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.





Service: The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday April 21, 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 Word and Wisdom, the Risen Christ opened the minds of his friends to understand the Scriptures.

Send to us your Holy Spirit to open our minds to receive your truth and love and to hear your call to each one of us. **Amen**

Announcements: Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session.

Call to Worship: Brad McGrady

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise.

All: All the earth worships You;

They sing praises to You, sing praises to Your name. Let us worship together, singing to God's praise and glory.

(Psalm 66:1-2,4)

Hymn #108 – Praise Ye the Lord

<u>Prayer of Adoration, Confession and The</u> <u>Lord's Prayer: (Unison)</u>

With glad and grateful hearts, we praise You, O God, that You have opened the gates to let us in.
We are, joyful: To be in Your presence,
To sit at Your feet,
Where Your love surrounds us
And makes us complete.

[Hold a time of silence]

For a few precious moments we would be still, to know that You are God:
You, the Holy One, O God, are here
Your glory is shining all around
You are moving in this place within and around us.

[Hold a time of silence]

Hear our prayer O Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Forgive us, Loving God,

that much of the time we are too busy to be aware that You are in the room and in the times when we seem to be ignoring your call and your ways.

When we become overly distracted to notice where you are leading us,

We speak of following Jesus, but wander off on other paths. Guide us on the pathways of truth and love and forgive us Lord, when we are not.

Send to us Your Spirit, that we may be the people You created us to be.

We love You and long to love You more. We serve You, but long to serve more faithfully.

Forgive us, as we pray the words that your son 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

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. **Amen.** (**Titus 3:4-7**)

Family Hymn: It Only Takes a Spark

Family Time: Video

<u>Scripture:</u> Psalm 17:6-9 (Responsive) Marilyn Fleming

One: I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;

All: turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

One: Show me the wonders of your great love,

All: You who save by your right hand, those who take refuge in you from their foes.

One: Keep me as the apple of your eye;

All: hide me in the shadow of Your wings.

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:16-20

Message: "Are you Calling Me?" with Rev Tom

Hymn #592 - I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

The Prayers of the People Janet Beech

Invitation to the offering.

<u>Doxology</u>

Offertory Prayer

Amen.

HYMN #634 – Will You Come and Follow Me?

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, according to God's calling upon your life, and may the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Spirit,

be with you now and forevermore. Amen

Walk with the Lord

Peace be with you all.

Congregational Happenings and Events

Thurs April 25 – Take A Break Coffee Party at 9:30-11am

Thurs April 25 – Choir at 7pm

Sat April 27 – Maple Syrup Festival – Sign up in the Social Room to help with the Chili Lunch.

Sun May 12 – Children of Mary Ritchie Reunion

Practice at 10 am, Service at 11 am with a BBQ to follow If you know anyone who was in her choirs, please tell them about this event. RSVP May 1st to Angela Kirton Or Elizabeth Hill (hillea@rogers.com)

We are looking forward to starting the Dr. Jeremiah Bible study "The Great Disappearance".

It is a 35-40 minute video series based on the Rapture and the book of Revelation followed by discussion.

Please let Elizabeth Hill (hillea@rogers.com) know your preference of day – either Sunday night or Wednesday night – starting either Wed May 8 or Sun May 12 as chosen by the congregation. The Bible Study is for 6 weeks in the Spring and 6 weeks in the Fall.

Monetary Donations can be auto-deposit to: <u>donatetoepc@rogers.com</u>

Please comment where to direct the donation; 1) General 2) Presbyterian Sharing 3) PWS&D 4) other missions such as - Food Bank, We Care etc.



SCUBA VBS 2024

Elmvale Presbyterian Church is hosting the SCUBA VBS this year from Aug. 12- 16 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Children are invited on an incredible undersea journey to discover the boundless, eternal love of God.

Open to all youth who have completed J.K. through Gr. 5 Youth who have finished Gr. 6 and above may apply to be youth leaders.

Registration forms will be available soon.

Scuba Leader's Meeting - Tues May 28 at 7pm



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