

**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.*

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPT. 25, 2022

Please stand for the entry of the Bible.

\*Please stand if you are able.

**MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION TO PREPARE FOR  
WORSHIP**

Give us your Spirit of wisdom, O God, so that we may hear your  
Word speaking through the Scriptures with ears that understand,  
and hearts moved to love.

Make us a people that build others up, guided in the Spirit and in  
the teachings of Christ. **Amen.**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive) *Mary Fleming*

One: Here God speaks to us words of both challenge and comfort.

**All: Here Jesus stands among us, calling us to acts of love and  
mercy.**

One: Even now, the Holy Spirit is moving in our midst,

**All: filling us with hope and care for others, inspiring us to  
faithfulness.**

One: Let us worship God, ever Three and ever One.

**All: Let us praise God's holy name together!**

**HYMNS:** 422 Sing a new song unto the Lord

**PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION & LORD'S  
PRAYER** (unison)

**Creating God,**

As the seasons change, we see you are still at work in the  
world, transforming hearts and situations as we move into a  
new season.

You offer us new possibilities day by day, and so, we place our  
trust in your redeeming power.

Renew our energy to love and care for each other this autumn  
and open our eyes to new opportunities to reach out in Jesus'  
name to others.

Through the power of the Spirit, make us participants in your  
work, Help and guide us to bring hope and encouragement into  
an anxious world, A world of change that cries out for your  
saving grace and love.

**The Prayer of Confession:**

Compassionate God, you open your heart to all of us, never  
turning us away.

We confess that we are your imperfect and sinful creation and  
that we can sin even when we do not know.

Forgive us O Lord when we stray from the teachings of Jesus.  
The places and times when our actions and intentions towards  
each other fall short.

When we feel uncomfortable or fearful, when we are placed in  
new or unfamiliar places and situations.

Forgive us O Lord and make us ever faithful to you, give us  
open hearts that embrace others, and which are filled with the  
love of Jesus. 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 PARDON:** (unison)

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,

that they may be cleansed from their sins to serve you with loving hearts, united in faith, hope and love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FAMILY HYMN:** 476 Amigos de Christo

**FAMILY TIME:**

**ANTHEM:**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE:** *Mary Fleming*

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**All: will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."**

One: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

**All: he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;**

One: his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day,

**All: or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

**Old Testament Passage: Exodus 14: 10-21** (Page 60)

**New Testament Passage: Acts of the Apostles 2: 41-47** (Page 120)

L. This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:** Pastor Jane Archer

**HYMN:** 471 We are one in the Spirit

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** *Isabel Savage*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:**

The prophets and parables of the Bible teach us to give of ourselves to others in need.

Freely, freely, as we have received, freely, freely we give.

*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.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

Loving God, we bring you our gifts, grateful that we have something to share, and glad to be part of the church of Christ on earth. Bless the ministries supported by Presbyterians Sharing as well as the mission of our congregation. Use our gifts to share and care in the world you love, through Christ our Lord.

**HYMN:** 477 Your hand, O God, has guided

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

**\*BENEDICTION & BLESSING:**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go Now In Peace

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Pastor Jane for coming to take the service today while Rev. Tom is recuperating and thank you to all those who helped with the service.

**Everyone is invited downstairs following the service for fellowship and refreshments.**

**“At the June 15 Session meeting it was agreed that the decision regarding the wearing of the face masks while in the church would be left up to each individual.”**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A SCENT-FREE FACILITY.**

## UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

**Mon. Sept. 26 7 p.m. Christian Education (*parlour*)**

**Wed. Sept. 28 7 p.m (rescheduled) Session**

**Thur. Sept. 29 7 p.m. Choir**

"The Willing Workers/WMS group would like to sponsor a gathering of **socks and bandaids** as a Thanksgiving gift to such programs as the Guest House, Midland and Busby Centre, Barrie knowing that these items are always in need for the homeless. All donations are to be collected and dropped off at the church on or before Thanksgiving weekend."

"**Crieff Hills** in Puslinch (near Guelph) is offering a **Women's Weekend on November 18-20/2022**. The Retreat offers quiet walks on the Labyrinth, devotion time, guest speakers, music, yoga, watercolour painting class and of course, food. If you are interested please speak to Terry Mason or Marlene for more information. We plan to collect names and register as a group."

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**The annual Evensong Service of St. John's Anglican Church, Waverley, is Sunday September 25th at 7:00 pm.** This year the guest speaker is Karen Chaplin who is a certified Forest Therapy Guide. She will talk about trees and wellness, in particular, the importance of forests for our psychological, physical and spiritual health. The church is located at 242 Darby Rd. & Hwy. 93, Waverley. Refreshments will be served afterwards. The offertory will be given to Georgian Bay Cancer Support Centre. You are welcome to come out to hear our speaker and to join in some of the lovely old evening hymns.

**A very happy 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday to Dollie Moulden who celebrated her special day last Wed. Sept. 21.**

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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## **Back to School Needs at Food Bank**

rice	cereal
apple juice	tuna
hamburg helper	kleenex
canned beef gravy	school puddings & snacks
canned creamed corn	canned corn niblets
canned potatoes	cheese whiz
drinking boxes	

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