid Cruiser! Your tabs can be dropped off in the Narthex or at the church office during office hours. 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 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.