

ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
22 Queen St. E. Elmvale, ON L0L 1P0

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

Dec. 9, 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 Peace (see insert) *(Marlene Lambie)*

HYMN: 128 There's a voice in the wilderness crying

PRAYER OF APPROACH, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER:

Light of all light, our dayspring of hope, may we find warm reflections of your countenance in the face of each brother, sister, stranger and friend. As we work for your world this day, may our hunger be for justice and our thirst for peace. Feed us with your presence. Strengthen our hearts and steady our hands for the business of loving your creation. As children of the light, may we walk in your radiance this day.

Refining God, it is not easy for us to admit we are not a blameless people. We trust the promises of politicians, but have trouble believing the ones you have made. We find ourselves captive to emotions and lusts which stun us, but doubt you can save us. We prefer the shadowy streets of the world, rather than walking in your Light. Forgive us, Faithful One. May the light of Christ show us your way; may the love of Christ overflow from our lives to others; may the life of Christ be our model as we seek to be your people. 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 SONG: 119 Hope is a star

CHILDREN'S TIME:

CHOIR ANTHEM: For Christ is born

GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE: Marlene Lambie
Psalm 126 (*sung refrain #1*) (*Book of Psalms*)
Malachi 3:1-4 (*Page 889*)
Philippians 1:3-11 (*Page 196*)
Luke 3:1-6 (Rev. Paul) (*Page 60*)

L. This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: The Voice in the Wilderness

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: 125 People, look east

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 on Advent II Sunday. Everyone is invited for coffee & fellowship downstairs after the service.

December 9: Human Rights Day (Dec. 10)

In many parts of the world, girls face barriers to education and other opportunities to earn a living. In Afghanistan, Zarmina felt frustrated by her community's belief that a girl's place is in the home and not in the classroom. In an effort to make life better for her daughters, Zarmina participated in gender equality training with PWS&D partners. Zarmina shared what she learned about a child's right to an education with other mothers, fathers and village leaders. As a result of her advocacy, the community now enthusiastically supports girls' education. "We hope that one day there will be no child out of school, not only in our community, but in the entire country."

PWS&D is making a difference for girls around the world

Birthdays this week: Today - Stan McNutt; 14-Yvonne Maw

Coffee Fellowship: Marie James

MINI FINANCIAL FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Total Receipts	\$12,435.00	Presbyterians Sharing
Total Expenditures	<u>12,470.33</u>	\$580.00
Difference	(\$35.33)	

CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon. Dec. 10 7:30 p.m. **Finance & Maintenance** (*parlour*)

Tue. Dec. 11 10 a.m. **Bible Study** (*parlour*)

Thur. Dec. 14 11:30-1 p.m. **"Let's Do Lunch" & Bake Sale**
Baking can be brought to the church Wed. Dec 12th or first thing Thursday morning. From past bake sales we know there are many in the church family who are excellent bakers of all kinds of goodies. If, for whatever reason you do not bake but would still like to contribute, a monetary donation can be given to any member of Mission & Outreach.

Thur. (cont.) 6 p.m. **G.A.S.**
7 p.m. **Choir practice**
8 p.m. **Cantata practice**

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. Directed by Karen Parnell & accompanist Bob Bruer.

What a generous congregation we have! First there are folks who donate yarn and fabric and assorted other crafting items to the craft group, then there are folks who use their time and talents to sew, knit, crochet, quilt and craft those donations into mitts, socks, scarves, hats, baby blankets, sweaters, booties, lap blankets and assorted other items too numerous to list. Then the congregation and community excitedly and generously purchase those items! THANK YOU to the MANY people who have been a part of this year's sale. We have raised over \$800 which will bring God's blessing to others in our community and throughout God's creation. (AND the sale continues this Thursday at Let's Do Lunch!)

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. The Food Bank family has 3 children and another on the way. 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.

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.**

Ellen MacLean who sang in our choir for over 20 years has moved to Toronto to live with her daughter. Her address is: 170 Dawlish Ave., Toronto, ON M4N 1H5

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: **Don & Thelma Bertram; John & Cindy Brown; Rebecca Brown** 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
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

Our sympathy is extended to **Jean Thurlow's family** on her passing two days before her 99th birthday. She passed away Nov. 28th and her funeral was at the Lynn-Stone Funeral Home last Wednesday.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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