

## Dates To Remember

<b>Mar. 22</b>	<i>Dew Drop In</i> -10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
<b>Apr. 4</b>	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship – 2:00 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
	Note: No Session in April. Resumes May 12 at 11:00 a.m.
<b>19 &amp; 26</b>	<i>Religion and Science</i> series of talks Stay tuned for more info.
<b>29</b>	Community Breakfast – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. (Fleck Hall)

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



### Be Aware of Scam Using PWS&D's Name – The

Presbyterian Church in Canada is aware of at least one instance of a member of a Presbyterian congregation receiving a phone call pressuring them to donate to PWS&D and provide their banking information. PWS&D (and the PCC) do not solicit funds over the phone, demanding that banking information be shared. The only instance someone from the PCC will call a donor is if card information used for monthly donations needs to be updated or information mailed to the church needs to be clarified. Be careful and do not fall prey to people using PWS&D's (or the PCC's) names in fraudulent attempts to solicit funds. If you are ever in doubt, hang up and call the national office at 1-800-619-7301. If this happens to you, please also report it to the national office.

**Supporting Digital Learning for Afghan Refugees** - Darakht-e Danesh means "knowledge tree" in Dari, one of the official languages of Afghanistan. This phrase is also the name of an online library that is being provided with support from PWS&D to help ensure Afghan refugees can continue their education.

Pakistan is the third largest refugee host country in the world and currently accommodates 1.44 million registered Afghans forced to flee their homes due to war, internal conflict, insecurity and persecution. An estimated additional one million unregistered Afghan nationals also reside in the country. The poorest refugees lack or have very limited access to necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, health care and education.

One of the desires expressed by Afghan refugees is for their children to be able to access schooling. The Digital Learning Center is one way of supporting those who have already lost so much. It is planting the seeds for current and future success, for children who would otherwise be completely out of school.

*Stephanie Chunoo*

The full article is available at  
<https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/supporting-digital-learning-for-afghan-refugees/>

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**Community**  
**Caring**  
**Christ**



Fourth  
 Sunday  
 in Lent



**Sunday, March 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.*

Organ Prelude: Ave Verum

Prelude on St. Agnes

Prelude on The Lamb

*W.A. Mozart*

*N. Harmon*

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Words of Welcome and Announcements

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

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymn: **Oh for a thousand tongues to sing**

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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: **Lord of light, whose name and splendour**

Choir Anthem: O Love How Deep

## Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **1 Samuel 16:1-13** (pgs. 302-r, 276-w, 226-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **23**

**\*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.*

**Ephesians 5:8-14** (pgs. 1256-r, 1136-w, 951-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

**St. John 9:1-41** (pgs. 1150-r, 1038-w, 871-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

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

\*Hymn: **Sometimes a healing word is comfort**

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: **O love, how deep, how broad, how high**

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: Toccata in Seven

*John Rutter*

**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:** The power of the future lies not in the hands of those who believe in scarcity, but of those who trust God's abundance.  
*Walter Brueggemann – scholar, theologian*



**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!

**Coming Soon! Dew Drop In** – Come and chat or just sit and relax. No fee, no commitment. Give yourself a break from your everyday pace. Free coffee & tea in Fleck Hall every Wednesday (10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) starting March 22<sup>nd</sup>. All welcome! Hope to see you there!

**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.



For the months of March through April, 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.

**Sister Church Event: Choral Connection** invites you to our performance of **Brahms Requiem on Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** at Knox Presbyterian Church in St. Thomas. Please visit our website at [www.choralconnection.ca](http://www.choralconnection.ca) to purchase tickets, or call Lucy at 519-661-6902.

## Holy Week Worship Services:

† Palm Sunday – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

† Maundy Thursday Worship – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

† Good Friday Worship – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.  
at Redeemer Lutheran Church (1 Frank Place, London)  
<http://www.redeemerrejoices.ca>

† Easter Sunday Worship, Holy Communion – April 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

