

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.



We wish all natural and spiritual Mothers a Blessed Mother's Day.



**Service: The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday 12th May, 2024**

Minister: Rev. Tom Mason M.DIV

A Warm Welcome to all of those who sang in one of Mary Ritchie's Choirs. We gather to honour and share her memory.

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

Prayer before Worship Rev Tom Mason

O God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts to receive your Word, so that we may recognize your call to us to serve in the name of Jesus Christ, the Living Word. **Amen**

Welcome Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

Call to Worship (Responsive) Valerie Giffen

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples;

All: We will shout to God with songs of joy.

One: For God is awesome, reigning over all the earth!

All: We will sing praises to God every day.

One: Let us worship God with all we have to offer.

All: We will offer God our love – heart, body, mind and soul!

Hymn # 410 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & The

Lord's Prayer (Unison) Deb Kirton

God of promise and purpose,
we praise with thankful hearts.

As the beauty of the seasons change
the beauty of your world lifts our hearts in praise.

You lifted up Jesus to be by your side,
and so we know he is always by our side

as the future opens before us.

Show us the promise and purpose in our own lives –
how we can unfurl with new life,
and move into the future empowered by the Holy Spirit,
embraced by the love of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, you called your followers
to carry the Good News of God's love and forgiveness to the
ends of the earth.

Yet we confess we cannot always find the words to tell others
of our faith.

We try to act out your love.

but it's hard to tell others why we do what we do for you.

Forgive us.

Give us the courage to speak openly of our commitment to
you,

as we pray in the strong name of Jesus ...

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

Friends, remember the promise the Apostle Paul declares:

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship?

Distress? Peril or sword? Neither death nor life, nor things

present nor things to come can separate us from the love of

God in Christ Jesus. Let us rejoice that, no matter what is

happening around us, no matter what we have done, God's deep love will never let us go. **Amen.**

Tributes to Mrs. Mary Ritchie

Mary was There – Al Beardsall

We Invite you to come forward to share a short reflection or memory of Mrs. Mary Ritchie.

**Mary's Choirs – Morning Has Broken
It only Takes a Spark**

Scripture Luke 10:27 (Responsive) Denise McLean

One: Jesus answered,

All: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself."

The Gospel Reading

Reader #1 - Luke 1:39- 45 Linda Murray

Reader #2 -Luke 1:46-56 David Graham

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Love, Pride and Joy!" Rev Tom Mason

Hymn #655 – Give Me Oil in My Lamp

The Prayers of the People Rev Lois Lyons

Invitation to the offering Rev Tom Mason

Mary's Choirs – Said Judas to Mary

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Hymn #530 – Battle Hymn of the Republic

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING Rev Tom Mason

Go in strength, with the assurance that Christ walks with you,
to witness to his love in truth and action.

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 and Ascended Lord. **Amen**

Go Now in Peace

Peace be with you all.

Congregational Happenings and Events

Mon May 13 – WMS/WW at 1:30pm

Mon May 13 – Finance and Maintenance at 7pm

Wed May 15 - Dr. Jeremiah's Bible study "The Great Disappearance" begins at 7pm!

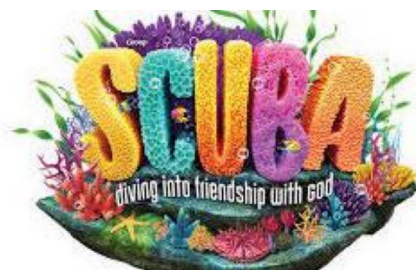
Thurs May 9 – Choir 7pm

Sat May 18 – BBQ & Bake Sale 11-1pm. Please bring your baking goods to the church on Fri May 17 if possible. Sign-up sheet in the Social Room for volunteers

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.



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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