

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 163 Years of Christian Witness in our Community this year.

A Warm Welcome to any newcomers and those returning to our Church.

Sunday January 12, 2025

Guest Minister: Rev Margaret Robertson

Minister: Rev Tom Mason

Please stand, if you are able, for the entry of the Bible

Moment of Quiet Reflection to Prepare for Worship

Holy One, you have blessed your people with wisdom over the ages. We seek your wisdom today. Send your Holy Spirit now, to give us understanding through your Word read and proclaimed this day. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

Call to Worship (Responsive) June Ritchie

One: O Lord, open our lips,

All: And our mouths shall declare your praise.

One: O Lord, open our eyes,

All: So that we may behold your presence.

One: O Lord, open our ears,

All: So that we may hear your call to follow.

One: O Lord, open our hearts,

All: So that we may offer you worship in love and joy.

Hymn #321 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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

God, our Creator and Redeemer, your faithfulness endures forever. You offer us new life in Christ Jesus and call us to follow him. You challenge us to bring life and hope to the world you love. In you we find strength and courage to face every challenge, until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ arrives. And so we offer our praise and gratitude to you, O God, with Christ and the Spirit, one God, now and always. **Amen.**

The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Faithful God, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost yet it's hard to recognize we have lost our way. We seek the next new thing instead of your gift of new life. We follow the trends of our culture rather than Jesus' example. Wash over us with your cleansing Spirit, and your amazing grace, and renew our commitment to follow your purposes revealed in Christ Jesus. Who taught us to pray... **The Lord's Prayer**

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

Let us rejoice, for God has put a new song in our mouths! Trust in God's enduring love and mercy, washing over us every day. Know that forgiveness is yours through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Family Hymn #399 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Family Time & Children's Church

Special Music

Scripture Readings: Psalm 29 (responsive) June Ritchie

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.

³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
**the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.**

- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ **The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl
and strips the forest bare,
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**
- ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 53:1-7

New Testament Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Message "Something More" Rev Margaret Robertson

Hymn #382 Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev Margaret

Invitation to the Offering

God has given us a new song in our hearts, a song of thankfulness and praise. So we bring our gifts with thanksgiving and hearts cheered by God's goodness.

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we offer you our gifts with humble hearts. Each gift seems small on its own, so bless each one and those of your people throughout the Church. Through the work of your Holy Spirit, surprise us with all that our gifts can accomplish, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #685 How Firm A Foundation

Benediction and Blessing

Go with strength and humility, for you are servants of our Saviour who walks with you. And may the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit bless and sustain you, now and always. Amen

Go Now in Peace

Congregation Announcements

Committees: Please have your financial records and written reports in to Deanna Nelson by January 31st

Mon Jan 13 -WW/WMS at 1:30 pm

Mon Jan 13 –Finance and Maintenance 7 pm

Thurs Jan 16 – Choir at 7 pm



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