

Dates To Remember

	Wednesdays, Dew Drop In – 10 a.m. to noon (Fleck Hall)
Mar. 5	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship – 2 p.m. (Fleck Hall)
8	Session – 11 a.m. (Campbell Room)
10	Holy Communion
17	Road to Reconciliation Luncheon following worship (Fleck Hall)

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

Holy Week Worship Services:

- † 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.



Gaza Response Amid Ongoing Conflict - After over four months of war in Gaza, tens of thousands have been killed or injured and more than half a million people face catastrophic hunger. The most recent conflict in Rafah, where over a million people have sought refuge, has only complicated an already dire situation.

Humanitarian efforts remain challenged by limited access and mobility, as well as the high cost of goods and the difficulties of getting them into Gaza. PWS&D has been responding through ACT Alliance member, DSPR (Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees) of the Middle East Council of Churches. Your generosity is helping enable ongoing work in Gaza.

To date, DSPR has provided:

- primary health and dental care in their Rafah clinic.
- cash transfers to more than 620 families to buy water, food and other essentials.
- essential food support to approximately 800 people who sought refuge in local churches in Gaza.
- psychosocial care to children and mothers.

Ongoing conflict makes these activities incredibly challenging to carry out, but ACT Alliance members continues to do all they can.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) stands in solidarity with all the people of the region, who are enduring the devastating consequences of continued violence and strife. With the church leaders in the area, the PCC condemns all acts that target civilians, regardless of nationality.

Stephanie Chunoo, PCC Communications Assistant



Stewardship Moment: Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

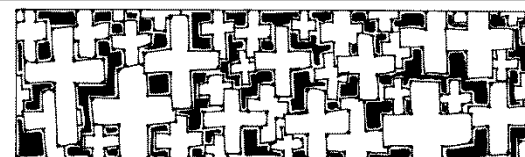
1 Peter 4:10



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**Community
Caring
Christ**



Third
Sunday
in Lent

March 3, 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: Cantilène et Récit
Aria

*Denis Bédard
Noel Rawsthorne*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **The heavens declare your glory, Lord**

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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 love that casts out fear**

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Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Exodus 20:1-17**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **19**

***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 1:18-25

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. John 2:13-22

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **The Spirit breathes upon the word**

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Sermon

Anthem: O God of mercy

Simon Lole

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: **When voices are confusing**

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: The glory of these forty days

arr. Charles Callahan

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



PCC Prayer – Celebrate in prayer, International Women's Day (Mar. 8) the PWS&D projects that are breaking barriers to gender equality and empowering women to achieve economic independence and improve their well-being.



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

We will be welcoming new members Easter Sunday (March 31).

If you would like to be in their number, please contact the Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton or the church office.

If you are interested in singing with our choir, our Music Director, Bonnie Neaves, would love to talk with you following the church service. Alternatively, you can reach her at 519-685-6324.

Elmwood Ladies Fellowship – meeting March 5, 2:00 p.m. in Fleck Hall. All ladies welcome. Please join us for an afternoon of games! Reminder, we are collecting for our church *Food Cupboard*. Thank you!

Hark The Herald - Spring Edition deadline for contributions March 15th 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.

Sunday, March 17 – Road to Reconciliation Luncheon - Everyone is invited to attend a luncheon after the service on Sunday, March 17, 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



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.