

## **Elmvale Presbyterian Church**



"Living in the Light" Sunday January 5, 2025 Guest Preacher: Mr Jeff Walther Minister: Rev Tom Mason

## Please stand if you are able for the entrance of the Bible

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

We praise you Lord for creating this world in all its beauty, for redeeming the world through Christ, our Lord, and for sending us the gift of your Spirit to encourage, to instruct and to sustain us. We long for your Spirit to work within us now, to inspire our praise, to challenge us with your truth and to equip us for service in your world. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

## Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Praise the LORD, my soul: all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

## All: Praise the LORD, my soul and forget not all his benefits.

One: Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

# All: Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

One: Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. **All: Praise the LORD, my soul.** 

#### Hymn #

#### Prayers of Approach, Confession, and the Lords Prayer (In Unison)

#### The Prayer of Approach

Look upon us, Lord: may the darkness of our souls vanish before the beams of your brightness. Fill us, with holy love; open to us the treasures of your wisdom; encourage what you have begun in us, and prompt us to ask in prayer what your spirit already desires for us. Turn your face to us and show us your glory; then shall our longing be satisfied and our life complete. Amen

## The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct us to what we should be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ our Lord who taught us to pray.

## The Lord's Prayer

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through whom we have obtained access to the Grace of God in whom we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

## Family Hymn

## Family Time & Children's Church

## Choir Anthem

#### **Scripture Readings**

"Gods Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path." Psalm 119:105

#### Psalm 29: 1-4 (Responsive)

One: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength,

## All: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,

**All:** The LORD, over mighty waters. One: The voice of the LORD is powerful.

All: The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

#### **Old Testament Reading**

#### Message – By Jeff Walther

Lord God, by the power of your Spirit, give us strength to live out the message we have heard today. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Hymn #

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God calls us to be a praying people. Let us join as a congregation in prayer, offering our intercession and petitions to God.

#### **Invitation to the Offering**

Let us give thanks to the LORD with all our being, In the company of the upright, let us honor God for the blessings and goodness that we have received.

#### **Doxology**

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

Ever-present God, with this offering we present also, ourselves. All that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray for Jesus' sake. Amen.

#### Hymn #

#### **Benediction and Blessing**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Go now in Peace

#### Walk With the Lord

**Service Notes:** 



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