

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.*



Feb. 3, 2019

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:

L: We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

C. This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

L. We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

C. This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

L. We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

C. This is the place where God will breathe the word into our lives.

by Thom Shuman - Canadian Food Grains Bank

*HYMN: 763 To show by touch

PRAYER OF APPROACH, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER:

Holy and Blessed Lord: As we have gathered here today on this PWS &D Sunday we find ourselves thirsty for your love, hungry for your kindness, and yet there are still many nations around our world that need our care. Our hearts are aching for those who are hungry to be fed, all who are thirsty, to drink. Gracious and loving God we are amazed at all thy works.

Merciful God you have always shown us the way, but we do not always follow. Forgive us. We sometimes want to choose our own way knowing that it is wrong. Forgive us. Help us to choose the right way, let us walk your way, let us follow you, not jump ahead of you. Loving and gracious God take us forward to a place where we can live and love in the way you have so many times shown us. We ask through your son Jesus Christ 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.

WELCOMING A NEW FAMILY MEMBER: Carolyn Heads

CHILDREN'S PRAISE SONG: 773 Jesus bids us shine

CHILDREN'S TIME: Carolyn Hill

ANTHEM: This world is not my home

GOD'S WORD FOR US

Litany (adapted from the Iona Community)

*You broke down the barriers
when you crept in beside us.*

*For in Jesus, the story-telling Jesus,
the controversial Jesus, you showed us:*

**All are one in Jesus Christ,
and for this we praise you.**

There is no longer male nor female, rich nor poor.

*You opened our eyes to see how the hands of the rich were empty
and the hearts of the poor were full.*

*And when we wanted to shake our fist,
you still wanted to shake our hand.*

**All are one in Jesus Christ,
and for this we praise you.**

*Here in the company of the neighbour we know,
and the stranger in our midst,*

we see to love as Jesus loved, widening the circle.

**In Christ, there is no longer male or female, rich or poor.
All are one in Christ Jesus!**

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 119:97-104
Luke 18:1-8

(Book of Psalms)
(Page 81)

L. This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Questions of Faith: Believing *(Janice Terry)*

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**

When I say the words, we pray to the Lord, please respond, Lord, hear our prayer.

God of hope, we give thanks that you abound in love, you fill us with your Spirit, and in you there is always the chance for a new beginning. In Jesus, you show us how to persevere, how to speak and act for the vulnerable, how to see a third way.

Gracious God, we give thanks for PWS&D, for the work and people you have entrusted to them, for the opportunities to reach out. *We pray to the Lord.*

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for PWS&D's partners around the world, grateful for all they teach us. We pray that they may continue to be filled with your Spirit as they seek justice, and as they bring help to people in need. *We pray to the Lord.*

Lord, hear our prayer.

In the silence..... All this we ask.... Amen

***HYMN:** 755 Go ye, go ye into the world

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION & BLESSING** *Carolyn Hill*

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 this World Service & Development Sunday. Thank you to the Worship & Nurture Committee for conducting the service. We welcome Carolyn Heads to our church family. Everyone is invited to the luncheon downstairs after the service.

February 3: PWS&D Sunday

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. February 3 is PWS&D Sunday—a day to celebrate the work our church is doing to make this vision a reality, empowering people out of poverty, hunger and oppression. Through programs in sustainable development and emergency relief, we are helping women, men and children get what they need to improve their well-being, recover from emergency situations and plan for futures abundant in the blessings of Christ. This work would not be possible without the faithful support of individuals and congregations across Canada, and our partners overseas. Today and every day, we give thanks for those striving for justice, mercy and peace throughout the world.

PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world

Birthdays this week: Feb. 6- Gerald Morgan; 8-Dianne Ritchie, Noreen Ritchie

Kids' Church: Elizabeth Hill & Rev. Paul

CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tue. Feb. 5 10 a.m. **Bible Study**

FOOD ALLERGY ALERT

Wed. Feb. 6 9 a.m. **Craft Club** (*parlour*)

Thur. Feb. 7 6 p.m. **G.A.S.**
7 p.m. **Choir**

Sat. Feb 9th 6 p.m. **Mission & Outreach** has cancelled the **Heart to Heart Hoedown**. We have not discarded the idea of a shindig and may plan one for the Spring.

Sun. Feb. 10 **Regular Service followed by a hot pot-luck luncheon and 2018 Annual Meeting.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **World Day Of Prayer** will be held in **St. John's United Church** on **Fri., March 1 at 10 a.m.** The country of interest is Slovenia. This will be followed by light refreshments.

FOOD BANK: After a busy Christmas season volunteers have finished sorting, date checking and stocking shelves at the Elmvale & District Food Bank. Currently our supplies are plentiful but with each passing month that supply goes down. Items that we will need in the future include: cookies, soda crackers, canned meats (flakes of ham, chicken – we have lots of tuna), salmon, pancake mix, toilet paper, apple juice & snack crackers. The Food Bank Committee thank you for your continued 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: **Cathy Furlong; Bill & Shirley Gibbs; Valerie & Craig Giffen** 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.

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
The Villa, Midland – Bill Cox Rm. 229
Woods Park Retirement Community, Barrie - Louise Wanless
Extencicare, Sudbury - Alma Faris
Telfer Place, Paris – Nancy Hull
Georgian Bay Hospital, Midland - Ross Cole
At Home - Dolores Parker, Bill Murray, Stan McNutt, Jill Lieper, Wally Greenlaw, Stan Ritchie, Ellen Furlong, Jackie Ritchie, Herb Ritchie, Patsy Graham, Walter Marshall, and Doug & Norma Kirton

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