

Dates To Remember

Mar. 7	Elmwood Ladies Fellowship 2:00 p.m. in Fleck Hall
10	Session 11:00 a.m. (Fleck Hall)
12	Holy Communion
22	<i>Dew Drop In</i> -10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Fleck Hall

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



Presbyterian Prayer Partnership – (Second Sunday in Lent)

Dear God, help us to order our lives in faithful obedience to you so that we may come to know our weaknesses and appreciate your grace at work in our lives.



In Pakistan, Gauri learned how to cut and sew at an early age. As an adult, this knowledge allowed Gauri to contribute to her family's income by working as a seamstress. After her husband was killed in an accident, Gauri's income was not enough to provide for her family on her own. **Gauri was selected for a Presbyterian World Service & Development project that provides emergency food assistance to families in need, as well as longer-term support through small business training and development.** The food aid the family received made it possible for Gauri to save a portion of her monthly income that would have otherwise been spent on food. With the money she saved, Gauri was able to further her child's education and stock her tailoring shop with more materials.

Syria – Türkiye Earthquake Response - A 7.8-magnitude earthquake has caused devastation in southeast Türkiye and northern Syria. Multiple aftershocks and a second earthquake have only made the situation worse. Over 55,000 (03/01/23) have been killed and many more are missing or injured. Widespread building collapses have been reported and the search for survivors continues.

The Syrian population was already deeply affected by the ongoing war and the economic collapse of the country and now, many people must deal with being displaced, losing their livelihood and surviving the harsh winter conditions.

In situations like this, PWS&D can help quickly through our partners at ACT Alliance. We continue to assess the situation and will be responding. Members of ACT are on the ground and have begun distributing warm food and canned goods to people affected by the disaster.

To support the response, indicate your donation is for "Syria-Türkiye Earthquake." **Pray for all of those affected.**



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Community
Caring
Christ



Second
 Sunday
 in Lent



Sunday, March 5, 2023

Minister: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton
 Music directed by Guest Organist: Wayne Carroll
 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

Words of Welcome and Announcements

We Gather To Worship God

Lighting of the Worship Candle

*Call to Worship

*Hymn: **As when the Hebrew prophet raised** # 189

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: **Forgive our sins as we forgive**

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Choir Anthem: Lead Me Lord
Soloist: Kathy Pearson

S. Wesley

Hear the Word of God

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading: **Genesis 12:1-4a** (pgs. 12-r, 11-w, 8-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Responsive Psalm: **121**

***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 4:1-5, 13-17 (pgs. 1208-r, 1093-w, 916-NRSV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

St. John 3:1-17 (pgs. 1140-r, 1029-w, 863-NRSV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Risen Lord,

P: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn: **Jesus, life of all the world**

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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: **Lift high the cross**


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*Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude



 **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.*

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



Our sincere thanks to organist, Wayne Carroll for leading the music portion of our worship service this morning.

Stewardship Moment: For if eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has not according to what one does not have.

2 Corinthians 8:12



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Elmwood Ladies Fellowship – meeting March 7, 2:00 p.m. in Fleck Hall. All ladies welcome. Please join us for an afternoon of games!

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 22nd. All welcome! Hope to see you there!

You're invited to a free screening of SAFE on Monday, March 13 at Cineplex. SAFE is a documentary that features Indwell tenants and their stories with hope-filled solutions to homelessness. You'll be inspired! Reserve your seat at indwell.ca/events. Warning: some strong language and mature subject matter.

Hark The Herald - Spring Edition deadline for contributions March 24th 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 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.

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.redeemerjoices.ca>
- † Easter Sunday Worship – April 9th, 10:30 a.m.

