

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 First Sunday after Christmas
Sunday December 29, 2024**

Minister: Rev. Thomas Mason M.Div

Please stand for the entry of the Bible

The Prayer of Preparation

In the law and the prophets, you give us your will and in Jesus Christ you revealed your love. Open our minds by the power of your Spirit so that we might understand what you are saying to the church. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

All: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; give praise, all shining stars!

One: Give praise, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

All: Give praise, hills and mountains.

One: All people together, let us praise the name of the Lord and declare God's glory in heaven and on earth.

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn

Prayers of Approach, Confession, & Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

God of majesty and mystery,
like the magi following the star, we come to you in wonder. Your purposes are beyond our comprehension, your majesty incomparable and your love beyond imagination and your presence always with us. We praise you for your steadfast love, and offer you our trust for the days ahead as we seek to follow faithfully in the footsteps of Christ, our newborn King. Amen

Prayer of Confession

God of light and life,
you have come to us in Christ Jesus to open a path to new life, but we fall back on what is familiar. We confess that we are in love with our old ways and our resolution for change is all too short. Forgive us when our resolve wavers and shine your light on the way we can follow into your future. As we pray together 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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Be assured of God's forgiveness. Make a new start this year; be at peace with God, secure in the knowledge of God's love.

Hymn

Family Time & Children's Church

Choir Anthem

Scripture Readings Psalm 148: 1-6 (Responsive)

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

One: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

All: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26;

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Message – "New Clothes" By Rev Tom



Hymn

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

The Magi offered rare and expensive gifts to honour the new-born Christ child. We may not bring gold, frankincense and myrrh, but all our gifts are used by God to build God's kingdom in the world. Let us present our gifts and offerings.

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

God of neighbourhoods and nations, we bring our gifts to you, grateful that you are with us in good times and hard times. We do not know what the year ahead will hold but your love shines like a star to guide us. Bless these gifts and bless us and use them and us in the service of your mission in the world. Amen.

Hymn

Benediction and Blessing

Go in courage and confidence to face the year ahead, sure that the light of Christ will guide you. And may God bless you and keep you; may God's face shine upon you; and may God be gracious to you and give you joy and peace this day and every day, now and evermore. Amen.

Walk with the Lord

Upcoming Congregational Worship and Events

A BIG THANK YOU To everyone who participated and attended our Christmas Eve Service. It was a true joy to hear and see all of the children and families who joined with us for Worship. What blessings! Please let your family know that they are always Welcome any Sunday!

The Minister and Elders wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy New Year in 2024!

We ask you to hold in your hearts and pray for anyone who may be sick, for those feeling lost or lonely and for those who need the healing and encouraging presence of Jesus Christ in their lives at this time.

We pray for peace throughout our troubled world, for the people of Gaza, Israel and the Ukraine.

We pray for our Church and Presbytery, and for all peoples of Faith, to be guided by the Spirit of Wisdom. Truth, Love and Peace that brings tolerance, understanding and compassion to ALL.

Rev Tom and Terry will be on vacation from the 1st to the 21stth January. Please contact your elder for any pastoral care needs.

Thurs Jan 2- No Choir Practice

Peace be with you all and Happy New Year 2025!

Sermon Notes



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