

**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 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

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

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

Holy God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, and your ways are not our ways. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, guide us by your Spirit, so that our thoughts and our ways are transformed by your grace, through Christ, your Living Word. **Amen**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)** *Isabella Kirton-Fletcher*

One: Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

**All: We will call on God's name and make known God's wonderful works.**

One: Seek the Lord continually.

**All: We will watch and listen for signs of God's grace.**

One: Together let us worship God.

**All: We will rejoice in God's presence and praise God's holy name.**

**HYMN:** 412 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song

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

#### **PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

God of all creation, you open the world around us and fill it with creatures of your love and purpose.

The wonder of each creature declares your praise – the mountains state your majesty; the ripened field, your generosity; the oceans your power and the skies your grandeur.

Birds flying aloft sing of your freedom; the tiny ant works with your persistence.

And what do we declare about you in our lives?

**We pray that our work will honour your justice and mercy; and our relationships speak of your love and compassion.**

**So may we praise you, O God, not just in this hour of worship, but in all our waking and our working.**

**May we live your praise and promise through Christ, our Living Lord. Amen**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

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**May we live your praise and promise through Christ, our Living Lord who taught us to 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)

**The mercy of our God is from everlasting to everlasting. Believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ, God's generous love reaches out to embrace us. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free to begin again. Thanks be to God!**

**FAMILY HYMN:** 420 Praise, I will praise

**FAMILY TIME:**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE:** *Darlene Goddard*

**New Testament Reading:** Matthew 22:37-40 (Page 25)

L. This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE: "1 + 1 = YOU" By Jeff Walther**

**HYMN:** 225 A new commandment

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** *Angela Kirton*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:**

The stories of Scripture remind us there are many ways to give in gratitude for God's goodness to us. Whatever we have to give, let us give joyfully and generously, trusting God to do more than we can ask or imagine, in the name of Christ, our Living 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:**

We bring our gifts to you, O God, in gratitude for all you give us. Bless them and make them a source of healing for a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who sends us out in love. **Amen**

**HYMN:** 775 Sent forth by your blessing

**GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**\*BENEDICTION & BLESSING:**

Go, remembering God's generosity to us in Christ and in creation. Be generous in kind and in kindness to all who reach out to you.

May the power of the Spirit strengthen you, and the love of Christ that surpasses all knowledge fill you with the fullness of God this day and evermore.

**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.*

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome back and thank Jeff Walther for taking the service today while Rev. Tom is on vacation.**

**We welcome all our visitors and thank everyone who took part in today's Service. Everyone is invited downstairs for birthday cake, coffee and fellowship following this morning's service.**

### **Upcoming Congregational Worship and Events**

**Thur. Sept. 28 9:30 – 11 a.m. Willing Worker's Coffee Party**

**7 p.m**

**Choir**

### **October Upcoming Events...**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – World Communion at both Knox, Flos and Elmvale Presbyterian.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> October** – "The Elmvale Fall Fair" Our church is planning to serve food at the fairground, and also

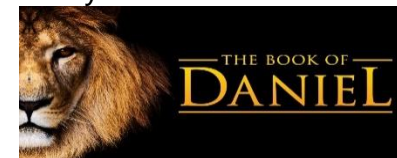
participate with a booth and float. Please if you can help in any small way, this will be fun, everyone's participation and help would be most appreciated for this wonderful community event.



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 5.50pm-8.30pm and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> October** – "BIBLE STUDY" Our fall Bible study will commence on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> October – W.M.S** – Speaker on Mission. Time t.b.c at Elmvale Presbyterian.



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October** – Presbyterian Sharing Sunday

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November** – Elmvale Presbyterian Churches  
163<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary with Guest preacher Rev. Dr Robert Ferris  
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. 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.

***Elmvale Presbyterian Church, 22 Queen St E Elmvale  
Or***

***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**

**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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