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# **ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



# The Presbyterian Church in Canada



# "The Lion and the Lamb"

Service Date: Sunday January 26, 2025 Minister Rev Tom Mason M.DIV

22 Queen St. E. Elmvale, ON LOL 1P0

"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."



# A warm welcome to any newcomers or to those returning to our Church.

Please stand if you area able for the entrance of the Bible.

## **Moment of Quiet Reflection to Prepare for Worship**

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

**Announcements** Marlene Lambie Clerk of Session

<u>Call to Worship</u> (Responsive) Marilyn Fleming

One: The heavens reveal the glory of God, the Lord is perfect.

All: As certain as day follows day, the Lord is trustworthy.

One: As the sun moves across the heavens, creation declares, the Lord is right and just.

All: O Lord! We worship You, our Refuge and Redeemer.

Hymn: #498 Sing Them Over Again To Me

<u>Prayers of Approach, Confession, and the Lords Prayer</u> (In Unison)

You, O God, Our Father, Son and Holy Spirit are overflowing with love, infinite in your kindness, and incomparable in your glory. You are the source of all good things.

There is none like you in all our imagining.

You bring new life forth from death and offer us hope at all times. In you, all things work together for good.

Your presence breaks into our lives in many ways and you touch us with wonder.

In this time of worship, we offer you thanks with our prayers, praise with our hearts and honor with our lives, this day and every day, now and always. Amen.

## **Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

Wise and patient God, We confess that we often stray from your presence.

You have offered us peace, yet our lives feel frustrating and unsettled in these times.

You offer us compassion yet we feel neglected and resentful amid life's challenges and changes.

You offer us a mission with meaning and purpose to share the good news of the Gospel with others but we become preoccupied with our own plans and desires.

You call us to be your people, and at times we do not hear.

Forgive us, O God, and draw our attention back to you so that we may follow your guidance and trust you as our Shepherd, Give to us the courage and boldness of the lion to share Jesus' good news, with others.

Forgive us, O God, when we fall back on what is familiar and when our resolution for change is all to short.

Forgive us when we fall fail to love you and our neighbor as our self, As we pray together the words Jesus taught us.

Our father

#### 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** (Unison)

The Lord our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

Family Time Hymn: Video "How Great Is Our God?" By

Christafaria - Bing Videos

**Choir Anthem: I Came To Praise The Lord** 

#### **Children's Church**

### Holy Scripture Reading from the Book of Psalms: Psalm 19:7-14 (Responsive) Marilyn Fleming

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

All: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

One: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

One: Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

All: But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

One: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.

All: Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

The Old Testament Reading: Nehemiah 3:1-3; 5-6; 8-10

This is the Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.** 

Message - "The Lion and the Lamb" By Rev Tom

Hymn: #445 Open our eyes, Lord (2xs)

**Prayers of the People** Rev. Tom

#### Invitation to the Offering

All good things come from God. It is right to give back to God for the blessings that he has bestowed upon us and for us to open our hearts to love and care for others as Christ has cared for us. Doxology

#### Prayer of Dedication

Faithful God, who calls us to follow and empowers us by your Spirit, we bring these gifts to you in gratitude and hope. May they be used to proclaim good news of the Gospel, and to bring others to know of your saving grace and never- ending mercy. Transform our offerings into acts of love and justice that reflect the mission of Jesus in this world. In whose holy name, we pray. Amen Hymn:

# Benediction and Blessing:

May the Blessings of God – Be on our hearts and on our houses. May the Peace of God – Be in our life and our believing. May the Love of God – Be shared with all others. Amen.

Walk with the Lord.