

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 28th April, 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 Love,

Let us gather together in Your name to spend time in Your presence.

May we abide with You in Your love, that we may share and live

Your love with one another.

The road we have travelled to get here today is different for each one of us, but we meet together in this place to praise You.

Let us be open to Your transforming love, that we may become Your disciples and follow You on Your way. **Amen**

Announcements: Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session.

Call to Worship: (Responsive) Bella Kirton-Fletcher

One: Like spring breaking through winter's power,

All: God's resurrecting power breaks into our lives in surprising ways.

One: Like the vine that supports blossoms and fruit,

All: God's Word upholds the church in strength.

One: Let us worship God who makes all things new.

All: We will praise God who brings growth and renewal to all life.

Hymn – Deep and Wide

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Holy God, Creator of all things;

you are our hope and the source of all wisdom.

Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord,

you are the vine and we are the branches.

Your love is our strength. Your energy is our joy.

Holy Spirit, you nourish our faith so that we can bear fruit in many different ways.

We gather to offer our worship and praise you as

Holy God, Loving Son and Holy Spirit, ever Three and ever One.

Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of Love,

we fail to love and one another fully.

Forgive us for ignoring to love and worship you,
for ignoring the needs of others, and not following your ways.
Forgive us for seeking praise from others,
yet failing to encourage them in their endeavours.
Forgive who we have been, O God,
and root our lives more deeply in your love as we pray the words
that Jesus taught us ...

The Lord's 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 writer of the Gospel of John records that God is love, and that God's perfect love casts out fear. Those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them.

Claim your hope in this Good News: God's perfect love abides in you through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Family Hymn #339 He's Got the Whole World

Family Time

Solo – David Graham

Scripture: Psalm 145: 17-19 (Responsive) Angela

Kirton

One: All the ways of the Lord are just:

All: All the doings of the Lord are kind.

One: The Lord is near to all who call,

All: to all who call on the Lord in truth.

One: The Lord fulfills the desire of all who show
reverence,

All: The Lord, hears their cry, and saves them.

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56:1-5

The New Testament Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Message: "A God for Everyone" with Rev Tom

Hymn #765 We've a Story to Tell to the Nations.

The Prayers of the People Kevin Kerr

Invitation to the offering.

While the season of Easter is unfolding, the gifts of
spring emerge around us to remind us of God's
generosity in Christ and in creation. As we present our
gifts to God, may our generosity reflect God's goodness to
us and our hope for abundant life in Christ Jesus.

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, we bless you for your gift of life renewed
through Christ's love. Bless the gifts we offer so they
renew hope in the world you love, in the name of your
greatest gift, Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn #744 Will Your Anchor Hold?

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING:

Go in the peace of Christ,
to witness to his love in truth and action each day.

And may God's resurrecting love open the future for you,
empowered by the Spirit,
and embraced by the presence of Jesus Christ, our Risen
Lord. **Amen**

Walk with the Lord

Peace be with you all.

Congregational Happenings and Events

Thurs May 2 – Choir

Wed May 8 - Dr. Jeremiah's Bible study "The Great Disappearance" begins at 7pm! This is a 35-40 min video and then discussion study. It is in person for 6 weeks in the spring and 6 weeks in the fall.

Sat May 11 – Linda Murray is organizing a First Aid Training Session here. See Linda if you are interested.

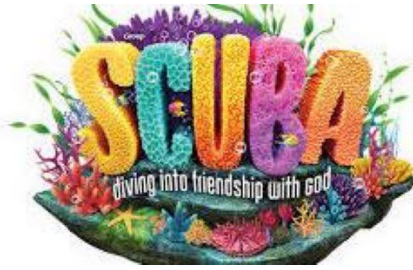
Sun May 12 – Children of Mary Ritchie Reunion

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)

Monetary Donations can be auto-deposit to:

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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 Volunteers Meeting – Tues May 28 at 7pm



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