

## Dates To Remember

<b>Mar. 28</b>	Memorial service for David McClenaghan – 2:00 p.m.
<b>Apr. 7</b>	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship meeting – 2:00 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
<b>10</b>	Session – 11:00 a.m. (Campbell Room)
<b>12</b>	Holy Communion
<b>Wednesdays, Dew Drop In - 10 a.m. to noon (Fleck Hall)</b>	

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



The PCC is dedicated to embracing the commitments made in the 2024 Apology, acknowledging the church's past role in colonization and residential schools. We are committed to listening to and sharing the truth about those histories and actively supporting Indigenous-led healing and wellness efforts. Many of these efforts are carried out through the eight ministries of the National Indigenous Ministries Council, with support from Presbyterians Sharing. These ministries serve Indigenous communities across Canada by creating welcoming and safe spaces that offer crisis counselling, meals, children's programs, worship Circles, and more. Additionally, the church is working on healing projects supported by the Honouring the Children fund, which funds initiatives identified by Indigenous nations and communities impacted by PCC-run schools. These projects include memorials, healing gardens, searches of former school sites, community events like feasts and gatherings, and other meaningful efforts to heal the wounds of the past.



**PWS&D Middle East Appeal** - Since February 28, escalating military violence in the Middle East has been worsening and widening, with humanitarian needs rising rapidly:

- More than 2,000 people have been killed, and more than 20,000 people are injured.
- Nearly 4 million people are internally displaced. In Lebanon alone, more than 810,000 people, including 290,000 children, have been forced to flee their homes.
- Hostilities have affected 14 countries so far, destroying or damaging schools, hospitals, health centres and energy infrastructure.

PWS&D is taking part in the Humanitarian Coalition appeal in response to the ongoing conflict. Responses will help provide food, water, emergency health service, temporary shelter and psychosocial support. Visit the Presbyterian Church in Canada's post, On War In and Around Iran. Please mark offering envelopes: *PWS&D Middle East Appeal*.

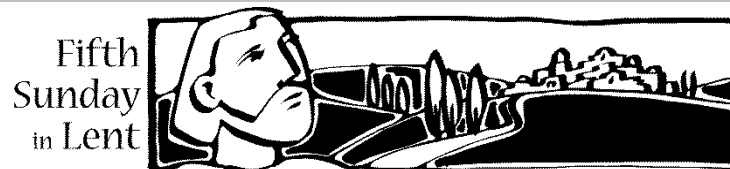
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Community  
Caring  
Christ**



**March 22, 2026**

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 Liturgical Preludes

*George Oldroyd*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

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

Lighting of the Worship Candle

\*Call to Worship

\*Choral Introit

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

**# 374**

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: **Up from the depths I cry to you**

# 90

## Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament: **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Psalm: **130**

**\*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: **Romans 8:6-11**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God**

Gospel Lesson: **St. John 11:1-45**

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

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

\*Hymn: **Breathe on me, breath of God**

# 389

Sermon

Choir 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: **Love divine, all loves excelling**

# 371

\*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: If Thou but trust in God to guide thee

*J.S. Bach*

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



**Stewardship Moment:** And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. *Hebrews 13:16*



**(5th Sunday in Lent; World Water Day)** We praise God that PWS&D-supported sanitation training sessions are helping communities stay healthy and prevent the spread of water-borne disease.



**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

**Elmwood Ladies Fellowship meeting Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.** A speaker is coming from the VON to tell us what services they provide in our community. All ladies welcome! We hope to see you there.

**Dew Drop In** - We are collecting money to purchase grocery cards for two families in our community. Please consider helping us do this by either donating cash or cheque. You can do this through your regular offering envelope by stating the amount you wish to go to **Dew Drop In** (receiptable). If you donate actual grocery cards, these are not receiptable. Cheques must be made payable to Elmwood Church. Making regular or intermittent donations are always welcomed and appreciated. Thank you!

**RUMMAGE SALE – Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Spring is here and it is time to clean out our closets, cupboards, drawers and garages. Please donate any clean, re-sellable items you no longer use to the Elmwood Rummage Sale. Items will be accepted on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you need to bring items in earlier, please talk to Joan Walsh. Volunteers are needed for set up and pricing on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and for sales on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up sheet is on the servery bulletin board. Your support is always appreciated.



The Men's Mission is in dire need of the following items: underwear, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, deodorant. For the months of March and April, please consider donating any or all of the above items to the laundry basket in the narthex and they will be delivered to the head office at York and Rectory streets. Thank you from the Mission Committee.

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.



## Holy Week **Worship Services:**

- † Palm Sunday – March 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.
- † Good Friday Worship – April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 a.m.
- † Easter Sunday Worship – April 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.