

ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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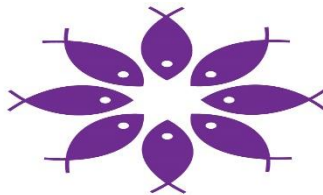
"Elmvale Presbyterian Church is a Christian Community where everyone is welcome sharing God's love through worship, music, prayer, teaching and outreach."

This year Elmvale Presbyterian celebrates 163 Years of Christian Witness.



A Warm Welcome to any Newcomers. Please come and join us for Coffee after our Service.

**Service: "Presbyterian World Sharing Sunday"
Sunday 18th February, 2024**



**Presbyterians
Sharing**

This Mornings Service is brought to you by the Nurture and Worship Committee.

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

Prayer before Worship: O Lord, grant your people grace to enter into the season of Lent as a people consecrated to you, that we may live through it in love and with hope and where no trouble may disturb; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns together with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Announcements: Marlene Lambie, the Clerk of Session

Call to Worship: Ruth Currie

L: We come as worshippers

P: Ready to worship Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit!

L: We come as listeners

P: Ready to hear the voice of the Spirit moving in this community!

L: We come as participants

P: Ready to tend to the new life that is springing up!

L: We come as children of God

P: Beloved, embraced and free!

Amen.

Hymn #707 More Love to Thee

Prayer of Adoration: Kevin Kerr

Holy God of amazement and wonder,

You are the God of the Universe made known in Jesus Christ.

You are the source of life and hope, the Creator of all things.

We praise you for your creative power,

your endless love and your peace that passes all understanding.

You breathe life into your creatures, and we breathe every breath for you.

We marvel at the intricacies of the natural world, the human body, the cosmos

– you made all of these, and you tend and care for each element of your creation with a love that is so perfect, so all-encompassing.

And so, we worship you as the one who created us, who loves us and who guides us. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession Kevin Kerr

Generous God, you have invited us to love as you have loved.

As much as we try to imitate you, we fall short.

The earth suffers because we have not treated it gently or with compassion.

Our neighbours are hungry and lonely,

and we cannot summon the courage or the energy to help.

Despite our awe of you, we pretend that we have all the answers.

Your peace eludes us, because human beings seem to prefer violence and war.

Your whole earth groans in labour, waiting for you to do something new.

Raise up newness within us – within ourselves and within our community, so that we might find fresh life, and a renewed Spirit.

In Jesus's name we pray. as we pray the words that Jesus taught us...

The Lords Prayer Kevin Kerr

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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon Kevin Kerr

Jesus Christ was born, lived, died and rose again.

All so that we could understand how much we are loved.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven for our sins.

May we go forward to tend new life in our midst. **Amen.**

Family Hymn #648 I'm Gonna Live so God can Use Me

Family Time: Sean McTeague

Choir Anthem

Scripture: Romans 12:2 (Unison) Ruth Currie

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 1:15-21

The New Testament Reading: Romans 8:18-27

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message: "Re-Imagining" with Janice Terry

Hymn #763 To Show by Touch and Word

Invitation to the offering.

Freely, freely we have received, freely, freely we give to you.

Doxology

Offertory Prayer Mary Fleming

Out of your providing Lord, we make this offering. Brought from our daily living with a cheerful spirit and an ungrudging heart, bless these gifts and use them for your good, in the strong name of Jesus. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People Isabel Savage

Hymn #324 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Benediction Janice Terry

As you leave this sanctuary to continue your worship in the world,

May you be blessed by the One who is able to bring about newness in every situation. **Amen.**

Walk With the Lord

Upcoming Congregational Worship and Events

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.

Easter Service and Events

The Lenten Bible Study – “Practicing Jesus’ 7 Last Words”

Session #2 Sun Feb 18 at 7pm – In person in the parlor at Elmvale Presbyterian and on Zoom. Please contact Elizabeth Hill hillea@rogers.com or Rev Tom tomsomason@hotmail.com for your Zoom Link and Study material. This is a seven- week study that will finish with the Easter Sunday Service message. Study Sessions: Sun Feb 18, 25, Sun March 3, 10, 17, 24 at 7pm.

Wed Feb 21 – Session at 7pm

Thurs Feb 22 – Choir at 7pm

Women’s Missionary Society – 110 Anniversary Celebrations
May 6 & 7, 2024, at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre,

Mississauga, ON. Information and Registration form from Janice Terry. **Registration needs to be in by Feb 28th.**

World Day of Prayer- Fri March 1 at 1pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Sun March 3 – Annual General Meeting

Palm Sunday – Holy Communion – Sun March 24 at 11 am

Maundy Thursday – Communion Supper Service – Thurs March 28 at 5pm (Elmvale Presbyterian Church Hall).

Good Friday – Fri March 29 – This year 10 am at St Johns United Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

Sunrise Service – Sun March 31 – 7am at Heritage Park. Everyone is invited to attend.

Easter Sunday – Sun March 31 - regular services 9:45am Knox, Flos at Crossland and 11am at Elmvale Presbyterian.

Holy Week Daily Prayers – Email/Handout – Please contact Rev Tom if you would like a copy of the daily prayers.

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The Lenten Mission will run from Sunday, February 18th to Easter Sunday, March 31st. The proceeds from this and the Shrove Pancake Supper will be combined and given to the Friends of Sara Vista, a volunteer community committee whose mission is to help enhance the environment and lifestyle at the residence. Donations can be made using your envelopes denoting Sara Vista on 4th line.

Peace be with you all.

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