

# 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 Third Sunday  
of Lent"  
Sunday March 3, 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 wisdom, you speak through the Law and the prophets to teach us how to live. Send us your Holy Spirit to teach us truth for our times and wisdom for our lives, through Christ, your life-giving Word. **Amen.**

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

**Call to Worship:** Leslie Stroud

One: On this third Sunday of Lent, we see Jesus, overturning the tables of the money changers as he drove them out of the temple.

**All: We are surprised by his actions.**

One: Yet there is much in our lives and the world that needs to be overturned and driven out.

**All: In the name of Jesus, we work to overcome oppression, poverty, and injustice in our local communities and with partners around the world.**

**Hymn #108 Praise Ye the Lord**

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession:**

God of majesty and mercy,  
you set the whirling cosmos in motion  
and call all creatures into being.

Mountains and molehills alike speak of your majesty,  
for no detail misses your care and attention.

You know each of us by name,  
and make yourself known to those who seek you.

We gather in your presence  
to listen for your wisdom for our times and our lives.

To you, O God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
we offer all honour and glory in our prayers and our praise  
this day and every day, now and always. **Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession**

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we offer all honour and glory in our prayers and our praise  
this day and every day, now and always, 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**

The Apostle Paul wrote that the Cross of Christ is foolishness to many, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. By this power, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God for the wisdom to live as forgiven people. **Amen.**

### **Family Hymn #408 I Will Call Upon the Lord**

**Family Time:**

**Choir Anthem**

**Scripture: Psalm 19:7-8 (Responsive) Leslie Stroud**

One: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

**All: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.**

One: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.

**All: The commandment of the LORD is clear**

enlightening the eyes.

**The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

**The Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22**

**Message:** "The 10 No-No's" with Rev. Tom

**Hymn:** Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

**Invitation to the offering.**

Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said: *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."* (Acts 20:35)

**Doxology**

**Offertory Prayer**

Lord Jesus, you challenge your followers to offer God commitment and gratitude. Receive our gifts as an expression of our commitment to you and your ministry. Use all that we can give to offer hope and healing in the world you love. **Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People** Linda Murray

**Hymn:** Old Rugged Cross

**Benediction**

In our weakness, you are our strength: in our darkness, light: in our sorrows, comfort and peace.  
From everlasting to everlasting, you are our God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, glorified forever. **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**

Sun March 3 – Annual Meeting after Potluck luncheon.

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

**Session #4 Sun March 3 at 7pm** – In person in the parlor at Elmvale Presbyterian and on Zoom. Please contact Elizabeth Hill [hillea@rogers.com](mailto:hillea@rogers.com) or Rev Tom [tomsomason@hotmail.com](mailto:tomsomason@hotmail.com) for your Zoom Link and Study material. This will be a seven- week study that will finish with the Easter Sunday Service message. 4 Study Sessions Left: Sun March 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 7pm.

Tues March 5 – Youth group at 7 pm

Wed March 6 – Craft Group – 9 am

Wed March 6 – Christian Education Meeting at 7pm

Thurs March 7- Choir at 7 pm

Fri March 8- Willing Workers/WMS members will be catering to a hot lunch for 20 guests at the Seed Fair. If you could help with food prep please speak to Marlene.

Sun March 24 -Palm Sunday – Holy Communion - regular service.

Maundy Thurs March 28- Worship and Nurture are hosting a free Ham and Scalloped Potato dinner on Maundy

Thursday, March, 28 at 6pm. A short service will follow at 7 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the social room for the dinner, or you can phone Janice Terry at 705-322-3038 or Elizabeth Hill at 705-322-2695 before Sat March 17.

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

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

Sun March 31- Easter Sunday – 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 or take one from the back of the sanctuary.

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**Peace be with you all.**

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