

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.



**Service: "The Fourth Sunday
of Lent"**

Sunday 10th March, 2024



Minister: Rev. Tom Mason M.Div

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

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

Prayer before Worship:

God of light and truth, speak to us through the Scriptures this day.
By the Spirit working in us and among us, lead us to encounter
your Living Word, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements: Marlene Lambie, the Clerk of Session

Call to Worship: Leslie Stroud

Please refer to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, Lenten Liturgy in your Bulletin.

Hymn # 204 – Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and The

Lord's Prayer: (Unison)

Gracious God,
Great and wonderful are your works!
Your steadfast love is everlasting.
Where there is darkness, you bring light.
Where there is sadness, you speak words of hope.
Where there is despair, you bring new possibilities.
You have come among us in Christ Jesus to save us,
bringing healing for the sick, and forgiveness for the sinner.
In this time of worship, stir us with your Spirit, O God.
Awaken our joy and reverence
in our songs and our silence, in our prayers and praises,
for you are our God,
here and everywhere, now and always. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God,
We confess that we often take your acceptance of us for granted.
We are careless in our relationships,
focused on our own needs and desires.
The news distracts us,
and we put opinion above your expectations of us.
Forgive us.
Renew our understanding of your purposes and our place within
them,
so we may serve you more faithfully, day by day,
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

Friends in Christ, by grace we have been saved through faith. This is not our doing but God's gift to us. Know that God forgives you, and forgive one another. So may the peace of Christ be with you.
Amen.

Family Hymn # 358 – There is a Redeemer

Family Time

Choir Anthem: The Potter's Hand

Scripture: Psalm 107:1-3 (Responsive) Leslie Stroud

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for the Lord is good:

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: those redeemed from trouble

All: and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

The Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

The Gospel Reading: John 3: 14-21

Message: "The Walk" with Rev. Tom

Hymn – I Come to the Garden Alone

The Prayers of the People Janice Terry

Invitation to the offering.

The season of Lent leads us closer and closer to the Cross. As we contemplate Jesus lifted up for our sakes, consider what the gift of his mercy and grace means for you. Let your offering express your thanksgiving for such an amazing gift from God.

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Lord Jesus, you gave so much without counting the cost. Bless these gifts with your generous love. Use them to bless the world with the same hope and healing we have found in you. And let us not count the cost until we too have given all we can for your sake. **Amen.**

Hymn – You Are My All in All

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

***BENEDICTION & BLESSING:**

Go, remembering God's generosity to us in Christ and in creation. Be generous in kind and in kindness to all who reach out to you.

May the power of the Spirit strengthen you, and the love of Christ that surpasses all knowledge, fill you with the fullness of God this day and evermore.

Amen

Walk With the Lord

Congregational Happenings and Events

The Lenten Bible Study – “Practicing Jesus’ 7 Last

Words” Session #5 Sun March 10 at 7pm – In person in the parlor at Elmvale Presbyterian and on Zoom. Please contact Elizabeth Hill hillea@rogers.com or Rev Tom tomsmaison@hotmail.com for your Zoom Link and Study

material. This seven- week study that will finish with the Easter Sunday Service message. Study Sessions Remaining: Sun March 10, 17 & 24 at 7pm.

Mon March 11 – Let's Do Lunch phone in 9-12pm

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Thurs March 14 – Let's Do Lunch at 12-1pm

Thurs March 14 – Choir at 7pm

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

Maundy Thursday March 28 – Communion Supper Service at Elmvale Presbyterian Church Hall – Dinner at 6pm, Service at 7pm Everyone is Welcome.

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

Sunrise Service – Sunday 31st March – 7.30am at the Elmvale Park. Everyone is invited to attend.

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

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

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We are still in need of Soup and Appetizer Recipes for our Cookbook. If you have any exceptional ones, please submit them to Sue Montgomery and Terry Mason.

Worship and Nurture is in need of help. We need volunteers to help with the fellowship after the service. You can do this in a couple different ways. First, one can supply the food (bake or buy), second you can share the responsibility with a friend, or you can donate financially and the committee will look after purchasing the food. Thank you.

Peace be with you all.

Sermon Notes

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