

# ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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***"Elmvale Presbyterian Church is a Christian Community where everyone is welcome, sharing God's love through worship, music, prayer, teaching and outreach."***



*"Passing through the Water"*

***Guest Preacher: Mr. Jeff Walther***

***Service Date: Sunday October 6, 2024***

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

***Moment of Quiet Reflection to Prepare for Worship***

Inspiring God, by your Spirit, open our minds and hearts to receive your Word for today, whether it challenges or comforts us, so that we may live more faithfully as we follow Jesus Christ, your Living Word. **Amen.**

**Welcome & Announcements** Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

**Call to Worship** (Responsive) June Ritchie

One: God promises us and teaches us, the pathway of righteousness.

**All: God promises us compassion and teaches us not to lose heart.**

One: God promises to be with us and to care for one another.

**All: Let us worship our God and let God guide us in the way of righteousness. We will offer prayers and praise to our God.**

**Hymn #442 Speak, Lord in the Stillness**

**Prayers of Approach, Confession, and the Lords Prayer**

(Unison)

Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,

you breathe life into all things and nourish your whole creation.

You are a rock and refuge for your people, for you are trustworthy

in all things. Your desire for peace with justice can never be

defeated. You alone can bring life out of death, and restore

wholeness to broken lives, so we praise you and rejoice in the

hope you offer. For your love is the power at work in every

situation, seeking goodness and revealing truth, a love that will

never let us go. In our time of worship, we offer you our love and

loyalty through Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

**Prayer of Confession**

God of our hopes and our hearts,

You provide the gift of faith, but we lose heart quickly. Troubles

weaken our trust and disappointments eat away at our

commitment. Forgive us and create in us clean hearts and in

your love, give us peace and perseverance as we pray the words

Jesus taught us...

**The 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**

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship? Distress? Waves or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through the God who loves us. Neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Let us rejoice that, no matter what is happening around us, no matter what we have done, God's deep love will never let us go.

### **Family Hymn #6343 Will You Come and Follow Me**

#### **Family Time (Kid's Church)**

**Solo: Sara Ford - Blessings**

#### **Scripture Readings**

**Psalm 34: 15-19** (Responsive) June Ritchie

One: Thew eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears open to their cry.

**All: The face of the LORD is against evil doers, to cut of the remembrance of them from the earth.**

One: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and recues them from all their troubles.

**All: The LORD is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.**

One: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues from them all.

**New Testament Reading: John 8:42-47**

**Message: "Truth Decay"** By Jeff Walther

**Hymn #500 Open My Eyes That I May See**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** June Ritchie

### **Invitation to the Offering**

Whatever you give, give with confidence that God will use our gifts for the good purposes of the Gospel. Freely, freely, we have received, freely, freely we give.

**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**

God of the great and the small, we bring what we have to share with others. Bless our gifts and our lives so that generosity and the pathway of righteousness will join hands to surprise the world with your goodness in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Hymn #497 Word of God, Across the Ages**

### **Benediction and Blessing**

May the Lord bless and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you; and be gracious to you; the Lord lift- up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

### **Walk With the Lord**

### **Congregational Announcements**

Thank you Sara Ford for sharing your musical talents with us.

**Mon Oct 07-** Let's Do Lunch Phone in 9-12pm

**Tues Oct 08** – Mission & Outreach 10:30am

**Thurs Oct 10** – Let's Do Lunch 12-1pm

**Thurs Oct 10** – Choir at 7pm

\*\*\*Billy Graham's Bible Study "Nearing Home" will begin on

**Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm** and continue for the next **4 Tuesdays**. If you would like to order the book, please let Rev. Tom or Elizabeth Hill know by **Tuesday Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**.

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.

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](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 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

**Sermon Notes:**



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