

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 25, 2024



Ephesians 6

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**

Lord, to whom shall we go, for you have the words of eternal life?
Guide us by your Word and Spirit this day, so that we may gain

wisdom from the Scriptures, and be moved to follow Jesus more closely for he is your Living Word. **Amen**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive) Caroline Heads
God hears our cries and rescues us from trouble.

Let us praise God's holy name.

God draws near the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Let us praise God's holy name.

Let us worship the One brings new life and praise God's holy name forever.

HYMN Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

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

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

God of majesty and mystery,
we come before you in wonder and gratitude.
Source of all that is, you are beyond our imagining;
your creation astounds us with its beauty and power.
Word of hope and healing,
you embrace us with tender care,
drawing near in every situation.
Spirit of purpose and possibility,
you show us which way to turn when we trust our choices to you.
Receive our praise and prayer this day,
Source, Word, and Spirit of Life, ever Three and ever One. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy,
we face many choices each day
and we confess we often choose with no thought of you.
Forgive the choices we've made that hurt others,

those that ignored our own wellbeing,
and those that betrayed your love.

Guide us in all our choices, simple or complicated,
as we express our faithfulness to you day by day and say together
in the strong name of Jesus....

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)

Jesus said, "Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest". Friends, trust that peace and forgiveness are God's gifts to you this day.

Be renewed by the power of the Spirit that moves with you into each new day. **Amen**

FAMILY HYMNS Great and Mighty, Awesome God

FAMILY TIME: Welcome Sean and Donna McTeague into Membership

The Apostle's Creed (Unison)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

Trio: Brad McGrady, David Graham & Kevin Kerr

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 84: 1-4 (Responsive) Caroline Heads

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**All: My Soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

One: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young, at your alters, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

All: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Gospel Reading: John 6: 56-69

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 6:10:20

Leader: This is the Word of God.

The People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: "Belonging" By Rev Tom

HYMN #487 Onward Christian Soldiers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Caroline Heads

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As summer stretches on, we begin to see the fruit of our labours in field and garden, produce of God's good creation. Yet we know many fields and gardens are under great stress. So we bring what we have to share, praying that God's generosity will multiply the fruit of our lives to support those whose summer has been less fruitful.

*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

God of growth and goodness, we offer what we have to share, knowing that others have lost their crops and worry for the future. Bless our gifts and use them to spread seeds of hope and wellbeing among those whose future is uncertain, for the sake of Christ, the Bread of Life. **Amen.**

HYMN Standing On the Promises

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING:

Go in gratitude, relying on the presence of Christ as bread for your journey. And may the God who made us, the Christ who mends us, and the Spirit who gives us life bless you with peace and purpose each day. **Amen**

Walk with the Lord

Announcements

Thank you to Brad McGrady, David Graham & 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.

Mon Aug 26 – 1pm Barrie Presbyterial WMS

Mon Aug 26 – 7pm CE Meeting

Tues Aug 27 – 5:30-8 pm Student Exchange Meeting Room Rental

Thurs Aug 29 – 9:30- 11 am – Coffee at Heritage Park

Thurs Aug 29 – 7pm Choir Practice resumes

Sat. Aug 31st, rain or shine, EPC is hosting the annual BBQ and Corn event. If you can help with this event, there is a sign-up sheet in the social room. The proceeds from the day will go to the Red Cross to support the town of Jasper, Alberta and residents in their recovery from the devastating wildfire.

Welcome Back Sunday, September 8 there will be bowling from **1- 2:30pm**. The cost will be \$10 a bowler and Mission & Outreach will supply the drinks and treats. Sign-up in the social room.

Reminder: Elmvale Food Bank needs spare plastic/recycling grocery bags.



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