

**ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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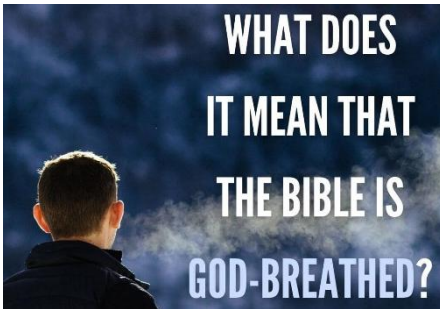


**The Presbyterian Church in Canada**



***"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 15, 2024**



***"Terry Fox Walk Sunday" – For those who Wish.***

***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 AND TO PRAY FOR  
OUR WALKERS**

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit as we gather in your name to hear your Word and worship you. Worship takes many shapes and forms. We pray for your blessings for all of our walkers, encourage them, strengthen them, and may your love be ever present within their hearts.

**Amen**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session.**

**Every year, Canada — and the world — runs and walks to remember Fox's hope and determination.**

**Our Walkers head out on their Marathon of Hope to help others and to remember Terry Fox.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive) Linda Murray

Come, people of God, worship the One who listens to our prayers.

**We will worship the One who hears us.**

Come, people of God, worship the One who watches over us.

**We will worship the One who cares deeply for us all.**

Come, people of God, worship the One who offered his life for us.

**We will offer thanks and praise to the One who gives us life.**

**HYMN #290 Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise**

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

**PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Living God,

you are the artist of the changing skies

and architect of the steadfast earth,

Loving Christ, you were born to walk life's journey with us

and show us God's purposes.

Spirit of life, you are always moving in us and among us,

offering us wisdom for every choice.

Creator, Christ and Spirit,

we honour you in our prayers and our praise.

In this time of worship, show us how we can serve you,  
for we seek your guidance and your grace now and always. **Amen**

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

God of time and eternity,  
we confess that we have long memories,  
especially for moments we resent or regret.  
Each week we seek your forgiveness for our mistakes,  
but we confess we do not forgive others so faithfully.  
Sometimes we seek opportunity to even the score.  
Confront us with your mercy, O God,  
and open our hearts to its cleansing power.  
Renew our commitment to show others the kindness we meet in  
Jesus Christ as we say together the words Jesus taught us ....

**THE LORD'S 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)

From now on, the Apostle Paul declared, we regard no one from a  
human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.  
Through Christ God has reconciled us, and given us a ministry of  
reconciliation. Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start,  
this day and every day! **Amen**

**FAMILY HYMN #496 Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE:**

**Psalm 19:7-9 (Responsive)** Linda Murray

One: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; of the LORD  
he decrees are sure, making wise the simple.

**All: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear enlightening the eyes.**

One: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

**All: The ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous together.**

One: More to be desired are they, than fine gold.

**All: Sweeter than honey and drippings from honeycomb.**

**New Testament Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-17**

**Leader: This is the Word of God.**

**The People: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE: "Why Read the Bible" By Rev Tom**

**HYMN #704 Teach Me, God, To Wonder**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** By Rev Tom

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

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:**

Jesus challenged his disciples to take up the cross and follow him. Whatever we offer him speaks of how we take up his challenge in our time. So we give with grateful, loyal hearts.

*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:**

Generous God, you poured out your love for us through Jesus Christ, who gave up everything on the cross. We bring what we have to offer you in love and loyalty. Receive our gratitude and bless all that our gifts can do to share your love for Christ's sake.

**Amen.**

**HYMN #461 Be Thou My Vision**

**GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**BENEDICTION & BLESSING:**

“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 day,

now and always. **Amen.**

**Walk with the Lord**

*Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.*

**Congregational Announcements**

**Mon Sept 16** -Fin &M meeting 7:00 pm (postponed from the 9th).

**Wed Sept 18** – Session at 7pm

**Thurs Sept 19** – Choir at 7pm

We are looking for a child’s high chair to replace the ones presently at the church. Preferably in good condition and meeting the safety standards of the day.

Worship and Nurture are looking to putting a float in the Fall Fair Parade. The theme is "Memories Then and Now, we are looking for suggestions and help to make this happen- please speak to Janice or Elizabeth.

**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.

Monetary Donations can be auto-deposit to:

[donatetoepc@rogers.com](mailto: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.

## Sermon Notes



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