

## Dates To Remember

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|               | Wednesdays, Dew Drop In – 10 a.m. to noon (Fleck Hall) |
| <b>Mar. 5</b> | Elmwood Ladies Fellowship – 2 p.m. (Fleck Hall)        |
| <b>8</b>      | Session – 11 a.m. (Campbell Room)                      |
| <b>10</b>     | Holy Communion                                         |

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

### Holy Week Worship Services:

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



**War in Ukraine Enters Third Year: Church Leaders of Canada Call for Peace.** Church Leaders of Canada, including the 2023 Moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada's General Assembly, the Rev. Mary Fontaine, call for peace as the war against Ukraine enters its third year.

Issuing a pastoral letter, the 45 Christian leaders mark this anniversary by inviting Christians and people of goodwill to join in united prayer and action for peace. The call to prayer and action also acknowledges ongoing conflict elsewhere in the world: "Without in any way minimizing or ignoring the suffering and sorrow caused by war and violence in other areas of the world, we stand together in inviting Christians and all people of goodwill to prayerfully consider how we are all called and might contribute to, the achievement of peace in and for Ukraine."

Read the complete statement on the Canadian Council of Churches website (councilofchurches.ca), which also contains prayers for peace. The Council worked in close coordination with the World Evangelical Alliance's Peace & Reconciliation Network and The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada to prepare, build consensus around, and endorse this letter.



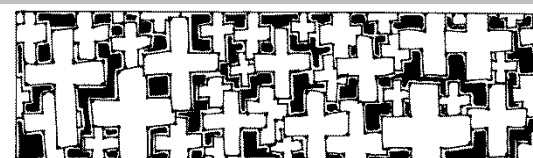
 "We really appreciate the program, as we are in dire need to keep the education going for our kids," shared a grateful parent. For Afghan children who sought refuge in Pakistan, education is often out of reach because they are not nationals. PWS&D supports the Digital Learning Center in Peshawar, which provides out-of-school children and adults with basic digital literacy classes, high school courses and tutoring sessions that aim to help a total of 520 students. Students and their family members are benefiting from the Darakht-e Danesh Library, which provides free and open educational resources on such topics as math, language, business and the sciences. Students access classes both in English and Dari/Farsi, equipping them with essential skills and providing hope for those who have lost so much, broadening their opportunities for the future.



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**Community  
Caring  
Christ**



**Second  
Sunday  
in Lent**

**February 25, 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: Saviour, again to your dear name  
Romanza on the hymn tune 'Faith'

*arr. Robert Hobby  
Charles Callahan*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

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

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymn: **The God of Abraham praise**

**# 331**

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: **Thou didst leave thy throne**

Solo: Come, peace of God  
Tenor: Steve O'Neil

## **Hear the Word of God**

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **22:27-31**

**\*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.*

**Romans 4:13-25**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

**St. Mark 8:31-38**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

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

\*Hymn: **May the mind of Christ my Saviour**

Sermon

Anthem: Take up your cross

## **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: **Amazing Grace**

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Fail me not, O Holy Christ

arr. Hal Hopson



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



This morning, the flowers in the sanctuary have been placed by Patty Carnegie to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Margaret and Bob Carnegie and their wedding anniversary.

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Eugene Butler



**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)



**PCC Daily Prayer** – We pray for inclusive communities who come together to explore important life questions, support each other in living with purpose and meaning, and work towards peace and justice.



**We will be welcoming new members Easter Sunday (March 31).**

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

**If you are interested in singing with our choir**, our Music Director, Bonnie Neaves, would love to talk with you following the church service. Alternatively, you can reach her at 519-685-6324.

**Hark The Herald** - Spring Edition deadline for contributions March 15<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.

**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!



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.



**Stewardship Moment:** Jesus knew that the place of money in our lives is a spiritual issue far more than it is an economic issue.

Canon Harold Percy – Anglican Rector