

# Elmvale Presbyterian Church



**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship Service: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**



*"Speaking Out"*

**Minister: Rev Tom Mason**



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

**Moment of Quiet Refection to Prepare our  
Hearts for Worship**

God of Word and Wisdom, as we listen to the Scriptures today, enlighten our minds, nurture our souls, embolden our hearts, and stir our minds, so that we may live out your Word in the world you love. **Amen.**

**Welcome and Announcements** – Marlene Lambie,  
Clerk of Session

**We Enter into God's Presence**  
**Responsive Call to Worship** Brad McGrady

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it.

**The world and those who live in it belong to  
God.**

So hear what God will speak:

**God will speak peace to those who turn to him  
in their hearts.**

Then faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
**and righteousness will look down from the sky.**  
God's salvation is at hand for those who honour  
him.

**May God's glory and justice dwell in our land.**

**Hymn #434 For the Beauty of the Earth**

**Prayer of Adoration (Unison)**

Gracious God,  
you are the Source of life and love in all creation,  
In a world marked by bitterness, you are  
compassion.

In a culture marked by confusion, you are the truth that sets us free.

Your strength is comfort when we are fearful.

Your wisdom is guidance when we lose our way.

For all that you are and all that you give,

God, our Maker,

Christ, our Saviour,

and Spirit who leads us into life,

we offer you all honour, praise, and worship,

now and always. **Amen**

### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Loving God,

in a selfish world, you are generous to those in need.

In the face of injustice, you speak as our conscience.

Instead of vengeance, you call for mercy and reconciliation.

Forgive us when we follow the instincts of the world, rather than the faithfulness you teach.

Strengthen our resolve to live generously, in action and in attitude.

Open our hearts to anyone in need,

and help us to trust in your mercy – for them and

for us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray... Our Father...

### **The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

### **Assurance of Pardon (Unison)**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to

condemn? Only Christ – and Christ died for us;

Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the

gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace. **Amen.**

**Family Hymn #466 Praise the Lord With the Sound of Trumpet**

**Family Time**

**Choir Anthem: We All Are One in the Lord**

**Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 85:8-13 (Responsive)** Marilyn Fleming

One: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**All: Surely his salvation is at hand for those that fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

One: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**All: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

One: The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**All: Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.**

**The Old Testament Reading: Amos 7:7-15**

**The Gospel Reading: Mark 6:14-29**

This is the Word of God **Thanks be to God.**

**Message: "To Speak or To Not Speak?"** Rev Tom

**Hymn #685 How Firm a Foundation**

**The Prayers of the People Sandy Owen  
Invitation to the Offering**

Freely, freely you give to us your love and grace, let us give thanks to God and give back to God, the things that come from God, to help and care for others.

**Doxology  
Offertory Prayer**

Faithful God, we bring our gifts with trusting hearts, seeking your blessing on the ministries these gifts support. Work through these our gifts to touch the world with your healing grace and love through Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer ourselves to you. **Amen.**

**Hymn #755 Go Ye, Go Ye Into the World**

**Benediction**

Let grace, mercy, and peace be with us in truth and love from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, Son of the Father! (2 John 1:3) **Amen**

**Walk With the Lord**

**Congregational Announcements**

**Our thoughts and prayers go out to Brad and Jeremy McGrady at this time.**

**Mon July 5** – CE Meeting at 1:30pm

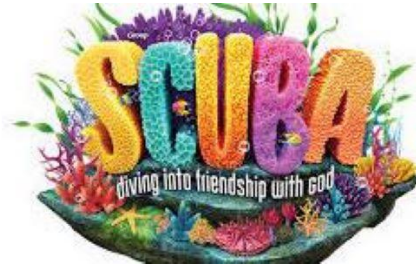
**Thurs July 18** - Choir

**Sun July 21** – Sunday at Heritage Park at 11 am

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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 are available.**

**Christian Education is asking for prayers now and during our week of VBC. If you can't volunteer here at the church, you can volunteer to pray for safety, those helping out and for the children who will be coming.**

## **Are You Being Called to Eldership?**

The Presbyterian Church in Canada believes that having elders is faithful to the way the apostles of the New Testament organized the early churches.

The word "Presbyterian" comes from the Greek word *presbuteros* meaning "elder."

We are ruled and led by the Elders. This link offers information on the role of Eldership:

[Layout 1 \(presbyterian.ca\)](http://presbyterian.ca)

Elders formed part of the life of the New Testament church (Acts 14:23), (Acts 11:30 and 15:22.)

From a scriptural point of view, in the early Christian church, it was the elders who together, led and guided the church.

The tradition of elder in our church today underlines an important principle: The Presbyterian Church in Canada gives its members significant participation in decision making, recognizing that the entire church is the people of God.

The church attempts to seek God's will through the collective decisions made by God's people. The Lord continues his ministry in and through

the church. All Christians are called to participate in the ministry of Christ. We all have gifts to use in the church and in the world to the glory of Christ, our King and Head. (*Living Faith 7.2.1*)

The Session asks anyone who may feel called to serve to prayerfully consider this over the summer. Please contact Rev Tom or Ms. Marlene Lambie to find out more.