

# Elmvale Presbyterian Church



## Presbyterians Sharing



**Sunday October 27, 2024**

**Minister: Rev Tom Mason**

**Please stand if you are able for the entrance of the Bible**

### **QUIET MOMENT AS WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

Holy One, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Help us to recognize your presence alongside us, as we read scripture today. Speak to us the words we need most to hear. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Living Word. Amen.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

**INTRODUCTION TO PRESBYTERIAN SHARING** Mary Fleming

## **CALL TO WORSHIP** Elizabeth Hill

One: The church is not a building, but a people.

**All: We gather as travel companions through life and friends in faith.**

One: This is the church.

**All: We offer shelter in the storm and challenge at the break of day.**

One: This is the church.

**All: We are young, old, and in between, saints and sinners, from near and far.**

One: This is the church.

**All: God has called us into this community, to be a sacred presence in the world.**

One: Come, let us worship God who is behind us and before us as we journey together.

**All: We will worship God.**

## **HYMN #490 God of Grace and God of Glory**

### **PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION** Dianne Ritchie

Let us pray.

God of grace, our Creator, you are all around us. We see you in rushing waves and still waters, in the wonder of a sunset and at the dawning of a new day. In your Word we hear of your grace and hear the stories of second chances and new beginnings. You invite us to a different way of being. We feel your presence, lighting a fire within us, reminding us that we do not journey through life alone. We bow our heads in prayer and praise you today as the Creator, Christ and Spirit.

God of love, we confess that we have come to this time of worship carrying burdens. We have made mistakes in the living of our lives. We have said words we now regret. We have made decisions based on fear rather than faith. We have allowed worship to become a routine. We have taken the gift of the church for granted. Sometimes, we feel like we have lost our way.

God of hope, fix our eyes on the love of Jesus Christ. Make us open to the direction of your Spirit as a congregation and as individuals, so that we may be the people you created and intended us to be. We ask this in the name of our friend, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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 FORGIVENESS**

Friends, listen to these words from the Apostle Paul to the Church in Rome:

What shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:35, 37-39)

Believe the good news, that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and empowered to forgive.

## **CHILDRENS TIME: "With Jesus in the Boat" – Video:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cldfx4nhq84>

## **SCRIPTURE READING AND SERMON Brad McGrady, Kevin Kerr and Rev Tom Mason**

Come with us on Paul's Journey as read from the New Testament Acts 27 from the Message Bible.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE JUNE RITCHIE**

## **HYMN #307 GOD OF THE SPARROW**

## **CALL TO OFFERING ANNE COWAN**

This has been a time of prayer, praise, listening, and learning. But worship does not end here. Worship continues as we bring our gifts and go out into the world to serve. God invites us to be sacred partners, to live as people of hope and promise, in the midst of life's storms. We bring our gifts of money, time, and talent today, trusting that God will bless all that we bring. We are reminded that a portion

of our offerings every Sunday goes to Presbyterians Sharing. These gifts make a difference. We are partners together. We are Presbyterians Sharing. The offering will now be received.

**Doxology** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** ANNE COWAN

God of love, we lift our hearts to you in gratitude for all of life's blessings. We bring our gifts, praying that you might use them to bless others. God of grace, work through our offerings—whatever they may be—for the rebuilding of your world, and the work of your Spirit. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

**HYMN: #675 Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION** REV TOM MASON

Friends, let us leave this time of worship, knowing that God goes with us. There may be storms, calamities, and mistakes, but God does not desert us. Therefore, let us go forth in faith and with courage.

Listen to these words of blessing from the Iona Community in Scotland:

Deep peace of the running wave to you  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you  
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you." Amen.

**Walk With the Lord**

**Announcements**

**Tues Oct 29** – Bible Study at 2 pm (Nov

**Thurs Oct 31** – Coffee Party 9:30-11 am

**Sun Nov 03** – Anniversary Sunday – **Time change** & Potluck Lunch

On Mon. Oct. 21st, Rev. Tom blessed 50 large (12"x18") Christmas themed drawstring bags for Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian

Church in Winnipeg. These will be used for Christmas gifts for the children at their Christmas party. There were also some smaller "every-day" bags and some stocking stuffers in the box to fill up all the space. That box should be in Winnipeg by now. Today, Rev. Tom will bless 50 Christmas themed 9" by 12" bags, which Place of Hope uses for gifts in the Christmas Hampers that they pack. Thank you to all those in our craft group who donated fabric, decorated, sewed or threaded the bags. These will be a blessing to many folks who have very difficult lives. Our crafters are in the process of making bags for the Elmvale and District Food Bank to be ready for the end of November. And some small ones for ARISE ministry in Toronto.

**PCC Calendar** – If anyone would like a 2025 PCC Calendar, please let Deanna Nelson know by Sun Nov 10. They are \$10.00

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.

**Food Bank** food needs – see sheet at back of sanctuary

Elmvale Food Bank needs plastic/recycling grocery bags



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