

# 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."***

***This year Elmvale Presbyterian celebrates 163 Years of Christian Witness***



**A warm welcome to our Guest Preacher, Mr Errol Lee to Worship this morning.**

Service: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 the generations, the Scriptures are a legacy to us from your faithful people over many centuries. Just as your Spirit inspired poets and prophets, evangelists and epistle writers, and guided their translators again and again, send your same Spirit to inspire our understanding of the Word and our response to live by its wisdom, for the sake of Christ, your Living Word.

**Amen**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive) Gayle Atkinson**

One: Let us praise the God of Truth!

**All: Hallelujah! We seek God's truth.**

One: Let us praise the God of Peace!

**All: Hallelujah! We seek God's peace.**

One: Let us praise the God of Love!

**All: Hallelujah! In Christ we know God's love and so we offer our praise!**

**HYMN: 108 Praise ye the Lord**

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

### **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Transforming God,  
you take the night and give us day.  
You take our strife and give us peace.  
You take our sadness and give us joy.

You take our fear and give us courage.  
You take death and give us new life.  
O God, you give and you give and you give.  
So we come to praise you  
and offer our love and loyalty as your willing servants  
in the name of Christ who enriches our lives with grace  
and in the power of the Spirit who prays within us  
when we cannot find the right words to honour you,  
God most kind and generous. **Amen**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, you placed your mission in our hands  
and gave us gifts to accomplish amazing things in  
Jesus' name.  
We confess sometimes we've taken credit for what your  
love has done.  
Sometimes we've called our own desires your will.  
Sometimes we've stepped back and let others carry  
responsibilities.  
Forgive us when we've failed to honour your trust in us,  
as pray the words that Jesus taught us...

### **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)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?  
Only Christ – and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us,  
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. So  
trust God's promise.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given a new start by  
God's generous grace.

**FAMILY HYMN: 475 I am the Church! You are the Church!**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE: Marlene Lambie**

**Psalms 33: 1-4 (Responsive)**

One: Rejoice in the LORD, O you Righteous. Praise befits the upright.

**All: Praise the LORD with the lyre, make melody to the Lord with the harp of ten strings.**

**Sing to the Lord a new song; play skillfully in the strings, with loud shouts.**

One: For upright is the word of the LORD, whose work is done in faithfulness.

**All: The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.**

**The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 36: 24-28**

**The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7**

L. This is the word of the Lord.      **People: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE: "A Caring Concert" – Preaching and Music by Mr. Errol Lee.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: By Mr Errol Lee**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING: Janice Terry**

In the Church that bears Christ's name, we receive the legacy of faithfulness offered to us across many generations. Our gifts continue to build up the

inheritance we share in for generations we will never meet, so that they will meet Jesus and reach out to others in his name.

**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: Janice Terry**

Faithful God, we offer humble thanks today for your generosity to us through the Church that bears Christ's name. Receive our gifts as tokens of our love and loyalty. Use them to sustain the mission of the Church in ways we cannot yet imagine, in a future that you are creating through Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

**HYMN: 761 Who's Goin' to Tell the Story?**

**GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**BENEDICTION & BLESSING:**

This week, let us be kingdom builders this week. Find a way to offer your time and talent  
to build each other up and to be worthy of God's hope  
for the world God loves!

And so may the blessing of God, Creator, Christ and  
Spirit,

fill you and overflow through you

to touch others with God's renewing love. **Amen.**

***Go now in peace.***

***Have a blessed and peaceful week folks.***

## **Upcoming Congregational Worship and Events**

**Special Thank You:** Cathy Finlay is taking some time away from producing our monthly newsletter and Donna McTeague has consented to take over producing it in the interim. Please send any articles or pictures to Donna at deh\_2004@hotmail.com by the end of each month. Thank you Cathy and Donna.

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – “BIBLE STUDY SESSION 6”.**

In person and on Zoom 7pm Start in the Parlor.

Join Zoom Meeting

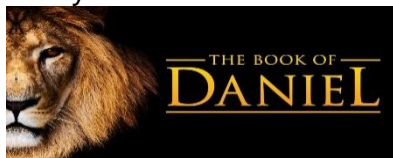
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Come and join with us as we study God's word.

Everyone is most welcome.



***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.***

**Tues. Nov. 21** - C.E. Committee Meeting at 7 p.m.

**Thurs Nov 23** – Choir at 7pm.

**Advent Bible Study.** Sarah Covey will be leading a 4 week Advent Bible Study. This study will be by Zoom and in person at 7p.m. on the following dates: **Wed. Nov. 29, Mon. Dec. 4, 11, & 18** Let Elizabeth know **ASAP** if you are interested as books are being ordered.

**Sun Dec 3** - Mitten Tree. The donations will be going to the Salvation Army, Rosewood and the Food Bank.

Worship and Nurture are looking for help and ideas for a float in the Santa Clause Parade on Sun Dec 3. The theme is "The Night before Christmas". We will also be looking for people to be on the float.

Worship and Nurture will be sponsoring a family for Christmas and a drive for the Food Bank. We have been asked if we would support a Ukrainian family instead of our usual 3 families. This family has five children ages 6 to 15 years old. Four boys and one girl. Thank you in advance for your support. Monetary donations can be made by marking line three on your offering envelope "Christmas Family"

***Thank you to the Mr. Errol Lee and everyone who  
participated in this morning's service, thank you all  
for coming.***

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