

ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
22 Queen St. E. Elmvale, ON, L0L 1P0



*"Elmvale Presbyterian Church is a Christian Community
where everyone is welcome sharing God's love through
worship, music, prayer, teaching and outreach."*

**Service: World Communion Sunday" Sunday 1st October,
2023.**



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

MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION BEFORE WORSHIP

Amid the distractions of these days, give us undivided hearts
and attentive minds, O God.

Settle us with your Holy Spirit so that we might listen for
your truth, and discern your guiding Word.

Amen.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: By Mrs. Marlene
Lambie, The Clerk of Session**

CALL TO WORSHIP – Janet Beech

One: Rejoice in the Lord, you people of God!

All: We will sing songs old and new to praise our God.

One: God loves righteousness and justice;

All: will do our best to serve God faithfully.

One: The earth is full of God's steadfast love.

**All: We come to worship with glad hearts, to offer our
love and loyalty**

Hymn:

OUR PRAYERS OF APPROACH, CONFESSION, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF APPROACH (unison)

God of our ancestors,

You have wanted relationships with people
ever since the dawn of humanity

You have reached out in love

right from the beginning of our existence.

You are glad to be known as the God of Abraham
and as our God

You want us to know ourselves as Your children, Your
people.

You are the Ancient of Days and as fresh as summer rain.
Steadfast and Surprising God,

You are younger and older than all that is

and before Your face, we bow in wonder at You again.

What a gift that You make Yourself known,

and call us to You, and call out the best in us. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Lord,

what a puzzle we are to ourselves

when we shut off the flow of Your Spirit;

when we become disconnected from You

and do not even think to say, "Help"

Forgive us when we fail to hear the cries of another.
Forgive us when we hurt others because we are hurting.
Forgive us when we sit too long in the certainty we are
beyond repair or that we are right.
Help us, Jesus, to let You come near, to speak to us clearly,
saying, I forgive you, I love you, go on in peace.'
Holy Spirit, be present within us, come alive in us
fill us with a new warmth and energy,
mended, faithful and hopeful,
As 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)

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding
in steadfast love.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace with God, with
yourself and with one another.

Hymn: #740 Make me a channel of your peace

FAMILY TIME: "" by Rev Tom

The children will leave for Children's Church.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 78:1-4 (responsive) *Janet Beech*

One: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching:

All: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

One: I will open my mouth in a parable;

**All: I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we
have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.**

One: We will not hide them from our children;

**All: we will tell to the coming generation the glorious
deeds of the LORD, and the mighty wonders that God
has done.**

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: Will you come and Follow Me. [Will You
Come and Follow Me? \(The Summons\) - Bing video](#)

**MESSAGE: "Say what you mean and Do what you Say" by
Rev Tom**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostle's Creed (Unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Elder 1

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

God offers us a future in Christ Jesus, sometimes through comfort and sometimes through challenge.

We present our gifts to God in gratitude for God's faithfulness to us in every situation.

*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 of healing and hope, you offer us what we need in Christ Jesus, not always what we want. Bless our gifts and use them to meet needs in lives touched by the outreach of our church. Give each of us courage to reach out in Jesus' name whenever you call. **Amen.**

Hymn: #548 Let us break bread together

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lords Table – Elder 2

The Great Thanksgiving

The Breaking of the Bread

The Passing of the Bread and Wine – Rev Tom and the Elders

The Prayer after Communion

The Sharing of the Peace - Rev Tom, The Elders and the Congregation.

Hymn:

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

THE BENEDICTION:

Go in faith into whatever the week ahead may hold, sure that Christ walks with you.

And may the God who made us, the Christ who mends us, and the Spirit who gives us life bring you joy and peace, now and always.

THE BLESSING

*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

We welcome Rev. Tom and Terry back from their short vacation. We welcome all our visitors and thank everyone who took part in today's World Communion Sunday Service. Everyone is invited downstairs for coffee and fellowship following this morning's service.

Upcoming Congregational Worship and Events

Thur. Oct. 5

7 p.m

Choir

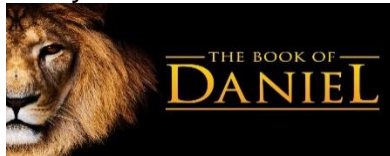


Friday 6th, 7th, 8th October – “The Elmvale Fall Fair” Our church is planning to serve food at the fairground, and also participate with a booth and float. Please if you can help in any small way, this will be fun, everyone’s participation and help would be most appreciated for this wonderful community event.

Friday 13th October 5.50pm-8.30pm and Saturday 14th October 9.30am-2.30pm Elmvale and Knox, Flos Presbyterian Churches “NEW MEMBERS CLASS” will be held. Currently we have seven people signed up for the class. Please let Rev Tom know if you would like to attend.



Monday 16th October – “BIBLE STUDY” Our fall Bible study will commence on Monday 16th October. In person and Zoom will be available. 7pm Start in the Parlor. The Study will run for six Mondays and will be on the Book of Daniel. Come and join with us as we study God’s word. Everyone is most welcome.



Saturday 28th October – W.M.S – Speaker: Rev. Tom & Terry Mason on Mission at Elmvale Presbyterian Church.



Sunday 29th October – Presbyterian Sharing Sunday

Sunday 5th November – Elmvale Presbyterian Churches 163rd Anniversary with Guest preacher Rev. Dr Robert Faris past Moderator of the PCC.

Elmvale Presbyterian Church Service Opportunities

Elmvale Presbyterian Church has long been richly blessed through the faithful service of Mr. Doug Lambie as Treasurer, and Ms. Shirley Richardson as Secretary. We thank them both for their service.

Both have decided to retire from their position but remain as a vital part of our Church family. Shirley is officially finished Oct. 31 and a new Administrative Assistant will take over the duties. We are still seeking a Church Treasurer.

Church Treasurer

Job description and a more thorough detail about the roles and expectations of the position will be provided. (Although desirable, a Christian faith is not necessary.)

References and a Resume highlighting experience and skills will be required.

We invite all interested applicants to contact Rev. Tom Mason or Mrs Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session.

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Knox, Flos Presbyterian Church at Crossland.

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Web Site: [Elmvale Presbyterian Church | Serving Christ & community since 1860](#)

Facebook: Elmvale Presbyterian Church



The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Cindy Brown, a former choir member, is now a resident at Hillcrest Village Care Centre in Midland.

Wednesdays 3:30 - 5:30 at Elmvale Presbyterian Church - English as a second language Conversation Club.

Mondays at 1:00 - 2:00 at Elmvale Library – English as a second language Conversation Club. See poster on side door bulletin board.



“We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Iroquois, Ojibway, Chippewa and WSANEC 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.”

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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ELDER TRAINING

FREE!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

All elders are encouraged to join us for a day of equipping with special guest Rev. Dr. John-Peter Smit, Regional Minister for Congregational Health for the Synod of Central, Northeastern Ontario and Bermuda of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

What is the role of an elder?

How do you lead with integrity?

What is the difference between leadership and management?



FREE MARIPOSA LUNCH!

LOCATION:

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
99 Peter St. N., Orillia**

TIME: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

(doors open at 9 am with coffee)

**REGISTER BY OCTOBER 1, 2023
at mceice.family@sympatico.ca**



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