#### **ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

22 Queen St. E. Elmvale, ON, LOL 1P0



"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



Service: "Sunday of the Reign of Christ" Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2023



"The Alpha and the Omega."

Minister: Rev. Tom Mason M.DIV

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

**Prayer before Worship:** God of mystery and majesty, your thoughts are not our thoughts; your ways are not our ways. Send us your Holy Spirit, speaking through the Scriptures, so that our thoughts and ways may be transformed as we encounter your Living Word, in Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

Announcements: Mrs. Marlene Lambie, the Clerk of Session.

### **Call to Worship:**

One: The Lord is the first and the last,

our beginning and our end.

Many: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God,

who was and is, and is to come.

All: Blessing and honour, glory and majesty be to our God,

now and evermore.

**Hymn:** We have come into His house

## **Prayer of Adoration and Confession:**

God most holy,

You are known to us as the Almighty,

Eternal Ruler and Lord.

We call you our Shepherd and Guide.

We praise you with many names,

but you are beyond our imagination, so much greater than our words.

We know you in the stories of Jesus

and in him, we see your love in action, reaching out to the world.

You move in us and through us by your Spirit,

drawing us to you, sending us to live out your word.

God most holy,

Three in One and One in Three,

we praise you with our lips and with our lives

to offer you honour and love, now and always, forever more. Amen.

### Prayer of Confession

We confess that we have failed to love fully or forgive wholly.

You offer us freedom but we settle for the familiar.

You offer us hope but we prefer knowing what will happen next.

Teach us to give up cautious faithfulness,

so that we can offer you our whole lives,

and commit to following Jesus into the future you are creating.

, as we say 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the Good News. God's compassion never fails. God's loving kindness is steadfast.

Know that you are forgiven by the grace of Jesus Christ. Forgive each other, and live in peace and harmony. **Amen.** 

Family Hymn: I will enter his gates

Family Time:

Choir Anthem: Psalm of quietness

**Scripture:** Psalm 100:1-5 (Responsive)

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

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into Gods presence with singing.

One: Know that the LORD is God.

All: The Lord made us; we belong to God. We are God's people, and the sheep of Gods pasture.

One: Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.

All: Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's Holy name.

One: For the LORD is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever, God's faithfulness to all generations.

Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24; Matthew 25: 31-46

Message: "Who is the King" with Rev. Tom

Hymn: 407

## Invitation to the offering.

The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, the world, and those that live in it.

## **Doxology**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, O God.

Help us to give with them, a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. **Amen.** 

## **The Prayers of the People**

#### Hymn: 487

#### **Benediction**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,

And of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord;

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the

Holy Spirit, remain with you always.

#### Go Now in Peace

# **Upcoming Congregational Worship and Events**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Canadian Food Grains – "Dream a Dream" Christmas Cantata at St Johns United Church, Elmvale at 7pm. Everyone is most welcome.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – "ADVENT BIBLE STUDY SESSION 1". In person and on Zoom 7pm Start in the Parlor.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://at

us02web.zoom.us/j/86703487568?pwd=REdybi9qa3c0MEg3RG M0Sm9FS1h1Zz09

Meeting ID: 867 0348 7568: Passcode: 987106

Come and join with us as Mrs. Sarah Covey leads us as we study and reflect on "The Greatest Gift" by Ann Voskamp. Space is limited please let Rev Tom know if you would like to attend this study.

Four Sessions: #1 Wedensday 29<sup>th</sup> November; Sessions #2 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December,#3 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December and #4 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Coming in the New Year by popular request – A Bible Study on Dr David Jeremiah's "The Great Disappearance" Don't miss this one!

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – The Elmvale Coffee Club "Take a Break" 9:30 am and Mini Bazaar

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Communion Sunday at both Elmvale and Knox.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – "**The Mitten Tree" **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December –** The Santa Claus Parade, Come and be part of our float.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Candlelight Service of Remembrance at Elmvale Presbyterian at 7pm. Service order by Lynn Stone.

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.

Peace be with you all.

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