

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 for 164 years in our community."

Sunday December 8, 2024

"Peace" – The Second Sunday in Advent – Service for the Ordination of New Elders



Minister: Rev Tom Mason



Please stand for the entrance of the Bible if able.

Prayer before Worship:

God of peace and possibility, we turn to your Word to hear your will and your wisdom for our times. Open our hearts and minds by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit so that we might hear what you are saying to the church through Christ, our Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Welcome & Announcements: Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

Call to Worship: Second Sunday in Advent Peace

See insert or follow on PowerPoint – Deb Kirton

Hymn #119 Hope is a Star – Verses 1 & 2

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

God of wisdom and understanding, of peace and promise, you are the giver of life and you live in us.

You have welcomed us as your children, and called us to live out your image with hospitality toward each other. In Jesus Christ, you offer us living water

to wash away our sin and sorrow, and call us back to paths of justice and righteousness. With the Holy Spirit, you baptize us for service and life in community, refreshing us each day with your presence and purpose. Glory and honour and praise be yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, this day and every day, now and evermore. **Amen**

Prayer of Confession

God of peace and promise, we confess that we have taken your commitment to us for granted. We assume what we do is acceptable to you, yet we judge others more harshly. We have been slow to welcome others, especially if their cultures or convictions differ from ours. You call us to repentance, but we resist seeing anything needing change in our hearts or our habits. Forgive our self-satisfied attitudes, and challenge us with your vision of a peaceable kingdom where all can be made new, joining our voices into one, as we pray the words the prince of peace 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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Receive the Good News in peace. With great mercy, God forgives what we have confessed and offers us new life in Christ. Receive the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

Hymn #592 I the Lord of Sea and Sky

Scriptures: Psalm 23: 1-3 (Unison) Keving Kerr

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still wa

He restores my soul. He Leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

The Gospel Reading: **John 10:11-18**

The New Testament Reading: **Galatians 5:22-26**

Choir Anthem

Message: "What is, this Peace?" with Rev. Tom

The Ordination of our New Elders.

Please see the Insert in the Bulletin.

Hymn #11 The Lord is my Shepherd

Invitation to the offering.

This Sunday we celebrate the Advent of Peace, born for us in Jesus Christ. Think of your gifts as seeds of that peace which we can plant in the world God loves for Christ's sake.

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

God, our Peace and our Promise, receive our gifts as seeds of gratitude for your gift to us in Christ Jesus. Bless these seeds with growth so that peace will take root in people who face conflict and danger, and places seeking to establish peace in the face of violence. Be their peace and their promise, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Prayer of the People Janet Beech

Hymn #560 Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

Benediction

Go in peace this day, ready to bear fruit worthy of your commitment to Jesus Christ and his kingdom of justice and peace. 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

Congregation Announcements

(Please see insert)

Condolences to Brad and Jermey McGrady on the Passing of Yeb Jermey