

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 22, 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**

Shine the light of your Word on the path ahead, O God. Help us choose the way of your wisdom, so we may bear fruit that is

pleasing to you and shines your light into the world around us.
Amen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Kevin Kerr

From sunrise to sunset,

Let us praise God's holy name.

With the wisdom of the aged and the energy of the young,

Let us praise God's holy name.

In our work, in our homes, and in all we do,

Let us praise God's holy name.

Let us praise the Lord with all our hearts!

We will worship God now and always.

HYMN #438 – When Morning Gilds the Skies

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

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

God of all creation,

you have opened the world around us
and filled it with beauty and purpose.

Each creature declares your praise –

the mountain states your majesty;
the ripened field, your generosity.

Birds flying aloft sing of your freedom;
the tiny ant works with your persistence.

We pray that all our work will honour your justice and mercy.

May all our relationships speak of your compassion.

So may we praise you, O God,

not just in this hour of worship but in all the hours you grant us,
as we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Friend. **Amen**

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of all creation,

you opened the world around us and filled it with wonder,
yet we confess we look away from its harsher realities.

Our ears can be deaf to cries of need.

Our minds ignore opinions which differ from our own.

Forgive us when we seek greatness instead of goodness,
and miss the wisdom you intend us to embrace.

Renew our commitment to show others the kindness we meet in
Jesus Christ as we say together the words Jesus taught us

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)

Our God requires of us three things:

to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our
God. To all who truly repent and seek reconciliation with God and
neighbour in kindness and humility, God offers forgiveness and
peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **Amen**

FAMILY HYMN #571 – Lord I Want to be a Christian

FAMILY TIME

CHOIR ANTHEM

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Psalm 1: 1-4,6 (Responsive) Isabella Kirton-Fletcher

One: Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the
wicked, or take the paths that sinners tread, or sit at the feet of
scoffers.

**All: But their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on that law
they meditate day and night.**

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield
their fruit in season, and their leaves do not wither.

All: In all they do, they flourish.

One: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

All: For the LORD knows the way of righteous, but they way of the wicked will perish.

The Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 30-37

New Testament Reading: James 3: 13-18

Leader: This is the Word of God.

The People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: "How to be Truly Great" by: Rev Tom Mason

HYMN Just A Closer Walk With Thee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Angela Kirton

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Bible invites and encourages each one of us to show gentleness born of God's wisdom through our good works. The gifts we offer to God support many good works through our congregation and the work Presbyterians undertake together around the world. May they bear much fruit in Jesus' name.

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

Wise and faithful God, we offer our gifts to you in thanksgiving for your gifts to us in Christ and in creation. Bless these gifts and the good works they will support, so that the world may know your wisdom and faithfulness through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN #471 – We Are One in the Spirit

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

The Book of James instructs God's beloved: "Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom."

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

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

Congregational Announcements

Mon Sept 23 - CE meeting at 7pm – think Christmas!

Thurs Sept 26 – Coffee Party at 9:30-11am

Thurs Sept 26 – 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.

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

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.

Food Bank Current Needs:

cereal, apple and tomato juice (1 litre container), pasta sauce (urgent), canned potatoes,
hamburg helper ,side kicks, cookies, canned pasta, cr. chicken soup, pancake mix, pancake syrup, Jello pudding mix, kidney beans, canned meat, rice, canned tomatoes, canned cranberries, turkey gravy.
(Thanksgiving coming)

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



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