

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.*

158TH ANNIVERSARY

NOV. 4, 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**

CALL TO WORSHIP: *Janice Terry*

L: An anniversary is a time to celebrate and a time to remember.

**C: An anniversary is a time to think about the past, and give thanks
to God for all that He has done in our midst.**

L: An anniversary is also a time of anticipation and an occasion to
dream about what might be.

**C: An anniversary is a time of discernment, where we seek the
wisdom of the Holy Spirit, to lead us into a bold future.**

L: An anniversary is a time to remind ourselves that God is with us and
that God is for us.

**C: An anniversary is a special time for God's people to gather
together in praise.**

L: On this 158th anniversary we bring our memories and our hopes for
the future and offer them to God in prayer.

**C: On this 158th anniversary we come with grateful hearts to offer
our worship to God.**

HYMN: 412 Come, let us sing

PRAYER OF APPROACH, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER:

Loving God, on this anniversary Sunday, we offer you all of our
thoughts, all of our words, and all of our deeds. As we join in

worship, fill us with your Spirit, so that everything we do may be for
your glory. Move in and through us so that every moment of this
sacred time may be focused on you and the practicing of your
presence.

Living God, as we remember where we have been and as we hope for
what may come, we recognize that often times we are stuck in the
past, held captive by the power of memory, set in our ways, bound to
staid traditions, and believing that the beaten path is the only path.
Yet your Spirit blows freely every day, challenging our feelings, our
first impressions, our hunches and leanings, and calls us to new
experiences and to fresh expressions of what it means to worship and
serve you. God, help us, on this day where we celebrate the past and
embrace the future, to be open to the new things you are doing in
our midst and make us ready to follow wherever your Spirit leads.
This we ask as we pray... *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 SONGS: 472 We are God's people;
457 Now thank we all our God

CHILDREN'S TIME:

ANTHEM: I'll tell it/this Little Light

GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE: Janice Terry

Psalm 121

Romans 8:31-39, John 10:10

(Book of Psalms)

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L. This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Is God really for Us? **Rev. Dr. Neal Mathers**

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**

HYMN: 685 How firm a foundation

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 this Sunday especially our visitors on this our 158th Anniversary. A special welcome to our guest speaker Rev. Dr. Neil Mathers. Everyone is invited to the luncheon downstairs following the service.

November 4: Caring for creation in Calgary

The youth at Grace Presbyterian Church in Calgary are bettering the health of their local community while also supporting the well-being of the global community. Members of the congregation donated to PWS&D in support of the teens' efforts to pick up litter, rake and sweep around the church's property. In the end, the group collected five large bags of garbage and raised \$932 for PWS&D. "We were encouraged by our faith in Christ's love to share our gifts with the world," shares Roberto DeSandoli, young adult ministry coordinator at Grace. Across Canada, Presbyterians are stewards of the blessings of God—sharing our gifts to build a more sustainable, compassionate and just world.

Birthdays this week: Nov. 5-Ellen MacLean (89 yrs. young);
10-John Brown

CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tue. Nov. 6. 10 a.m. **Bible Study** (parlour)

Wed. Nov. 7 9 a.m. **Craft Day** (parlour)

Thur. Nov. 8 12-1p.m. **"Let's Do Lunch"**
6 p.m. **G.A.S. Youth Chorus**
7 p.m. **Choir practice**
8 p.m. **Cantata practice**

Sun. Nov. 11 11 a.m. **Remembrance Day Service**
4:45 p.m. **Bells of Peace:** Please join us at Elmvale Presbyterian Church for this special event being coordinated by the Royal Canadian Legion to commemorate the end of WWI. At 5 p.m. we will ring our church bell 100 times along with churches nation wide in memory of the fallen, the wounded, those who served, whose sacrifice paved the way for the peace we share today.

UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship and Nurture are entering a float in the **Santa Claus Parade on Sunday December 2.** The theme this year is Red Neck Christmas. We are looking for an old, beat up truck to pull the float. If anyone has one please let Janice Terry know.

Tue. Nov. 20 **Knox, Flos Meat Pie Day.** Please order through Sandy Conn (322-2102).

FOOD BANK ITEMS NEEDED: jams, dish soap, apple juice, tomato juice & puddings

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: **Doug & Lana Spence; Janice & Bern Terry; Joan Thompson** 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, Grant Ritchie, Herb

Ritchie, Patsy Graham & Walter Marshall

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