

## ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*"Elmvale Presbyterian Church is a Christian Community where everyone is welcome sharing God's love through worship, music, prayer, teaching and outreach."*

*This year Elmvale Presbyterian celebrates 164 Years of Christian Witness.*

*A Warm Welcome to any Newcomers. Please come and join us for Coffee after our Service.*

**Service: "Presbyterian World Sharing Sunday"**

**Sunday February 2, 2025**



### **PWS&D Sunday Worship Resource**

*Written by the Rev. Dr. Andrew Johnston*

**Service is by your Nurture and Worship Committee.**

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

#### **Prayer before Worship**

God of wisdom, we long to hear your holy Word in new and fresh ways. Open our ears to hear your call. Open our minds to understand your truth. Open our eyes to the work of your kingdom and equip us to take our part **Amen**

**Welcome & Announcements:** Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

#### **Call To Worship** Terry Mason

One :The Lord is my light and my salvation;

#### **All Whom: shall I fear?**

One: The Lord is the strength of my life;

**All: Of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27)**

#### **Hymn #407 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

#### **Prayer of Approach, Confession and Lord's Prayer** Brad McGrady

Holy God, with snow around and first light of this new week upon us, we gather together here in this community as your people, to sing your praise. Your glory is ever above us, your mercy is ever with us, your everlasting arms are ever around us. You are God, and we are yours, and it is you we praise, Creator, Saviour, Sustainer.

In this hour, we lay before you the emotion and the activity, the satisfactions and the regrets, of this past week. In this hour we would feel your healing hand bind the scattered forces of our souls. Lord, we pray, have mercy upon us.

We place our trust in you, O God. We pray for faith to believe that you do rule with justice and truth and are able to work your good out of this world's evil. We pray for faith to be calm and courageous in the face of the darkness that surrounds. We pray for faith to remain generous with those by our side and to entrust into your care the many at a distance. We pray for faith to receive the power of your love to melt our hardened hearts and swallow up our sin. We pray for faith to consider anew the purpose and end of our days, and commit ourselves anew to the way of your Son, Jesus Christ.

O God, in you generation upon generation have trusted and were not put to shame. Now we place our trust in you. Hear us in the name of him whom we confess as Saviour, and in the words he taught us in every age and at all times to repeat together ...

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. 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. Amen.

**Hymn #773 Jesus Bids Us Shine**

**Family Time & Kids Church** Nora Martin

**Scriptures Psalm 71: 3-5 (Responsive)** Isabel Savage

One: Rescue me , O God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel,

**All: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord  
from my youth.**

One: Upon you, I have learned from my birth;

**All: It was you who took me from my mother's womb  
My praise is continually of you.**

**The Old Testament Reading** Jeremiah 1:4-10

**The New Testament Reading** Mark 8:1-9a

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Sermon: "Outreach and Sharing in Malawi"** Nora Martin

**Hymn #587 Called As Partners In Christ's Service**

**Prayers of the People** Janice Terry

**Invitation to the Offering** Rev. Tom

You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

My praise is continually of you. With our tithes and offerings, we  
continue in our praise.

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Tom

Whatever we shall face this coming week, O God,  
we begin now in gratitude for all the life and love with which you fill  
our lives in Jesus Christ. We begin now in thanksgiving for all you offer  
us in your promises of bringing human history together in a way that  
will honour all that is good and true and beautiful.

Receive these offerings for your work in this time through the ministry  
of this congregation, through the work of Christian mission through  
Presbyterians Sharing, through projects of development, relief and  
refugee sponsorship of PWS&D amongst peoples around the world.  
With these offerings and our lives, we praise you, Holy One, Father  
Son and Spirit. Amen.

**Hymn #641 One More Step Along the World I Go**

**Benediction**

As you leave this sanctuary to continue your worship in the world,  
May you be blessed by the One who is able to bring about newness in  
every situation. **Amen**

**Go Now in Peace**

**Congregation Announcements**

**Committees: Please have your financial records and written  
reports in to Deanna Nelson.**

**Tues Feb 04 – Quilting Bee 9am**

**Wed Feb 05 – Crafting Group 9am**

**Thurs Feb 06 – Choir 7pm**

**Sun Feb 9 – Communion Sunday & Jersey Sunday**

**Sun Feb 9 – Jersey Sunday!** Show your LOVE of sports by  
wearing a sport club or league jersey/t-shirt /sweater to church  
on Sun Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Share what your shirt means to you at  
Fellowship time with others.

**Mon Feb 10** - Willing Workers/WMS group will be hosting a guest  
speaker for their meeting on Mon, Feb 10 at 1:30 pm and all are wel-  
come to attend. Joan Kennedy RN, Outreach Manager will be present-  
ing information of her work with the Seasons Centre for Grieving Chil-  
dren.

**Nearing Home by Billy Graham – Second Session: Chapters 6-10 Study Sessions: Tues Feb 11, Tues Feb 18** and (if needed) **Tues Feb 25**. The session will start in the Parlor at Elmvale Presbyterian at **2pm**. This will be available in person and also on Zoom.

Please notify Elizabeth Hill [hillea@rogers.com](mailto:hillea@rogers.com) or Rev Tom [tomsomason@hotmail.com](mailto:tomsomason@hotmail.com) for your Zoom Link and Study material if you have an interest to join each of the studies. Everyone is encouraged to participate and most welcome.

**Sat. Feb. 15 - 7pm** - The church family is invited to Games Night - a fun night of cards and games! Bring your favourite games to share and wear something red.

**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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