

ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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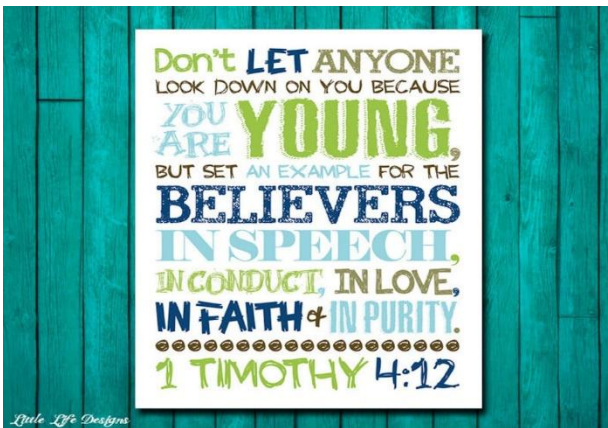


The Presbyterian Church in Canada



"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 8, 2024



Back to Church Sunday – BBQ and Bowling to Follow.

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**

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit as we hear the Scriptures read and interpreted. May we hear what you are saying to the Church today, and find the courage to follow your will. **Amen**

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) June Ritchie

Put your confidence in God.

We have God as our helper and so we rejoice.

God gives justice to the oppressed and food to the hungry.

God frees the prisoners and opens the eyes of the blind.

So put your trust in God's goodness.

May God's goodness endure forever! Let us worship God.

HYMN #773 – Jesus Bids Us Shine

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

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

Eternal God,

You are our beginning and our end.

You gave breath to all living things.

By your Spirit, you come among us this day,
breathing new life into our familiar patterns,
as the gift you offer us through Christ Jesus.

By your grace, you open new possibilities for the world you love.

So we offer you our lives in worship and in service,

joining our voices with all your creatures,

to offer you honour and blessing, glory and gratitude,

now and always. **Amen**

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy,

you keep an eye out for those who dwell on the margins of life. We confess we fail to keep our eyes open for those on the margins. We have been silent when we should have spoken up in the face of injustice.

Our generosity to others does not match what you offer us. Forgive us for thinking of ourselves first.

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)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ – and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. So be renewed to live according to God's generous grace. **Amen**

FAMILY HYMN #655 – Give Me Oil in My Lamp

FAMILY TIME: <https://youtu.be/XyO77eTZE10>

With Angela Kirton

CHOIR ANTHEM: He Touched Me

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 2:1-6 (Responsive) June Ritchie

One: My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you.

All: Making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding.

One: If you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding.

All: If you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures.

One: Then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

All: For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

New Testament Reading: 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Leader: This is the Word of God.

The People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: "Generation 4:12" By Rev Tom

HYMN #570 – I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE June Ritchie

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Book of Proverbs declares that those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. While we do not bring bread today, we offer our gifts trusting God to use them to meet needs of those who often go without.

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 call us to reach out to those in need in kindness rather than judgment; and with generosity, not just good intentions. Bless our gifts and our actions for Christ's sake, so that our faith in his love will show in the work of the Church that bears his name. **Amen.**

HYMN #690 – Fight the Good Fight

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

The Book of James challenges each one of us "to love our neighbor as ourself" and that faith without effort and outreach to others means little.

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 9 – Let's do Lunch Phone in 9-12pm

Mon Sept 9 – WW/WMS 1:30 pm

Mon Sept 9 – Finance & Main 7 pm

Tues Sept 10 - Mission and Outreach 10:30 am

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

Thurs Sept 12 – Let's Do Lunch 12-1 pm

Thurs Sept 12 – Choir 7 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.

Graduation

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

Where: Evangel Temple Toronto
4190 Yonge Street
Toronto (one block south of the 401)

When: Saturday, September 14, 2024

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



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