

ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Presbyterian Church in Canada

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

This Sunday Elmvale Presbyterian celebrates 163 Years of Christian Witness



A warm welcome to our Guest Preacher, The Rev Dr. Robert Faris B.A., MDiv, M.Th., PhD – the Past Moderator of the 147th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada to Worship this morning.

Service:

Our 163rd Anniversary Service
Sunday 5th November, 2023

Minister: Rev. Thomas S. Mason M.DIV

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

MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

God of ages past, present and yet to come, your Word comes to us as the witness of your saints over many generations.

We pray with gratitude in our hearts for those who came before us, for those that are here with us, and for those who will come in the future.

Help us to be the people of Christ, as we continue to witness your Word in our community.

Send the Holy Spirit as you have done since the beginning to open our hearts,
so that we too may hear your wisdom and come to know Christ more deeply as your Living Word. **Amen**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Marlene Lambie, the Clerk of Session

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive) Linda Murray

One. Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

All. Praise the Lord! Give thanks to him!

One. God has blessed us and brought us to this time.

All. God has blessed us and brought us to this place.

One. God has caused his name to dwell in our midst.

All. God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.

One: For 163 years God has nurtured and fed us.

All: For 163 years God has shown us his grace.

One: For 163 years God has given himself in Word and Sacrament.

All: For 163 years God has empowered us with His Holy Spirit.

One: For 163 years God has made us his witnesses in this community.

All: For 163 years God has placed us in loving fellowship with each other.

One. Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

All. Praise the Lord! Give thanks to him!

HYMN: 422 Sing a New Song unto the Lord

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

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of might and mercy,
we come to worship you this day,
proclaiming your power and your promise
in a world that is ever changing.

We proclaim your power
to defeat forces that work against your hope for the
world.

We proclaim your love that open's our hearts
and draws us to you and to one another.

We proclaim your promise in Jesus Christ
that nothing can separate from your love.

Strengthen our desire to live out our trust in you
in friendship and deeper relationship

with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of courage and commitment,
we confess we have not always followed the path you
set before us.

Fear holds us back from fully embracing your gift of
new life.

Our anxieties prevent us from bearing witness to your
love.

Forgive us, O God.

Give us courage that we may act as your saints in our
own time,

Inspired by your saints that came before us.

faithfully following Jesus, who taught us to pray...

THE LORDS PRAYER

...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)

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Through whom we have obtained access to this grace
in which we stand;

And we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God
(Romans 5:1-2, NRSV)

FAMILY HYMN: 476 Amigos de Christo

FAMILY TIME: The Presentation of our New Members
by the Minister, Clerk of Session and Elders.

CHOIR ANTHEM:

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Linda Murray

Psalms 98: 1-4 (Responsive)

One: O sing to the LORD a new song, for the LORD has done marvelous things.

All: God's right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

One: The LORD has made known the victory,

All: and has revealed vindication in the sight of the nations.

One: The Lord has remembered steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

All: break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65: 17-25

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

L. This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: "O Sing to the Lord a New Song" By Rev. Dr Robert Faris

HYMN: 624 Blessed are they

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: By the Rev. Dr Robert
Faris**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

The gifts of God have touched us through the work of many hands and the commitment of many lives over many centuries.

We give our gifts to honour God and all God's saints, praying that we too may be a blessing to those who come after us.

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below: praise him above,
ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Generous God, thank you for your steadfast love which has inspired so many to give their lives in sacrifice. Bless the gifts we bring, and inspire our discipleship so that our lives will also witness to your love in Christ's name. **Amen**

HYMN: 477 Your Hand, Oh God has guided

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING:

This week, let us remember the blessings that we have received from past generations at Elmvale Presbyterian for 163 years.

With thankful hearts we are inspired through their witness and commitment to Christ, to this Church and to this Community.

With their encouragement we continue to reach out to others through our actions of love and care in the name of Jesus Christ.

May, The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)
Amen.

Go now in peace.

Have a blessed and peaceful week folks.

Upcoming Congregational Worship and Events

Monday 6th November – “BIBLE STUDY SESSION 4”. In person and on Zoom 7pm Start in the Parlor.

Join Zoom Meeting

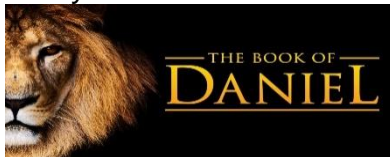
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Come and join with us as we study God's word.

Everyone is most welcome.



Tuesday 7th Nov – Finance and Maintenance 7pm

Wednesday 8th November – Craft Group 9am
Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Service.
Sunday 19th November – Guest Preacher Errol Lee.

We ask you to hold in your hearts and pray for anyone who may be sick, for those feeling lost or lonely and for those who need the healing and encouraging presence of Jesus Christ in their lives at this time.

We pray for peace throughout our troubled world, for the people of Gaza, Israel and the Ukraine.

We pray for our Church and Presbytery, and for all peoples of Faith, to be guided by the Spirit of Wisdom. Truth, Love and Peace that brings tolerance, understanding and compassion to All.

Thank you to the Rev. Dr Robert Faris and everyone who participated in this morning's service, thank you all for coming.

Peace be with you all.

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