

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 September 1, 2024



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 Word and Wisdom, send your Spirit upon us today as we hear the Scriptures read and interpreted. Help us be doers of your

Word, not mere listeners, so that our lives reflect the truth we meet in Jesus Christ, your living Word. **Amen**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive) Isabel Savage

Holy God, you call us to worship.

In your presence, we seek truth and forgiveness.

Holy God, you call us to worship you.

In your presence, we seek the grace to forgive one another.

Holy God, you call us to worship you, heart, body, mind and soul.

So we gather to offer you our prayer and praise with joyful thanks.

HYMN: I Will Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving

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

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

Faithful God, In your creation, you have made the seasons to change, the sun to shine and the rain to fall,
the vines to bear fruit and the fields to produce good things.
You alone are our strength and security;
you alone bring us rest and comfort.
We turn to you as the source of all life,
marvelling at your wisdom,
seeking to learn your purpose for our lives.
We offer you our praise and thanksgiving,
for you are the God who made us,
the Christ who mends us,
and the Spirit who brings us life. **Amen**

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Faithful God,
even though we know you are the Source of our lives,
we confess we often turn our backs on you.

We hear your Word but follow our own ways.

We see others in need but prefer to meet our own needs first.

We harbor anger and say things that cause others pain.

In your mercy, forgive us,

and restore us to right relationship with you and with one another

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)

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.

When we seek the mercy of God in humility, God will grant us grace.

Be at peace with God, with yourself, and with one another.

Amen

FAMILY HYMN #445 – Open Our Eyes, Lord

FAMILY TIME

Solo; Kevin Kerr

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 15:1-5 (Responsive) Isabel Savage

One: O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your Holy Hill?

All: Those who walk blamelessly, and who do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take reproach against their neighbors;

**in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.**

One: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7: 1-8 and 14-15 and 21-23

New Testament Reading: James 1:22-25

Leader: This is the Word of God.

The People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: "What is in our hearts?" By Rev Tom

HYMN #324 – Great is Thy Faithfulness

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sandy Owen

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

The Letter of James records that every generous act comes from God. So let our offering today reflect God's generosity and our gratitude for every gift we have received through God's faithfulness 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:

Great is your faithfulness, O God, and so we offer to you a portion of what we have received through your unfailing goodness. Bless these gifts and our lives, so that your love is proclaimed to the world through all we accomplish in the name of Jesus Christ, our Friend and Saviour. **Amen.**

HYMN #648 – I'm Going to Live So God Can Use Me

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

The Book of James instructs God's beloved: "Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger; be doers of the word, and not merely hearers."

Go with these words on your hearts,
And may the God of wisdom guide you;
The Christ of mercy walk beside you;
And the Spirit of hope inspire you each and every day,
Now and always. **Amen**

Walk With the Lord

Congregation Announcements

Condolences to Myrtle Greenlaw's family.

Thank you to 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.

Sat. Aug 31st, rain or shine, EPC hosted the annual BBQ and Corn event. 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. **Thank you to everyone who participated by volunteering or eating!**

Welcome Back Sunday, September 8

- 1) Welcome back to Kid's Church!
- 2) Worship and Nurture are hosting the Welcome Back BBQ . Hamburgers, hotdogs, dessert and drinks will be supplied. Potluck salads would be appreciated.
- 3) There will be bowling from **1- 2:30pm**. The cost will be \$10 per bowler and Mission & Outreach will supply the drinks and treats. Sign-up in the social room.

Tues Sept 10 – Centre Flos Woman's Institute Meeting 1-4 pm

Sun Sept 15 – Terry Fox – warm up your running shoes

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

Please be in prayer over who you would like to submit for Eldership to fill the vacancy. The deadline is approaching.



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Graduation

Jane Archer is graduating with her
Doctor of Sacred Studies
Doctor of Theology

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4190 Yonge Street
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When: Saturday, September 14, 2024

If able, you are welcome to come and celebrate this milestone with me in my journey with Christ!