

**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.*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 27, 2022

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**

**LENT LITURGY:**

**HYMN:** 706 Come, let us sing

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

**PRAYER** (unison)

**Almighty God, your constant love reaches to the heavens, your  
faithfulness extends to the skies and embraces all the earth.**

**Your righteousness towers like the mountains, your justice is  
deeper than the seas.**

**A place where all find protection and a homecoming under the  
shadow of your wings.**

**We feast on the abundance and joy that you provide us.**

**You are the source of all life, and in your light, we see light.**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in  
our thoughts, with our words and deeds,**

**By what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and  
strength.**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what  
we are, and direct us what we shall be.**

**Help us that we may delight in your will and walk always in  
your ways, to the glory of your name.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to 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 FORGIVENESS:** (in unison)

**To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in  
hope.**

**This is God's word of grace:**

**We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.**

**This is the gift we have from God.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**FAMILY HYMN:** 350 To God be the Glory

**FAMILY TIME:**

**ANTHEM:**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE:** Janice Terry

Responsive Psalm 32:1-7

*(Book of Psalms)*

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*(Page 181)*

Luke 15:11-32

*(Page 78)*

L. This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:** "A Homecoming"

*Tom Mason*

**HYMN:** 748 Lord of all hopefulness

## **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:** 324 Great is thy faithfulness

## **GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

## **\*BENEDICTION & BLESSING:**

The Blessing

*May God give you peace through every trial.  
May God give you courage for every mile.  
May God give you comfort and be your friend,  
and give you life eternal,  
life without end.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This morning we would like to welcome Tom Mason "with arms wide open" to our pulpit. As he leads Worship help him feel welcome, surround him with your energy, good will and grace. Our prayers are with you all.

We also extend a warm welcome to Tom's wife Terry.

Thur. March 31 7 p.m. **Choir**

**Sun. April 3 The 2021 Annual Meeting will follow the regular Sunday service in the sanctuary.**

## **LENTEN MISSION PROJECT**

The isolation and separation of Covid and having to do school virtually has taken a toll on the mental health of some of our children. The mission focus of the church family over the weeks of Lent, therefore, will be the **Simcoe/Muskoka Child & Youth Mental Health Services (RVH)** which offers excellent in-patient and out-patient programs. The mission will run to Sunday Apr. 17th. Please mark your envelopes "**Lenten Mission**".

## **UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The church's four committees are always seeking new members as we encourage the sharing of your God given talents. Your interests could be in the nurturing of the congregation on the **Worship and Nurture** committee; the missions of our church on the **Mission and Outreach** committee; the nuts and bolts of our building and all matters financial by joining the **Finance and Maintenance** team and the sharing and furthering of your biblical knowledge on the **Christian Education** committee. As we draw closer to the Annual General meeting on April 3rd we invite the congregation to give some thought and prayer to how you could help our church continue to grow as we await our new minister.

**Session** approved a motion requiring all congregants entering the church to be fully masked for the next two weeks up to and including April 3rd, 2022. Proof of vaccination is no longer required as mandated by the Provincial Government as of March 1, 2022.

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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