

Elmvale Presbyterian Church

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 19, 2025

Guest Minister: Rev. Glynis Faith M.Div

Minister: Rev Tom Mason

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

Moment of Quiet Reflection to Prepare for Worship

O God, we seek your wisdom and truth in the Scriptures. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to open our minds and hearts to receive the gift of your Word. Challenge and comfort us in what we hear, and strength us to follow Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

Call to Worship (Responsive) Marlene Lambie

One: The Lord is our light and salvation.

All: We will not be afraid.

One: Behold the beauty of the Lord!

All: God will shelter us on any day of trouble and set us high upon a rock.

One: Let God's people shout for joy!

All: For Christ calls us and claims us as his own.

One: Come and worship in unity and love; let us rejoice together!

Hymn #422 Sing A New Song Unto The Lord

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

Prayers of Approach

Gracious God, you shepherd us by still waters and guide us along paths of justice and peace. You send your comfort and courage to relieve our tears and our fears. We offer our praise in love and loyalty for you are always with us, ever faithful true and strong. You call to us to follow you and to be your people, a people of love and care, make us and shape us in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, you call us to follow your way of compassion but too often we criticize each other. You call us to follow your way of peace but too often we remain divided. You call us to trust you, but too often our fears and doubts overwhelm us. Forgive us, O God, and strengthen our commitment to follow your ways as Jesus taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

God calls to us in love and forgiveness and welcomes us in with a warm embrace. Hear the good news of the Gospel and share this with the world. Rejoice that in Christ we are forgiven, and be at peace with God, yourself and with each other.

Family Hymn #638 Take Time To Be Holy

Family Time & Children's Church

Choir Anthem

Scripture Readings: Psalm 27:1,4 (Unison) Marlene Lambie

One: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One: One thing I ask of the LORD, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.

All: To behold the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

New Testament John 15:9-17

Message What A Friend We Have in Jesus By Rev. Glynis Faith M.Div

Hymn #746 What A Friend We Have In Jesus

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sandy Owen

Invitation to the Offering

Jesus called the first disciples who followed, not knowing that we would follow their example so many centuries later. We bring our gifts in Jesus' name, not knowing whose lives will be touched, but trusting that something good will come of everything we offer to God.

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

God of the fishers who first followed Jesus, you have called us to follow and here we are. We offer what we have and ask you to bless our gifts. Give us the courage we need to invite others to join us in following Jesus, our friend and saviour. Amen.

Hymn #471 We Are One In The Spirit

Benediction and Blessing

The Lord bless you 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.**

Go Now In Peace

Congregation Announcements

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

Mon Jan 20 – CE Meeting at 7pm

Wed Jan 22 – Session at 7 pm

Thurs Jan 23 – Choir 7 pm

Thanks to your generosity and that of the community, the Food Bank is sufficiently stocked for now except for these few items: canned mixed vegetables, canned peas, canned potatoes and jams.

Sermon Notes



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