

Dates To Remember

Apr. 4	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship – 2:00 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
9	Holy Communion
	Note: No Session in April. Resumes May 12 at 11:00 a.m.

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



PWS&D Critical Need: Devastating Cyclone Hits Malawi – Malawi has been walloped by Tropical Cyclone Freddy - the deluge started on Saturday March 11th and continued through Tuesday March 14th. It was relentless - rivers flooded, bridges washed out, massive landslides ensued, all with attendant loss of lives and homes.

Those stranded by torrential rivers or impassable roads often had no electricity or running water - they were powering phones from their vehicles and trapping rainwater for drinking water.

The toll has been horrendous - everyone – everyone – has been affected in one way or another, whether it was damage or loss to their houses or property, opening their homes to stranded friends, families and neighbors, the absence (for several days) of power and/or water. People have lost homes, latrines and are forced to find refuge in churches and schools.

This is coming at a time when Malawi is already impacted by a cholera outbreak, their economy is struggling and food prices are soaring.

Please mark your donations PWS&D Malawi Tropical Storm Freddy.

Thank you!

Rev. Joel Sherbino, International Ministries



Webinar Addressing Environmental Racism in Canada Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 7–9 p.m. Climate and ecological justice issues affect everyone on this planet, crossing national, regional and municipal boundaries. But not everyone is affected to the same extent.

Extensive studies have demonstrated that predominantly Black, Indigenous and racialized communities are disproportionately impacted by the effects of climate change and exposure to environmental degradation. This is called *environmental racism*. This pattern is a symptom of systemic racism and colonization in Canadian communities that diminishes relationships within creation. Learn more about how environmental racism manifests in Canada and how we can address it.

You can also learn more about For the Love of Creation's climate justice initiatives during Earth Week 2023 (April 16–23)

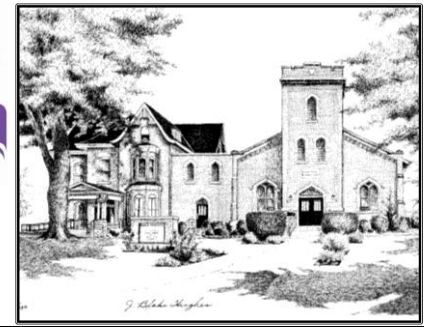
Register now - <https://presbyterian.ca/justice/social-action/ecological-justice/addressing-environmental-racism/>



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**Community
Caring
Christ**



Fifth
Sunday
in Lent



Sunday, March 26, 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: The Gift of Love
 Blessing

*J. Carter
D. Wagner*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **Breathe on me breath of 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: **O Christ, you wept when grief was raw**

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Choir Anthem: Christ We Do All Adore You

T. Dubois

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Ezekiel 37:1-14** (pgs. 930-r, 840-w, 704-NRSV)

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.

Romans 8:6-11 (pgs. 1212-r, 1196-w, 919-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. John 11:1-45 (pgs. 1152-r, 1041-w, 873-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet**

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Sermon

Solo: If You Search With All Your Heart

C. Courtney

Soloist: Steve O'Neil

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 Breath of life, come sweeping through us**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude: Toccata in F

D. Buxtehude

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



Stewardship Moment: As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way. *Mary Anne Radmacher – writer, artist*



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 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



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.

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. All welcome! Hope to see you there!

Sister Church Events:

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

Workshop at St. George's Presbyterian Church (1475 Dundas Street) **Wednesday, April 19 at 10:30 am.** Dawn Easton from Logan's Funeral Home will be presenting on the benefits of pre-arrangements and also follow up for executors after a death. Lunch will follow. You are invited to bring a family member along with you. For the sake of numbers, **please RSVP stgeorge@execulink.com or 519.455.5760 by April 14th.** All are welcome.



Holy Week Worship Services:

† Palm Sunday – April 2nd, 10:30 a.m.

† Maundy Thursday Worship – April 6th, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

