

Dates To Remember

	Wednesdays – <i>Dew Drop In</i> 10am–12pm coffee & fellowship
Feb. 11	Holy Communion
	Annual Meeting and lunch following the worship service
14	Ash Wednesday
18	1 st Sunday in Lent
19	Family Day – Church office is closed

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

RCCO London Centre Event - Mark your calendar for February 21!

Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano, presents another exciting concert this season. Join Ariel and pianist Chris Ryan on **Wednesday, February 21 at 7 p.m.** for an incredible program of music by Purcell, Handel, Strauss, Poulenc, and some Newfoundland Folk Songs set by Ralph Vaughan Williams! See you at New St. James Presbyterian Church, (280 Oxford St., London) for **"Sweeter than a Rose"**. Freewill offering.
www.facebook.com/events/s/sweeter-than-a-rose/



Food Security Concerns in Afghanistan - Monthly cash assistance is provided to families, allowing them to purchase essential food items.

An estimated 28.3 million Afghans (two-thirds of the population) need humanitarian assistance. The crisis is being driven by three consecutive years of drought-like conditions, crippling economic decline since the Taliban takeover in 2021, and decades of conflict and recurrent natural disasters.

As a result, Afghanistan is among the countries facing the highest levels of food insecurity in the world. According to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 15.8 million people are projected to be food insecure in 2024.

Since the passing of Bill C-41, which provides exemptions for humanitarian focused aid spending in Afghanistan, PWS&D is implementing a \$1 million food assistance project in Bamiyan province, assisting 4,550 of the most marginalized households. Families will receive monthly cash assistance over a three-month period, enabling them to buy essential food items.

Your support is vital to ensure that emergency assistance and essential resources reach families after devastating disasters and ongoing food insecurity. PWS&D hopes to expand our response in Afghanistan – your prayers and financial gifts will make a real difference in people's lives.

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Fourth
 Sunday after
 the Epiphany

January 28, 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: Romanze and Berceuse

Eric Thiman

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **O Spirit of the living God**

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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: **As pants the hart**

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Solo: Mary, did you know?

Lowry & Greene

Baritone: Alistair McGhee

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Deuteronomy 18:15-20** (pgs. 206-r, 189-w, 153-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **111**

***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 Corinthians 8:1-13 (pgs. 1228-r, 1110-w, 930-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. Mark 1:21-28 (pgs. 1074-r, 968-w, 812-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Fairest Lord Jesus**

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Sermon

Anthem: Jesus, the very thought of Thee

Bert Van der Hoek

Soprano: Lorraine Clark

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: **All my hope on God is founded**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Festal March

G.F. Handel

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



**PCC Daily Prayer** – We pray for people who struggle to afford food to eat during these difficult economic times, and for food banks and those who support them with donations of food and money.



**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)



**Stewardship Moment:** With enough intentionality, our budget can become a sacred song. Rev. Tyler Sit, United Methodist Pastor



***Celebrate Elmwood* Congregational Annual Meeting** will take place on **February 11<sup>th</sup>** following the worship service with a lunch hosted by Session. A goodwill offering will be collected to “*Close the Gap*” for the General Budget. Please plan to attend.

**Elmwood Ladies Fellowship** – No meetings in January & February. Plan to resume on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**2023 Annual Report** –Would you like to receive the annual report electronically (instead of a hard copy)? Does the church office have your current email address? Add your name and email address to the list located in the Narthex. Thank you!



For the months of January and 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.



**Memberships 2024** - This notice is a reminder that yearly memberships (2024) in FOTCSI are now due for renewal.

Cheques should be made out to Friends of the Coves

Subwatershed Inc. and can be dropped off at our church office. Alternatively you can send your donation to Canada Helps and your donation will then be sent to the Friends of the Coves.

[www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/friends-of-the-coves-subwatershed-inc](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/friends-of-the-coves-subwatershed-inc)

We will mail a current membership card to you so please make sure that there is a return address included. Should you wish to be added to our mailing list please include your e-mail address.

Your support for Friends of the Coves is very much appreciated. The ongoing use of the trails far exceeds our original expectations and we trust that your enjoyment of these trails will continue.