

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."



A warm welcome to any newcomers or to those who may be returning to Worship this morning. Please know that it is great to see you, we have missed you, there is a place here for you.

Service: Sunday 10th September, 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

God of Word and Wisdom, let us be a people of warm welcome and understanding, send us your Holy Spirit, so that by your light, we may see clearly what you call us to be and to do. Engage us by your truth so we know how best to share Christ Jesus, your living Word, with others. **Amen**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mrs Marlene Lambie,
the Clerk of Session

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) *Janet Beech*

One: Sing to the Lord a new song.

All: We will worship God, our Maker!

One: Let us praise God with song and dance,

All: For God is gracious and loving!

One: Let us bring God glory and honour,

All: For God deserves our praise.

HYMN: Come in, Come in

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

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

God of grace and glory,

Your creative power is beyond imagining.

Your love is wider than the whole universe; your mercy reached beyond the highest heavens; your wisdom lies deeper than the fathoms of the sea.

Maker of all things, you became one of us in Jesus Christ, walking the same road we take each day.

Through your Spirit, you are present with us in every time and place, to comfort and challenge us.

We worship you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, and will live to bring you glory, now and always, **Amen**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of majesty and mercy, although Christ offers us peace, we confess we are a people divided.

We harbour fears and jealousy which set neighbour against neighbour, nation against nation.

We pursue profit and pleasures which harm creation and the wellbeing of less privileged peoples.

Have mercy upon us, O God. Set us free from our old ways to serve you through your reconciling love in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us...*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 challenges us to lay aside actions and deeds that distance us from God and one another and to put on the armour of light.

Know that you are forgiven by God's grace. Walk in God's mercy. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with each other.

FAMILY HYMN: Lord I lift your name on High. [lord i lift your name on high - Bing video](#)

FAMILY TIME:

CHOIR ANTHEM:

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 128:1-6 (responsive) *Deb Kirton*

One: Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in God's ways.

All: You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall go well with you.

One: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

All: Thus shall those be blessed who fear the LORD.

One: The LORD bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. May you see your children's children.

All: Peace be upon Israel.

May the Lord bless you all the days of your life.

The Old Testament: Deuteronomy 11:18-21 (Page 168)

New Testament Reading: The Pastoral Letter of 2 John: 1-7 (Page 242)

L. This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: By Rev Tom



HYMN: Pass it on (It only takes a Spark.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *Leslie Stroud*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

God calls us to show our love through the kindness we offer our neighbours. Our offering will spread the gifts God has given us to neighbours in need in the name of Christ, our Lord.

*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:

Gracious God, receive these gifts, offered in a spirit of generosity and humility. Bless and use them for the work that you long to do in the world you love for Jesus' sake.
Amen

HYMN: #376 Lord, the light of your love is shining

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION & BLESSING:**

The Apostle John teaches us that we owe no one anything but to love one another and that we are to teach this to our children.

So go now with God's love in your hearts and share this love with everyone you meet.

And so may God, the Source of Love,

Christ, the Face of Love in action,

And the Spirit, the transforming Power of love,

go with you out into God's world to bless each other, now and forever more. **Amen**

*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 all our visitors and thank everyone who took part in today's Service and preparation for the luncheon. Everyone is invited to the Welcome Back BBQ and fellowship downstairs following this morning's service.

Upcoming Congregational Worship and Events

Monday 11th September 9 a.m - 12 noon: **phone in orders (322-1411)** for Thur. "Let's Do Lunch" (\$6)

1:30 p.m. - Willing Workers Meeting in the Parlor.

Wednesday 13th September – Finance and Maintenance Meeting 7pm at the church.

Thursday 14th September – "LET'S DO LUNCH" 12 – 1 p.m.

Sunday 17th September – "TERRY FOX WALK" Come and join with our young people as they leave the service to walk for Terry Fox. Everyone is most welcome.



Tuesday 19th September – Mission and Outreach Meeting 10.30am in the Parlor.

Wednesday 20th September - Session Meeting 7pm at the Church.

Friday 22nd September - Friday 29th September – Rev. Tom and Terry are on vacation. Pastor Jeff will preach on Sunday 24th September.

October Upcoming Events...

Sunday 1st October – World Communion at both Knox, Flos and Elmvale Presbyterian.

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. Worship & Nurture are planning to enter a float in the Sat. parade. 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. A Meeting is planned to see what we are able to accomplish as a Congregation.



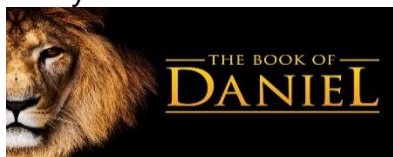
Friday 13th October 5.50pm-8.30pm and Saturday 14th

October 9.30am-2.30pm Elmvale and Knox, Flos Presbyterian Churches "NEW MEMBERS CLASS", At this time we have seven people signed up for the class. Please let Rev Tom know if you would like to attend.

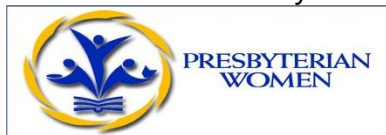


Monday 16th October – "BIBLE STUDY" Our fall Bible study will commence on Monday 16th October. In person and Zoom will be available. 7pm Start in the Parlor. The Study will run for six Mondays and will be on the Book of Daniel. Come and join with us as we study God's word.

Everyone is most welcome.



Saturday 28th October – W.M.S – Speaker on Mission. Time t.b.c at Elmvale Presbyterian.



Sunday 29th October – Presbyterian Sharing Sunday

GO COYOTES GO – Over \$2050 WAS RAISED FOR THE ELMVALE COYOTES HOCKEY TRIP AFTER EXPENSES – Well done E.P.C ☺

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. We are now seeking two dedicated and talented individuals to take on the role of:

Church Treasurer and Administrative Assistant.

Both roles are part time in nature.

Job descriptions 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. if you have an interest or need more information with either of these roles.

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Knox, Flos Presbyterian Church at Crossland.

Tel: 705-322-1411 Minister: Rev. Tom Mason

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

Facebook: [Elmvale Presbyterian Church](#)

 **The Presbyterian Church in Canada**

"The Christian Education Committee is focusing this year on restructuring, strengthening and re-energizing our Kids' Church program. During the COVID lockdown our inhouse programming ended and has not been able to restart the way we would like.

Part of this reorganizing involves a lot of prayer, thought, discussion and planning. We also need more volunteers to help out with the children's classes. If you would like to help out with ideas, suggestions or working with the kids let Elizabeth or any CE member know."

"What has become an important ministry for the church is the **live streaming of our services** as we know the broadcasting stretches out far and wide. That's where you come in as more volunteers for the sound and camera are needed to share this ministry. It is not difficult and training is provided. Elizabeth would love to hear from you."

The **WMS are supporting Mary Robertson** on her mission trip to **Guatemala in October with Broken Earth**. She is looking for individual use soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, hand cream, tooth brushes, small sized socks for men & women, hair elastics and/or scrunchies, sanitary pads for post op.

There will be a basket by the communion table for any donations you would like to make. Monetary donations can also be made for Mary. Thank you for all your support.

Community Fundraiser for Paul Jamieson

Paul , step son of Myrtle Jamieson, is experiencing serious health issues with resultant double amputation of his legs, first one in 2020 and the second in July of this year. Through all of this, he continues to live with a positive attitude. Paul is

presently rehabilitating in Toronto but needless to say, he and his family have a large financial commitment ahead. 50/50 tickets are being sold on his behalf and may be purchased from Roger Kennedy at rogerkennedy1975@gmail.com or by phone (705-795-2295).

St. John's United Annual Golf Tournament will be held on September 17 at Orr Lake Golf Course, 1:00 pm start. They are looking for teams to participate. Further details can be obtained from the church or Pam Erskine.

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

Fridays at 1:30 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."

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