

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. 19, 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: *Marlene Lambie*

One: We come seeking the holy love of God, that we may become whole and loving.

All: As Jesus Christ has shared the life of earth, through Christ we may share the life of God, in growing justice and love.

One: In awe, faith, and thanksgiving, let us rejoice in God's presence and share God's love.

All: Let us worship God !

HYMN: 290 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

PRAYER OF APPROACH, CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER:

We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. We have gathered because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ, you have touched us with your Spirit; and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. Through the grace of Jesus Christ empower us to worship and serve you.

We admit, O God, that we are attracted to false gods. The "god" of easy answers whispers that we need not accept the cost of discipleship, but only the joy. The "god" of busy schedules tempts us to delay doing your will until tomorrow. The "god of cozy friendships" calls us to love those who love us, rather than labouring

to build Christian community among diverse personalities. Forgive us that we are drawn to false gods. Hold us close in your love, that we may never forsake you, but always serve you faithfully. 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.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: In Christ there is forgiveness and freedom; in Christ there is empowerment and peace.

Two: In Christ all things are made new. We are God's forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S PRAISE SONG: You are my all in all

CHILDREN'S TIME:

ANTHEM: In His Hand

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Marlene Lambie

Psalm 40: 1-11

(Book of Psalms)

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(Page. 165)

John 1: 29-42

(Page 92)

L. This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Come and See *(Rev. Lois Lyons)*

HYMN: 634 Will you come and follow me

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 (in unison)**

O God, through the offering of these gifts may we become a more open people...

Open-minded in hearing your Word and wisdom,

Open-hearted in healing a broken world,

Open-handed in heeding your call for enacted love. With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves. In Jesus' name we pray and give. Amen

HYMN: 743 Lead on, eternal Sovereign

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. Lois Lyons for taking our service. Everyone is invited for coffee and fellowship downstairs after the service.

January 19: Sowing seeds of hope

Through Justice Ministries, the PCC works with congregations to sow seeds of hope and respond to the justice imperatives of the gospel. At the centre of this work is engagement with Presbyterians across Canada. Staff visit and speak to congregations, presbyteries, synods, youth groups and camps. They provide workshops, respond to the TRC's calls to Action, facilitate the Blanket Exercise in many different places and speak on reconciliation. Justice Ministries has recently produced resources on the Doctrine of Discovery, how to "green" your congregation, Earth Day, and materials to engage the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls final report.

Presbyterians Sharing sows seeds of hope

Kids Church:

Fellowship:

CHURCH EVENTS THIS WEEK

ANNUAL REPORT TIME: The office would appreciate your reports e-mailed as soon as possible. The Annual Meeting is Sunday Feb. 9.

Tue. Jan. 21 10 a.m. **Bible**

Thur. Jan. 23 6 p.m. **G.A.S.**
7 p.m. **Choir**

Sun. Jan. 26 11 a.m. Rev. Martin Van Essen

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: **Elizabeth Hill, Alex & Joan Houston, Marie James** 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

Serenity, Barrie - Muriel Patchell

Georgian Manor, Penetang - Edna Kerr

King Place, Midland - Violet Graham, Stan & Jackie Ritchie

The Villa, Midland (Rm. 316) - Bill Cox

Roberta Place, Barrie - Louise Wanless & Ross Cole

Extendicare, Sudbury - Alma Faris

Telfer Place, Paris - Nancy Hull

Amica Retirement Home, Barrie - Mary Anderson

At Home - Dolores Parker, Bill Murray, Wally Greenlaw, Jackie Ritchie,

Bruce Ritchie, Ellen Furlong, Herb Ritchie, Patsy Graham, Walter

Marshall, Norma Kirton, Brad McGrady, Marilyn Cole, Harvey Graham,

Gord & Brenda Wilson and Carole Huth

Please note that Mary Anderson is now living in Amica Retirement Home, Barrie.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Interim Moderator - Rev. Jim Young jim.ann.young@gmail.com

Minister in Association - Rev. Lois Lyons

Organist & Choir Director - Ruth Currie 429-8891

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Prayer Chain Coordinator – Carolyn Hill 322-6761

Church Secretary - Shirley Richardson Office: 322-1411

(Wed. afternoon & Thur. morning)

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