

**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.*

Jan. 12, 2020

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:** *Debbie Kirton*

One: Eternal Father, at the Baptism of Jesus

**All: You revealed him to be your son then anointed him with  
the Holy Spirit**

One: Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit

**All: Faithful in their calling as your people. Accept our worship  
and our grateful thanks and praise.**

**HYMN:** 108 Praise ye the Lord

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

Lord Jesus, such is your love for us that you go on calling us to follow you however long it takes us to respond and your Spirit goes on leading us however torturous our journey of faith may be. We may put off a decision, keep you at arms length and still you are there to guide us, striving to draw us to yourself. Over the new decade before us we may encounter obstacles that impede our progress, that lead us astray, that obscure the truth, yet you are always there to put our feet back on the way. Teach us your love will never let us go, help us respond to you with our best self, knowing you will lead us until our journey's end.

Merciful God, unlike us you don't dwell on past failures, instead you invite us to acknowledge them openly before you and then to move

on. Teach us to do just that, to accept your forgiveness, and, rather than sink into guilt, to accept the freedom you have won for us. Help us not simply to talk about new life but to live it, receiving each moment as your gracious gift. Through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray together ...*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.*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:**

One: Jesus taught forgive and you will be forgiven

**All: Since we all need God's forgiveness**

One: Let us from the heart forgive one another

**All: So that we, repentant and forgiving, may ourselves  
be forgiven.**

**CHILDREN'S PRAISE SONG:** 498 Sing them over again to me

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**ANTHEM:** You are Lord

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE:** Debbie Kirton

Psalm 29

Mark 1: 7-11

*(Book of Psalms)*

*(Page 34)*

L. This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:** Life in the River *(Rev. Jim Young)*

**HYMN:** 183 Christ, when for us you were **baptized**

**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:** 722 Lord, whose love

### GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

#### \*BENEDICTION & BLESSING

Walk with the Lord

*Walk with the Lord, Go from this place, filled with his everlasting grace.*

*Walk with the Lord. Go where he leads, blessed by His love and his peace.*

*Each day you live, in all you do, let the light of Christ be found in you.*

*Walk with the Lord. Trust and obey. Go now and serve Him in faith.*

#### 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. Thank you to Rev. Jim Young for taking our service. Everyone is invited for coffee and fellowship downstairs after the service.**

#### **January 12: Bibi's healthy family**

In the village of Ziarat, Afghanistan, Bibi is mother to nine children. For many women like Bibi, having many children is partly due to a lack of access to information about family planning. Frequent pregnancies and limited healthcare facilities contribute to Afghanistan's high maternal mortality rate. When a community health worker from a PWS&D-supported health centre came to examine Bibi, the young mother learned about the benefits of child spacing. "I am advising other women in the village to adopt family planning methods as it is for the betterment of the family as a whole," says Bibi. A woman's ability to choose when to become pregnant helps families improve their well-being, increases economic opportunity and promotes gender equality.

*PWS&D protects the health of mothers and children*

**Birthdays this week:** Jan. 18-Bill Cox; Russel Ritchie

**Kids Church:** Cathy Finlay

**Fellowship:** Marlene Lambie

## CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK

**ANNUAL REPORT TIME: The office would appreciate your reports e-mailed as soon as possible.**

Mon. Jan. 13 1:30 p.m. **Willing Worker's/WMS** (*parlour*)  
7 p.m. **Finance & Maintenance Budget Meeting**  
(*parlour*)

Tue. Jan. 14 10:30 a.m. **Bible Study** – We will conclude our Christmas devotional Celebrating Abundant Generosity by Walter Brueggemann. Anyone interested in joining is most welcome.

Wed. Jan. 15 9:30 a.m. **Mission & Outreach** (*parlour*)  
7:30 p.m. **Session** (*parlour*)

Thur. Jan. 16 6 p.m. **G.A.S.**  
7 p.m. **Choir**

Sun. Jan. 19 11 a.m. Rev. Lois Lyons

### UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We are now preparing to move forward in our search for a new minister and are seeking volunteers, who are members of this congregation, to be a part of that committee. Please speak to Marlene (Clerk) or any Session member if you would like to be a part of this process of finding our new teaching elder (minister).**

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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: **Gloria Haddingham, Carolyn Heads, Carolyn Hill** 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.

## **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, Nancy McGrady & Stan McNutt  
Serenivale Presbyter