

ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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."

Elmvale Presbyterian Church celebrates 164 Years of Christian Witness in our Community this year. A Warm Welcome to any Newcomers or those Returning to our Church



**Service: The Third Sunday in Advent
Sunday December 15, 2024
Christmas Children and Youth Service.**



"Joy."

Minister: Rev. Tom Mason M.Div

***Please stand (if you are able) as The Bible is Opened for
Worship.***

Our Prayer of Reflection before Worship:

God of truth and wisdom, send us your Holy Spirit to teach us through the scriptures, read and interpreted this day.
Lead us to understand your truth more fully,

and our hearts to live out your wisdom in the example of Jesus, your Living Word. **Amen.**

Welcome & Announcements: Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

Call to Worship: Wesley and Liam

Third Sunday in Advent - *Joy*

Please see insert in bulletin

Hymn #119 Hope is a Star

The Prayer of Adoration: (Unison) Wesley

God of joy you are our strength and our song. You gather those who have strayed from you and welcome them back to your side. You bring healing to those who are broken in body and spirit, and accompany those who walk alone. Through your great love and mercy, you transform us all into more than we ever thought we could be. We will trust in you and not be afraid. With joy, we sing of your glory and proclaim your saving power to those near and far as our Creating Father, the redeeming Christ and guiding Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

One: Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sins and the sins of this world.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

All knowing God,

We know perfect joy only comes through faith in you, yet we seek it elsewhere. In search of comfort, we indulge our desires. In search of love, we hide from our faults. In search of approval, we spend beyond our means. Forgive us, O God, for seeking satisfaction in the wrong places. Help us turn again to you, our true source of joy, and guide us to discover what is honourable, just, and pleasing in your sight, and with joy in our hearts, we pray the words that Jesus taught us...

The Lords 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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, we are part of God's new creation. God's love makes all things new! Know that you are forgiven by this great love. Now find the courage to forgive one another in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Baptism

Hymn: #122 O Come O Come Emmanuel

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 By Aubrey

Message: "Where's Christmas" Children's Church

Invitation to the offering: By Layton

This Sunday in Advent celebrates God's gift of Joy. When we look around the world, we see so many places where Joy is not present. May our gifts that are joyfully given, be joyfully received in the string name of Jesus.

Doxology

Offertory Prayer:

God whose spirit moves in our hearts. Bless these gifts and use them to create justice and to bring joy into the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People: By Isabella

Hymn: #133 Go Tell It on the Mountain

Benediction By Rev Tom

Go with joy renewed this day, energized to share that joy

with justice and generosity in the world God loves. And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Walk with the Lord

Congregational Worship & Events (Insert)

A special thank you to all the youth for leading our service this morning.

Cast

Mom – Aubrey Giffen

Nicole – Layton Fay

Jamie – Devon Giffen

Santa – Brad McGrady

Announcer – Al Beardsall

Angel/Elf – Isabella Kirton-Fletcher

Joseph – Reid Nelson

Mary – Aubrey Giffen

Scripture – Annie Stroud

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