

## OUR PURPOSE

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.

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Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church was founded in 1925 to continue the tradition of the Presbyterian Church in Canada when Knox Presbyterian Church voted to enter Church Union. This may be the first post-union congregation to have erected a building. Our Sanctuary was dedicated on July 19, 1926. We draw your attention to our windows designed by Christopher Wallis, and our organ, built by Gabriel Kney, both of London. The congregation has been ministered to by outstanding spiritual leaders, Dr. Frederick W. Gilmour, Dr. John Fleck, Dr. D. Glenn Campbell, Rev. Rod Ferguson, Rev. Karen Timbers, Rev. Kevin Steeper prior to the present incumbent, Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton.

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Information concerning the various groups within the congregation may be obtained by calling the church office - 519-438-3492

*Bible Study \* Board of Managers \* Centering Prayer \* Choir  
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ASH WEDNESDAY

**March 6, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**

*If able, please stand where indicated with an \* asterisk.*

### Why Ash Wednesday?

*Ashes had great meaning to God's people in the Old Testament. In his affliction, Job sat on the ash heap. In the book of Esther, Mordecai mourns in ashes. Daniel confesses to God "with fasting and sackcloth and ashes" (Daniel 9:3). Ashes remind us of our frailty, mortality, and our dependence on God for life and salvation. Ash Wednesday is a fitting way to begin the forty days of Lent. The sign of the cross is marked on foreheads with the words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." But our Lenten pilgrimage doesn't leave us on the ash heap. It leads us to Easter. Easter proclaims that, through Christ, God will resurrect us from dust and ashes, and bring new life out of death.*

Organ Prelude: Ave Verum

W. A. Mozart, arr: D. Paxton

\*Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn: **We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet # 202**

Responsive Psalm: 51

Homily

The invitation to the Observance of the Lenten Discipline

A Litany of Penitence

**All: Most holy and merciful God:**

**We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

L: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**P: Have mercy on us, O God.**

L: We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**P: Have mercy on us, O God.**

L: We confess to you our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

**P: We confess to you, O God.**

L: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**P: We confess to you, O God.**

L: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**P: We confess to you, O God.**

L: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**P: We confess to you, O God.**

L: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**P: We confess to you, O God.**

L: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done: for our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**P: Accept our repentance, O God.**

L: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**P: Accept our repentance, O God.**

L: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**P: Accept our repentance, O God.**

L: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

**P: Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

L: Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**P: By the cross and passion of our Saviour, Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

L: Almighty God, you have made us from the dust of the earth. May these ashes be for us a sign of our mortality and penitence, and a reminder that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Amen**

*If you wish, come forward to receive the imposition of ashes on your forehead.*

“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

M: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

\*Hymn: **Forty days and forty nights**

**# 197**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving** (*Book of Praise, # 564*)

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Breaking of the Bread and Elevation of the Cup**

L: O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,

**P: have mercy upon us.**

L: O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,

**P: have mercy upon us.**

L: O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,

**P: grant us thy peace.**

*You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine by intinction.*

Post Communion Prayer

\*Hymn: **“My song is love unknown”**

**# 220**

\*The Benediction

*Please leave in silence.*



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