

ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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*Elmvale Presbyterian Church is a Christian Community sharing  
God's love through worship, music, prayer, teaching and outreach.*

ADVENT I - COMMUNION SUNDAY  
MITTEN TREE

Dec. 2, 2018

Please stand for the entry of the Bible.  
\*Please stand if you are able.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**



**MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION TO PREPARE FOR  
WORSHIP**

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP :** Advent Liturgy and lighting the  
Candle of Hope (see insert) *(June Ritchie)*

**HYMN:** 110 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

**PRAYER OF APPROACH, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Righteous One, to you alone we lift our souls; in you alone we place  
our trust; for you alone we wait all day long. For you are the God of  
our salvation, abounding in mercy and steadfast love. Help us  
remain alert and watchful for the coming of your promised One - the  
One who comes with power and glory, the One who draws near to  
bring our salvation.**

**Merciful God, for whom we wait, relieve us of the affliction of sin as  
we confess our failures to you. Forgive us for the hurts we have  
caused to our families and friends. Forgive us for labeling others as  
impossible to love, and ignoring the cries of those who live on the  
edge of our society. Forgive us, God, who comes near to us. When  
we have lost our way, show us yours. This we ask as we sing... Our  
Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be  
done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us  
our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S PRAISE SONG:** 575 Lead me, Lord

**CHILDREN'S TIME:** *collection of knitted articles*

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** Who would send a baby

**GOD'S WORD FOR US**

**SCRIPTURE:** June Ritchie

Psalm 25:1-10 *(sung refrain #1)* *(Book of Psalms)*

Jeremiah 33:14-16 *(Page 738)*

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 *(Page 204)*

Luke 21:25-36 (Rev. Paul) *(Page 85)*

L. This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:** Be Alert - The Messiah is Coming

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERING:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Doxology #79 praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

**\*PRESENTATION & PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED:** 539

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**



**COMMUNION HYMN:** 543 Here, O my Lord, I see thee *(v.1-3)*

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**HYMN:** (cont.) 543 Here, O my Lord, I see thee *(v.4-7)*

**GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**\*BENEDICTION & BLESSING**

May God's blessings surround you  
*May God's blessing surround you each day  
As you trust Him and walk in His way  
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,  
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.*

**PASSING THE PEACE:**

L. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**P. And also with you.**

*Gather to worship, go out to serve.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We extend a warm welcome to everyone today on this special busy Communion Sunday Everyone is invited for coffee and fellowship downstairs following the service.**

**December 2: World Soil Day (Dec. 5)**

Soil gives life and supports livelihoods around the world. In Badin, Pakistan, Rabia's life depends on access to rich, fertile soil—she needs it to grow the crops she sells each week at the market. But an especially dry summer has led to severe water shortages in her village. Rabia's soil was too arid to yield the produce she needs. With support from PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Rabia has learned to adopt agricultural practices that use less water. She also received seeds to grow crops that can survive extended dry periods. "This is highly beneficial for farmers like me, who reside in water-scarce areas," shares Rabia.

*PWS&D helps farmers adapt to climate change*

**Birthdays this week:** Dec. 5-Janice Terry; 6-Clare Robinson; 7-Denise McLean

**Coffee Fellowship:** June Ritchie

\*Please note that **Sue Montgomery's phone #** now is 705-352-2203.

**CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Today (after church) Santa Claus parade

7 p.m. **Christmas Candlelight Memorial Service** at Elmvale Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by Lynn-Stone Funeral Home.

Mon. Dec. 3 9 a.m. **Willing Workers** will be packing **Christmas Cheer Boxes** (formerly known as shut-in boxes). Cookies and candy donations would be greatly appreciated. They may be left at the church on **Sun. Dec. 2** or brought to the church by 9 a.m. on **Mon. Dec. 3**. Money donations may be given to Dollie Moulden or Joan Snedden.

Noon **Willing Worker's/WMS** pot-luck Christmas Luncheon

Tue. Dec. 4 10 a.m. **Bible Study** (*parlour*)

Wed. Dec. 5 9 a.m. **Craft/Quilt Club** (*parlour*)

7p.m. Begin the Christmas season and come join your voice with others at Elmvale Presbyterian church to sing **Christmas carols**. During a break we will enjoy hot cider, tea, coffee, cookies and fellowship. A donation to the Food Bank would be appreciated.

Thur. Dec. 6 6 p.m. **G.A.S.**  
7 p.m. **Choir**  
8 p.m. **Cantata**

Fri Dec 7 5:30 -7:30 p.m. **Kids' Zone Christmas Dinner**

**UPCOMING CHURCH CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship and Nurture** are sponsoring two families again this year. The particulars from the school family are: a single father with three children. We were informed that this family is very needy and the father would be very appreciative of any help he could get to insure his children have something for Christmas. It will be the first part of December before we have the particulars from the food bank family. The donations for these families will be accepted starting **November 25th up to December 16th**. We are also collecting items for the food bank. Monetary donations can be made by adding "Christmas Families" on the fourth line in your weekly envelope. Items for the food bank will include any extra Christmas dinner supplies such as stuffing, cranberries, Christmas Cake, etc along with the regular donations. Your help in donating for these events would be truly appreciated.

At the **Dec. 13 Let's Do Lunch** there will also be a **bake sale**. The bake sale will begin at 11:30 and lunch at 12:00. Any baking can be brought to the church anytime Tuesday –Thursday morning. **Thank you in advance** for firing up your ovens once again.

**Sun Dec 16** 11 a.m. **Advent III** - Christmas Production “**The Symbols of Christmas**” by children and youth during church followed by a hot pot luck lunch.

7 p.m. **Christmas Cantata “Fantasia”** presented by the choirs of Elmvale Presbyterian, St. John’s United and friends.

**2019 Calendars: They are produced by the Christian Education Committee’s ministry to Evangel Hall chosen by Kids’ Church. Calendars are For Sale today for \$15.00.**

On **Christmas Day at 12 noon**, Elmvale Presbyterian Church will be hosting their **annual turkey dinner** with all the trimmings. If, for whatever reason, you find yourself without family on Christmas Day please consider coming to celebrate this special day in fellowship with others around a festive table. There is no cost, your appetite is the only requirement. Please RSVP before Dec. 18th to Elizabeth 705-322-2695, Mary 705-322-2806 or the church 705-322-1411

### **CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**FOOD BANK:** Each year the **Elmvale Food Bank** puts together Christmas hampers for their clients. The hampers include the customary turkey meal ingredients as well as a variety of food products. The hampers may include the following, if available: mustard, relish, ketchup, pickles and are augmented with whatever they have in quantity. At this time the Food Bank is low on jams, cake mixes pudding mixes, salt, dish soap and kleenex. A quantity of cranberries and stove top dressing was given to the Food Bank by a donor and it is felt that this will be sufficient to cover all hamper orders. Whatever donation you make, whether it be a food item or a monetary donation using your church envelope will be appreciated. **Thank you for your support.**

**WEEKLY PRAYERS:** Week by week we list three households from our mailing list. We would ask you to keep these people in your prayers. The names are in alphabetical rotation: **Marissa Axon; Al & Lila Beardsall; Janet & Wolfgang Beech** and their families.

**Hearing assisted devices are available at the back of the sanctuary. We encourage you to respect our scent free policy in this building as we honour those who have allergies and asthma.**

**Prayer Chain:** If you are in need of prayer and would like members of this church to pray for you or a special need please contact Carolyn Hill prayer chain co-coordinator (705) 322-6761.

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### **FOOD ALLERGY ALERT**

Any church events at Elmvale Presbyterian Church including FOOD must be free of nuts, sunflower & sesame seeds. We have some church members that are very allergic to these food items. Please try and remember with thanks to you all.

Cards for the sick: Would you please phone Shirley at 322 –1411 if you think someone in our congregation should be sent a card.

**PRAYERS OF CONCERN** are requested for those people known by the Minister or Church Secretary to be in Hospital or Nursing Homes. The help of the congregation is essential to keep the list up to date. Sara Vista, Elmvale - Mabel Reynolds, Marg Graves, Nancy McGrady & Jean Thurlow  
Serenity, Barrie - Muriel Patchell  
Hillcrest Village Care Centre, Midland - Evelyn Fleming  
Georgian Manor, Penetang - Edna Kerr  
King Place, Midland - Violet Graham  
Waterside Retirement Lodge, Wasaga Beach - Bill Cox.  
Woods Park Retirement Community, Barrie - Louise Wanless  
Extendicare, Sudbury - Alma Faris  
At Home - Dolores Parker, Bill Murray, Stan McNutt, Jill Lieper, Wally Greenlaw, Stan Ritchie, Ellen Furlong, Jackie Ritchie, Herb Ritchie, Patsy Graham, Walter Marshall, Doug & Norma Kirton

### **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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