

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 Second Sunday
of Easter
Sunday 7th April, 2024
A Warm Elmvale Welcome
Back to our Guest Preacher –
Mr Jeff Walther**



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:

Loving God, by the power of your Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word, speaking through the Scriptures. Reveal your truth for

our lives and our times, through Jesus Christ, the Living Word.

Amen

Announcements: Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session.

Call to Worship: Mary Fleming

One: We gather with joy, for Easter continues.

The People: Locked doors have been opened and fear has turned to peace.

One: We celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ among us.

The People: Doubts can be erased and uncertainty turned to faith.

One: Let us rejoice and be glad!

The People: We offer our prayers and praise with humble, hopeful hearts.

Hymn #667 – God, You Touch the Earth With Beauty

Prayer of Adoration (Unison)

Creating God, Loving Christ, Guiding Spirit,

With the promise of spring and new life awakening,
you wake us from our slumbers.

You are faithful to us through every season of the year
and every season of life.

The hope you offer in Jesus Christ draws us together,
as your Spirit rises within our hearts.

We praise you for Jesus' courage and compassion,
which bring renewal to us in the midst of all our challenges.

We praise you, O God, for such love that will never let us go.

Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious and Loving God,

Draw each one of us closer to the Cross.

We recognize ways we fall short of your hope for us.

We get lost in our own concerns
and neglect to show love, even to those right beside us.
We find some people too difficult to care for.
We think others unworthy of your love and ours.
Forgive us and renew a right spirit within us,
so that we find the courage to go on
and the compassion to reach out in your name 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

Jesus said, Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Friends, trust that peace and forgiveness are God's gifts to you this day. Be renewed by the power of the Spirit that moves with you into each new day. **Amen.**

Family Hymn #655 – Give Me Oil in My Lamp

Family Time: [Bing Videos](#)

Choir Anthem:

Scripture: Psalm 51:10-12 (Responsive)

Denise McLean

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

All: and put a new and right spirit within me.

One: Cast me not away from your presence,

All: and take not your holy spirit from me,

One: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

All: and sustain in me a willing spirit.

The New Testament Reading: Acts 5:12-32

Message: "Discipleship" with Jeff Walther

Hymn #626 – Lord of All Power

The Prayers of the People Sandy Owen

Invitation to the offering.

Jesus reminds us that a seed surrenders its life to the ground in order to bear fruit. What we surrender to God in our offering will also bear fruit in the world, for the sake of Christ, our Lord. As springtime begins this week, sow seeds of God's love as you offer your gifts to God.

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

God of growth and new life, with our gifts we offer you our thanks and praise for the promise of spring and the promise of resurrection in Christ Jesus. With these gifts, accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, as they bear fruit in the world you love, through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn #641 – One More Step Along the World I Go

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING:

May the LORD bless and keep you,
May the LORD shine his face upon you,
May the LORD grant you his peace, **Amen**

Walk With the Lord

Congregational Happenings and Events

Mon April 08 – Let's Do Lunch Ordering at 9-12pm

Mon April 08 - WMS/WW at 1:30 pm

Mon April 08 – Finance and maintenance at 7pm

Tues April 09 – Presbytery at EPC at 6pm

Thurs April 11 – Let's Do Lunch 12-1 pm

Thurs April 11 – Choir at 7pm

Sat April 13 – Blood Donor Clinic in Elmvale

Sat April 13 - Games afternoon at 2 pm

Sat April 27 - We will be hosting a Chili Lunch during the Maple Syrup Festival. Sign-up sheets downstairs.

Monetary Donations can be auto-deposit to:

donatetoepc@rogers.com

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.

Peace be with you all.

Sermon Notes

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