

Elmvale Presbyterian Church



**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service: Sunday July 28, 2024**



"Grace and Glory"

Minister: Rev Tom Mason



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

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

Speak to us through the Scriptures this day, O God.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, give us a deeper
understanding of your Word for our lives and our
times, through Christ, the Living Word. **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements – Marlene Lambie,
Clerk of Session

We Enter into God's Presence

Responsive Call to Worship Mary Fleming

All God's works give thanks to the Lord.

We will lift up our voices in praise.

The Lord is near to all who call upon God in truth.

**We will sing of God's power and speak of God's
loving kindness.**

Let us worship God who is faithful in all things.

Let us praise God's holy name forever.

Hymn #457 – Now Thank We All Our God

Prayer of Adoration (Unison)

Gracious and generous God,

We gather with grateful hearts, amazed by the
abundance in your creation, abundance to share in
food, in friendship and in faithfulness.

We gather with hopeful hearts, seeking another
taste of your love for us.

Your love is both mysterious and miraculous, O
God, with the power to transform times that
overwhelm us and lives that hunger for hope.

By the power of your Spirit, move among us in our worship.

Open before us the new possibilities you create for us in Christ, the Bread of life, bread for our journeys. **Amen**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious and Generous God, we gather each week to be fed by your love, trusting that you will embrace us.

We confess we are not nearly so generous with our love.

We are often suspicious of others, fearful of what they seek from us.

We criticize what others do, but rarely question our own motivations.

Forgive us, O God, and awaken our generosity toward others.

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)

The Letter to the Ephesians declares that Christ dwells in our hearts through faith, for we are being rooted and grounded in his love. The forgiveness he offers is a gift of this love that is wider and deeper than we can ever imagine. Receive God's forgiveness and be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another. **Amen.**

Family Hymn #373 – Jesus Loves Me This I Know

Family Time: Brixton Hill Clarendon Parish Jamaica

Solo: Dale and Sandy Shantz

Scripture Reading

Psalm 85:8-13 (Responsive) Janice Terry

One: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching:

All: Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

One: I will open my mouth in a parable.

All: I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that Our ancestors have told us.

One: We will not hide them from their children;

All: we will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and the mighty wonders that God has done.

The Gospel Reading: John 6:1-21

The New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

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

Message: “Grace and Glory” By Rev Tom

Hymn #630 –When We Are Living

The Prayers of the People Isabel Savage

Invitation to the Offering

The story of Jesus feeding the crowd with a few loaves and fishes is a parable of God’s power to multiply our gifts offered in Jesus’ name. So make

your offering to God as you are able, and trust that God will create abundance from what we have to give.

Special Music: Dale & Sandy Schantz

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

God of abundant love, we offer our gifts to you willingly, and yet they seem so small in a world of great need. Bless and multiply them in your love. Surprise us with your power, working in us and through us, to accomplish worthy things in the name of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. **Amen.**

Song: "In Christ Alone"

Benediction

Go in peace, with Christ as your friend and companion. So may the peace of Christ attend you day by day, The power of the Spirit give you the strength you need, And the grace of God assure you that you will never walk alone. **Amen**

Walk with the Lord

Congregational Announcements

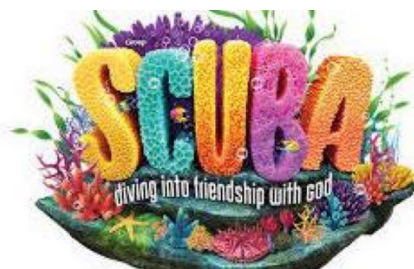
Wed July 31 – Calling all Crafters and DIY(ers) to join us at 9am to create crafts that will be used for Vacation Bible Camp. **ALL help would be appreciated.**

Sun Aug 11 – Visitors will be at our church and we would like to offer a potluck lunch following morning worship. Bring your favourite dish.

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 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.