

Dates To Remember

March 30	Community Breakfast - 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. (Fleck Hall)
31	We welcome new members!
April 2	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship meeting 2 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
15, 17 & 19	Kiwanis Music Festival – woodwinds (Sanctuary) Times - check bulletin board across from church office

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

Holy Week † 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.



For the month of March, 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 30th 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.

World Water Day March 22, 2024 - When water is scarce or polluted, or when people have unequal or no access, tensions can rise between communities and countries.

More than 3 billion people worldwide depend on water that crosses national borders. Yet, out of 153 countries that share rivers, lakes and aquifers with their neighbours, only 24 countries report having cooperation agreements for all their shared water.

As climate change impacts increase, and the global population grows, we must unite around protecting and conserving our most precious resource.

By working together to balance everyone's human rights and needs, water can be a stabilizing force and a catalyst for sustainable development.

World Water Day is a United Nations (UN) observance coordinated by UN-Water. Every year, it raises awareness of a major water-related issue and inspires action to tackle the water and sanitation crisis.

www.unwater.org

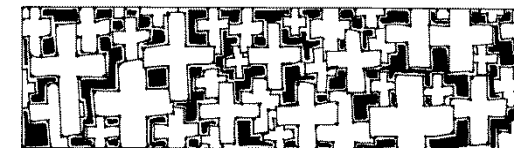


Stewardship Moment: Stewardship is growing, developing, advancing and building the gifts with which God has blessed us.

Dr. Kennon Callahan – Pastor, educator, consultant, and writer.



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Fifth
Sunday
in Lent

March 17, 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: Jesus walked this lonesome valley
 Steal away
 Swing low, sweet chariot

*arr. Dale Wood
 arr. Gilbert Martin
 arr. Roy Belfield*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **Lift high the cross**

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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: **God, you touch the earth with beauty**

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **51:1-12**

***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.*

Hebrews 5:5-10

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. John 12:20-33

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **In the cross of Christ I glory**

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Sermon

Anthem: Surely He hath borne our griefs

Eleanor Daley

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: Let us hope when hope seems hopeless (tune: Hyfrydol #110) **# 792**

*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: Fugue in F Minor

Charles Burney

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



PCC Prayer – We give thanks for the beauty of God's creation, and pray that we cherish the earth and treat it wisely.



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



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

TODAY – Road to Reconciliation Luncheon - Everyone is invited to attend a luncheon after the service, hosted by the Truth and Reconciliation Committee. There will be a delicious, light lunch served. News about progress and updates will be shared about the upcoming projects planned by *The Imagine Build* in partnership with the Oneida community and ways that Elmwood can support them as acts of reconciliation. A freewill offering will be collected in support of the reconciliation project. Envelopes will be available for those who want their donation added to their givings record for 2024. Please join us! *Steve O'Neil, Truth and Reconciliation Committee*



Established in 1840, as the “*Oneida Settlement*” the evolution of this great Nation transforming from an agricultural society into a modern and versatile Iroquois community.

The Oneida Nation of the Thames is home to 2,172 residents and has a total membership of 6,270. Located in picturesque southwestern Ontario, the Oneida Nation Settlement borders lush and fertile agricultural lands and is nestled along the eastern shore of the Thames River 30 kilometers south of the City of London. The Oneida Nation of the Thames is close neighbour and friend to the Chippewas of the Thames and Munsee-Delaware Nation, respectively.

The Oneida people are known within the Iroquois Confederacy as Onyota'a:ka, “*People of the Standing Stone*.” Much like their ancestors, the Oneida peoples of today, maintain a deeply rooted connection to the land and to their Iroquois culture and traditions.

TODAY IS FOOD BANK SUNDAY - Please leave your donations in the basket located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Nature Garden Design - Session is considering a new design for the Nature Garden on the front lawn. This is your last chance before the subject will be decided and move forward. Please review the design concepts displayed in Fleck Hall and share your feedback with Andrew McClenaghan.