

Dates To Remember

Mar. 4	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship meeting 2:00 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
5	Ash Wednesday
9	Holy Communion
	We welcome new members!
14	Session 11:00 a.m. (Campbell Room)
23	Concert - With a Voice of Singing – 2:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
<i>Dew Drop In - coffee/tea and fellowship, every Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Fleck Hall. Join us!</i>	

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



Hope and Education in Pakistan - Pakistan ranks as one of the worst countries in the world in terms of educational outcomes. Patriarchal norms prevent women and girls from accessing education and economic opportunities. Currently, 12 million girls are out of school in Pakistan, and only 13% of those in school advance beyond grade eight.

In 2024, PWS&D began supporting a project in Pakistan to enhance girls' access to education. Girls' school enrolment and retention is incentivized by providing nutritious meals, in an area of the country where food insecurity can be severe. Additionally, communities and local leaders are educated on the importance of girls' education.

Twelve year old Sapna, and her younger sister, 10 year old Raksha, are part of a story that is reshaping our village's future. The quiet village of Ratnoor, where opportunities for girls once seemed distant, a remarkable transformation has taken place. Their dreams seemed like fragile whispers, stifled by circumstances beyond their control. But everything changed when PWS&D's partner (name withheld for security reasons) stepped in and reopened the girls' school. From the moment the doors opened, a new chapter began, not just for them but for every girl in the village.

Our village has changed because of this project. Girls who once stayed home, unsure of their futures, now walk to school with purpose. The laughter, learning and shared meals have not only improved our health and education but have also brought our community closer.

Sapna and Raksha are grateful for this opportunity. Their dreams of becoming a doctor and a teacher would remain just dreams if not for the project and the support of their village. This school, the meals and the support of the community have given them hope for a brighter future.

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*Seventh
 Sunday after
 the Epiphany*

February 23, 2025

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: Three quiet pieces for worship
 Words of Welcome and Announcements

Eric Thiman

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

Choral Introit

*Hymn: **Praise, my soul, the King of heaven**

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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: **Set thou thy trust upon the Lord**

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Solo: O Rest in the Lord

F. Mendelssohn

Alto: Kathy Pearson

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: **Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **37:1-11**

***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.*

Epistle Lesson: **1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: **St. Luke 6:27-38**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love**

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Sermon

Anthem: In my heart

arr. Alan Bullard

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: **Where charity and love prevail**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Postludium

Flor Peeters

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



**Stewardship Moment:** The Bible uses the word *believe* 273 times. It uses the word *pray* 371 times. Love appears 714 times. Give appears 2,172 times.  
*Herb Miller (1936-2018), minister, author, editor*



**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](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)



## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**We will be welcoming new members Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>!**

If you would like to be in their number, please contact the Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton or the church office. Deadline is March 2, 2025.

**Check Your Fleck Hall Mailbox** - 2024 donation receipts for income tax purposes are ready for pickup. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Russo at the church office.

**Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)** it is a convenient way to give--and the church benefits from your steady contributions. Contributions are automatically debited from your bank account on the 20th of each month. To sign up for PAR, contact Karen Russo in the Church Office.

**Elmwood Ladies Fellowship** – meeting **March 4, 2:00 p.m.** in Fleck Hall. All ladies welcome. Please join us for an afternoon of games! Reminder, please bring 2-4 treats for our afternoon tea/coffee. Thank you!

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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.

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.



**Prayer Partnership** - We pray that our hearts will be enlightened so that we may recognize the hope to which God is calling us.