

ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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*“Elmvale Presbyterian Church is a Christian Community where everyone is welcome sharing God’s love through worship, music, prayer, teaching and outreach.”*

5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 26, 2023

Please stand for the entry of the Bible.

\*Please stand if you are able.



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

Life-giving God, steady us with your Spirit. Open our hearts and minds so that we may attend to the stories of your grace and promise, revealed through Christ, your Living Word. Amen

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**LENT LITURGY:** Carolyn Heads

**HYMN:** 389 Breathe on me, breath of God

**PRAYERS OF APPROACH, CONFESSION, AND THE  
LORD’S PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

God in whom we live and move and have our being, we praise you.

In the face of all that wearies us and worries us, your Word echoes across the centuries with hope.

As we follow the footsteps of Jesus in this Lenten season, his Cross standing before us, we trust you are never far from our sorrows, walking with us; sharing our tears.

You stand beside us when we don’t know which way to turn. In this time of worship, renew our trust in your resurrection promises.

Draw near to us when we need you the most with love that will never let us go.

And so we offer you our wonder and our praise in the name of Jesus who is the Resurrection and the Life. Amen

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

God who knows us through and through, we confess our memories can cause us to struggle with our faith.

We remember difficult times and wonder where you were.

We remember tragedies and ask how you could let them happen.

We remember our own mistakes and wonder how you could love us.

Forgive us when our memories turn us away from you.

Remind us that your love never lets us go and that its power holds us and heals us in every desperate moment.

*In the strong name of Jesus, 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:** (unison)

Jesus said, “Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” Trust that peace and forgiveness are God’s gift to you this day, whatever burden you carry. Be renewed by the breath of the Holy Spirit that will bring you into each new day. Amen

**FAMILY HYMN:** Lord I lift your name on High

**FAMILY TIME:** “New things”

**CHOIR ANTHEM:**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE:** *Leslie Stroud*

**Psalm 130** (responsive)

One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

**All: Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

One: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

**All: But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.**

One: I wait for the LORD; my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

**All: my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning,**

One: O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.

**All: It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.**

**The Old Testament: Ezekiel 37: 1-14** (Page 806)

**New Testament Reading: Romans 8:6-11** (Page 157)

L. This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE: “Living Life with Faith” Rev. Tom**

**HYMN:** Just a closer walk with Thee

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** *Marlene Lambie*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:**

God breathes the power of new life into the world through Christ who is both Friend and Saviour to us. We offer our gifts in gratitude for God’s renewing breath, trusting its power will move through our gifts into the world God loves.

*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:**

We place our gifts into your hands, O God. With the power of your Holy Spirit make them seeds of new life, springing up with hope and healing for weary souls. In Jesus’ name we pray. **Amen.**

**HYMN:** 350 To God be the glory

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

**\*BENEDICTION & BLESSING:**

As we move toward Holy Week and turn towards the Cross, remember the words of Jesus:

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

So may the tears of the Lord Jesus wash over your sorrows, the Spirit of God dwell in your hearts, and God’s promise of new life lead you through each day ahead.

*May God’s blessings surround you each day  
As you trust Him and walk in His way  
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,  
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.  
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank You to all who took part in this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Service. Everyone is invited for coffee, birthday cake & fellowship downstairs following this morning’s service.**

**“Session is in agreement that the wearing of the face masks while in the church will be the decision of each individual.”**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK**

**There will be a short meeting of the Women of the Church, also known as Hospitality Crew, following this morning's worship. There are a couple things that need to be updated and one item would be the adding of another person as signing authority on our bank account. Currently Cathy Finlay and Norma Kirton are our signing authorities. We also need to update everyone on the upcoming events that we have been asked to cater to.**

Thur. March 30 9:30 – 11 a.m. **"Take a Break"** Coffee Party.  
7 p.m. **Choir**  
Sun. April 2 11 a.m. **Palm and Communion Sunday**

The **church family mission for the period of Lent** from Sunday Feb. 26th up to and including Sunday Apr. 9th, will be directed to **PWS&D** as a fund has been established in aid of the earthquake disaster in Turkey and Syria. Please mark "**earthquake disaster**" on your envelope.

### **UPCOMING CHURCH EASTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thursday April 6 6:30 p.m. The Worship and Nurture Committee** is inviting the congregation to a Ham and Scalloped potato dinner day also called Holy Thursday which is the fifth day of Holy Week. It commemorates Jesus washing the feet of the disciples and the Last Supper. The idea of this service is to come together in fellowship for a meal and together tell the story of Jesus on Holy Thursday. This meal will help us to reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. **Please let us know by Sunday, April 2 if you plan to attend. All Welcome.**

**Good Friday April 7 11 a.m. Joint Service at Elmvale Presbyterian Church with our church, Knox Flos and St. John's United. All welcome.**

Sun. April 9 7 a.m. **Sunrise Service at Heritage Park** followed by breakfast at St. John's United. All welcome.  
11 a.m. **Easter Family Service**

### **76th Annual Meeting: The Women's Missionary Society The Presbyterian Church in Canada**

April 22, 2023 - St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 115 St. Andrew's Road, Scarborough - cost \$20 register by April 6. Let **Janice Terry** know. Guest Speaker & Bible Study Leader is Adele Halliday. Topic: **Becoming an Anti-Racist Church: Co-Creating Beloved Communities**

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FOOD BANK NEEDS**

**Canned items** – Potatoes Cream of chicken soup  
Creamed corn Stew Chili ham or chicken green or yellow  
beans tomatoes  
**Other -** jam soda biscuits cookies cake mix  
Pudding mix drinking boxes

### **CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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“We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Iroquois, Ojibway, Chippewa and WSA NEC people. We acknowledge this territory's significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live, upon it and whose practices and spiritualities were tied to the land.”

