

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."

Service Date: Sunday August 11, 2024



Guest Preacher: Ms. Sarah Stockford

We welcome our friends from Knox Alliston and Mansfield Presbyterian Churches.

Minister: Rev Tom Mason

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

**WE PAUSE FOR A MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION TO
PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

God of wisdom, as we gather to hear your Word this day, calm our spirits and still our minds so that we can receive your message with clarity and respond in faithfulness. **Amen**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Marlene Lambie, Clerk of
Session

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive) Ruth Currie

One: Give thanks to the Lord!

All: We will tell the world what God has done.

One: Let us bring praise to the name of our Maker.

All: We will honour God's name with shouts of joy!

One: Be mindful of all that God provides for us.

All: Let us give thanks for all the wonders God has made!

HYMN # 634 Will You Come and Follow Me?

**PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION, AND THE LORD'S
PRAYER**

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

Surprising and mysterious God,
you come to us when we least expect it,
calling us out of our routines and plans,
inviting us to follow Christ into new opportunities.
We praise you for the many ways you come to us.
In moments of fear, you speak with words of reassurance.
In moments of doubt, you reach out your hand to hold.
In moments of turmoil, you bring calm to the storm.
You are faithful to us
through everything life can bring.
And so we place our trust in you this day and every day,
and honour you as our Redeemer and Saviour,
in the name of Christ, our Lord and friend. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful and patient God,
we confess that we still experience fear and doubt,
even though you reach out to us with saving grace.
You call us to live with courage and perseverance,
yet we can give up too easily and opt for the safer route.
You encourage us to be bold in our struggles for justice,
yet we remain silent in the face of unfairness.
Forgive us all the times we let you down.
Renew our lives through your mercy and grace.
May we live with you and with each other in reconciling grace
through the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to
pray...

THE LORDS PRAYER (unison)

*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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison)

Rest assured, God offers forgiveness and saving grace to everyone.
Accept these gifts for yourselves and offer forgiveness to others in
the name of Christ our Lord.

FAMILY HYMN #569 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

FAMILY TIME: Sarah Stockford

Special Music: Janice Terry and Kevin Kerr

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 130: 1-6 (Responsive) Ruth Currie

One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

All: Lord hear my voice!

One: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

All: If you, O LORD, should mark my iniquities, Lord, who could stand.

One: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in the Lord's word I hope.

All: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19: 4-8

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

Leader: This is the Word of God.

The People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: "When God Made You"

By Sarah Stockford M.Div.

HYMN #569 O Jesus, I Have Promised

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Janice Terry

Please feel free to make your offering when the Ushers pass by.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The sacrifice that honours God is a thankful heart. So let us present our offerings with thankful hearts, grateful for all God's goodness to us.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Doxology #79 *praise him, all creatures here below:*

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, God of all creation, for all your good gifts. Use the gifts we offer to spread your goodness in Jesus' name. Let your Spirit work through us so that your goodness will move through us into the world wherever we go. **Amen.**

HYMN #665 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

Whether the week ahead brings storms or calm for you, take heart. God is with us. Do not be afraid.

And may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, now and always.

Amen

*May God's blessings surround you each day
As you trust Him and walk in His way
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.*

Announcements

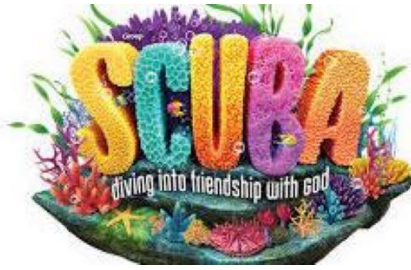
Thank you to Janice Terry and Kevin Kerr for sharing your musical talents with us.

Arising from the video Rev. Tom showed in service July 28th regarding the need for school supplies at Brixton Hill Primary School in Jamaica, a congregational mission has been established beginning July 28th and running to September 1st. A donation can be made using your envelope, marking "Jamaican mission" on the 4th line, or by e-transfer to donatetoepc.com

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 VBS. 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.



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