

**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.*

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  
17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Please stand for the entry of the Bible.  
\*Please stand if you are able.

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

God of Hope, amid all the concerns in the world around us, we turn to your Word. Send your Holy Spirit to still our thoughts and speak your wisdom to us. Fill our souls with the loving action of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive) *Leslie Stroud*

We come as guests invited to a table;

**We come to celebrate with friends and neighbors.**

Jesus Christ, our Friend, and Savior, invites us to gather:

**We gather with his friends around the world.**

Come and worship with hearts full of God's praise and promise.

**We worship God in gladness, for God's faithfulness endures forever.**

**HYMN:** #651 Guide me, O thou great redeemer

**PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)**

OCT. 2, 2022



Gracious and Generous God, you spread a banquet table and make room for all to come: friend and foe, healed and sick, hopeful, and hopeless.

You feed our desires with goodness and fill our longing with steadfast love.

We worship you with grateful praise, together with all your people, here and everywhere, who break bread at your table and who share the cup.

We celebrate our life together in Christ and offer our love and loyalty to you, O God, Source of all goodness, through Jesus Christ, who shares the deepest part of our souls, and your Holy Spirit who prays within us.

**The Prayer of Confession: (unison)**

God of mercy and mystery, When you invite us to your table, you ask us to come with clean hands and open hearts.

You ask us to come in peace, seeking reconciliation with you and with each other.

In this silence, we hand over to you the broken relationships, disagreements, and disappointments that keep us from living in your peace.

Free us from the burdens we carry which we share in this silence.

so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world:

*Hold silence for 20 seconds.*

**The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**We pray in the strong name of Jesus...***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)**

**Hear and believe this good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven. Have the courage to forgive one another, and be at peace – with God, with your neighbor and with yourself.**

**FAMILY HYMN:** In Christ Alone

**FAMILY TIME:**

**ANTHEM:** The Power of the Cross

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

**SCRIPTURE:** *Brad McGrady*

**Psalm 37:3-6**

One: Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land and enjoy security.

**All: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

One: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will act.

**All: He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

**Old Testament Passage:** Lamentations 1:1-6 (Page 762)

**Gospel Passage:** Luke 17:5-10 (Page 80)

L. This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:** "Our Soul" *Rev. Tom Mason*

### **COMMUNION SERVICE**

**HYMN:** #548 Let us Break Bread Together

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE:**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:**

Around this table we celebrate God's generosity to us in Christ and in creation. We present our offering in gratitude for all God has given. Your offering will now be received.

*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:**

God, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. Our gifts may not be perfect, bless them with your Holy Spirit to spread your goodness in the world, for the sake of Christ, our living Lord.

**INVITATION:**

**PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,

You are source of all that exists.

You are beyond the galaxies, deeper than the oceans.

You pour down rain and bring forth the fruit of the earth.

You carry us through deep waters and hold us in the darkest night.

So, with all your creatures, great and small, with angels and archangels, with saints and servants in every generation we join in the rejoicing of your creation:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy is your Son Jesus, O God,  
Walking this earth, feeding the hungry, calling the lost, noticing the forgotten, healing those who reached out, teaching those who sought wisdom, he revealed your kingdom in our midst.  
Today we thank you for all Jesus shared with us to show us that you are always with us in times of plenty and times of pain.  
And so, we celebrate the mystery of our faith in him:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Holy God,  
When the sounds of our rejoicing fall silent, we remember those who cannot rejoice today, who face times of pain or fear or upheaval.  
We think especially of those whose countries have been overwhelmed by earthquake, flood, and storm, by conflict, drought, or famine.  
Draw near to them in the power of the Spirit to strengthen and sustain them through Christ's compassion and ours.

Holy Spirit, come now and settle on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
May they become for us Christ's body and life blood, healing, forgiving, and for making us whole.  
So may we become Christ's body, the Church, loving and caring throughout the whole world until that day when all creation feasts with you in the fullness of your mercy and peace in the name of Jesus **Amen**.

**THE STORY OF THE LAST SUPPER:**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Loving God, Christ our Lord, Holy Spirit,  
you have nourished us, body, and soul, in this meal.  
We have heard your love, so send us out to speak it.  
We have seen your love, so send us out to show it.  
We have been fed by your love, so send us out to share it.  
And let all things be done for your glory. **Amen**.

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

**HYMN:** It is well with my Soul

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

**\*BENEDICTION & BLESSING:**

Go from here to serve God, with your strength renewed and your faith reassured, for you are part of Christ's body embracing the world in his name.  
And may that God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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**

The Apostle Paul speaks of a body joined together through Jesus Christ in Ephesians 4:16.

Paul teaches us how this body is equipped and works together to promote growth and a building up of each person in love, within a congregation.

Our Children's welcome back to Church Sunday was enjoyed by everyone. From Young Annie to Ms Dolly, smiles were the order of the day.

Much work was put into this service from the Christian Education committee, the Worship & Nurture committee and the Mission and Outreach committee; our choir and so many others, who shared and worked together, to make this service and event such a success.

It was a joy to see all of our committees coming together to build up our congregation in love.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard, together, to make this happen. Blessings and Peace.

**Thank You to Rev. Tom and all those who took part in today's World Communion 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**

**Worship and Nurture** is looking for corn stalks, straw, pumpkins, squash, preserves, etc. for decorating the sanctuary and the float. Please let Janice Terry know if you have anything to share. Janice will be contacting families to see who would be available to go on the float and what is needed. If anyone would like to volunteer before then I would be very grateful.

Thur. Oct. 5 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."

### **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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

rice

apple juice

hamburg helper

canned beef gravy

canned creamed corn

canned potatoes

drinking boxes

cereal

tuna

kleenex

school puddings & snacks

canned corn niblets

cheese whiz

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