

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 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: "The Second Sunday of Lent"

Sunday 25th February, 2024

Minister: Rev. Tom Mason M.Div



**Welcome this morning to our Guest Preacher:
Rev. Mark Tremblay and Members from
First Presbyterian, Penetanguishene.**

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: Sue Montgomery

One: On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear Jesus teaching about the suffering and the rejection that he would endure on his way to the cross.

All: Like Peter, we resist this teaching. We prefer an easier way without struggle and suffering.

One: But Jesus does not hold back. He tells us that to become his followers we need to deny ourselves and take up our cross.

All: May God help us as we learn more of what it means to be friends and followers of Jesus.

Hymn # 814 Morning Has Broken

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

We give You thanks for a world of wonder and mystery,
with so much to discover, and so many ways of doing that.
We give You thanks for the variety of human life,
and for the gospel which has been taken to every part of the world.

We give You thanks for everything good that has happened this past week, for people whose kindness is never seen or mentioned,

for prayers which have been answered,
for situations which have resolved.
We give You thanks for opportunities to praise and rejoice,
for opportunities to learn and to grow,
for opportunities to reflect and be quiet.
We give You thanks for this Lenten season,
and for the One whose season it is.
We give thanks for all who have walked before You in faith, hope
and love.
Above all, we thank You for Jesus Christ,
who walked before You in trust and in truth,
whose walk has inspired us and given us light and hope. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
We confess that we have thought too much about ourselves,
and too little about Your ways.
We confess that we have lived too much for ourselves,
and too little for the sake of others.
Forgive us when we go the wrong way or the foolish way.
Have mercy on us, and upon the world in which we live.
Be patient with Your people, and help us to walk wisely and to
walk well, for Jesus' sake, as we 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, the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen*

Assurance of Pardon

God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble
God's way.
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep God's covenant. **Amen.**

Family Hymn # 376 Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

Family Time

Choir Anthem: God on the Mountain

Scripture: Psalm 22: 23-25 (Responsive) Marlene Lambie

One: You who fear the Lord, praise God!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify God; stand in awe, you offspring of Israel.

All: For you, Lord, did not despise or disdain the affliction of the afflicted.

One: You did not hide your face from me, but heard me when I cried to you.

All: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear you.

Reading from the Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Message: "Making Sense of Jesus" Rev. Mark Tremblay

Hymn # 498 Sing Them Over Again to Me

Invitation to the offering.

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

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

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: Rev. Mark Tremblay

Hymn # 350 To God Be the Glory

Benediction

**May God lead you in paths of righteousness and peace
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and always, 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 #3 Sunday February 25 at 7pm – In person in
the parlor at Elmvale Presbyterian or on Zoom. Please
contact Elizabeth Hill hillea@rogers.com or Rev Tom
tomsmaison@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 25th, Sun March 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th at 7pm.

Sun Feb 25 -Birthday Cake Sunday – Please join us downstairs for a piece of Birthday Cake.

Tues Feb 27 – Youth Pizza and Games Night at 6 pm.

Thurs Feb 29 –Take A Break (Coffee Party) – 9:30-11 am.

Thurs Feb 29 – Choir – 7 pm.

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

Sun March 3- Annual General Meeting and Potluck lunch at Elmvale Presbyterian Church after the morning Worship Service.

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

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

Good Friday – Fri March 29th at 10am at St Johns United Church. Everyone is invited to attend. Please Contact St Johns United for service details.

Sunrise Service – Sun March 31st at 7am at the Elmvale Park (Heritage). Everyone is invited to attend.

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

Holy Week Daily Prayers – Email & Handout – Please pick-up a copy at the back of the church or contact Rev Tom if you would like a copy of the daily prayers.

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Peace be with you all.

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