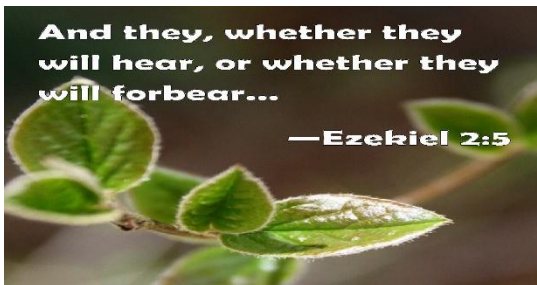


Elmvale Presbyterian Church



**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service: Sunday July 7, 2024**



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**

God of wisdom and warning, we long to hear your word for our times and our lives. By the power of your Spirit, open the Scriptures for us. Prepare us to be challenged and changed as we encounter Christ, your Living Word. **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements – Marlene Lambie,
Clerk of Session

We Enter into God's Presence

Responsive Call to Worship Linda Murray

Great is the LORD;

and greatly to be praised.

Praise God in cities and towns,

praise God in all quiet places.

Praise God on mountains and hilltops;

**praise God in every valley, on every plain and in
the deeps.**

Let us raise our praise with all God's creation;

**We will praise God's holy name, here and
everywhere, now and always.**

Hymn: #814 Morning has Broken

Prayer of Adoration (Unison)

Great are you, O God, and greatly to be praised.

You have made all things and called them good.

You created humans in your image,

and gave us a calling and a purpose.

You lift up leaders and send out disciples

to take part in your reconciling work in the world.

Your love is endless, your mercy without measure.

And so we praise you with heart, mind, strength
and soul,
in the name of Jesus, your Son,
blessed by your Spirit,
working in us, with us, around us and beyond us.

Amen

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of overflowing grace,
we confess we often take your blessing for granted.
Forgetting life is a precious gift,
we waste time on things that don't matter.
We complain when things don't go our way,
ignoring those who face even steeper challenges.
Forgive us, O God.
Renew our calling to share your abundant love
for Jesus' sake. Forgive us.
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)

While it is true that we have all sinned, it is a
greater truth that we are forgiven through God's
love in Jesus Christ. Receive the mercy of God this
day, and be at
peace with God, with yourself and with one
another. **Amen.**

Family Hymn #631 Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

Family Time: "Can you Hear Me???"

Choir Anthem: 10,000 Reasons

Scripture Reading

Psalm 123:1-4 (Responsive) Linda Murray

One: To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens!

All: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

**So our eyes look to you, O LORD our God,
Until you have mercy on us.**

One: Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,

For we have had more than enough of contempt.

All: Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn

Of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

The Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-13

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

Message: "Are You Listening?" By Rev Tom

Hymn #324 Great is thy Faithfulness

The Prayers of the People Linda Murray

Invitation to the Offering

The Psalmist declares that the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. What we offer to God today is

part of what God has given us. So give in faithfulness, trusting that God will provide for us and bless our efforts in Jesus' name.

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

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

Hymn #765 We've A Story To Tell To the Nations

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 8 – Let's Do Lunch Phone in

Thurs July 11 – Let's Do Lunch 12-1pm

Thurs July 11 - Choir

Saturday July 13 – Blood Donor Clinic at 35 Queen Street – 9:30 am – 2:30 pm
Book on blood.ca or 1-800-2donate

Sun July 21 – Sunday at Heritage Park at 11 am

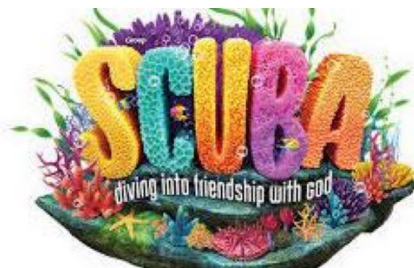
Monetary Donations can be auto-deposit to:

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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.