



Elmvale Presbyterian Church



Service: Communion Sunday



Sunday February 9, 2025

Minister: Rev Tom Mason

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

Moment of Quiet Reflection to Prepare our Hearts for Worship

God of Hope, amid all the concerns in the world around us, we turn to your Word. Send your Holy Spirit to still our thoughts and speak your wisdom to us. Fill our souls with the loving action of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements – Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

We Enter into God's Presence

Responsive Call to Worship Linda Murray

One: We come as guests invited to a table;

All: We come to celebrate with friends and neighbors.

One: Jesus Christ, our Friend, and Savior, invites us to gather:

All: We gather with his friends around the world.

One: Come and worship with hearts full of God's praise and promise.

All: We worship God in gladness, for God's faithfulness endures forever.

Hymn #672 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Gracious and Generous God, you spread a banquet table and make room for all to come: friend and foe, healed and sick, hopeful, and hopeless. You feed our desires with goodness and fill our longing with steadfast love. We worship you with grateful praise, together with all your people, here and everywhere, who break bread at your table and who share the cup. We celebrate our life together in Christ and offer our love and loyalty to you, O God, Source of all goodness, through Jesus Christ, who shares the deepest part of our souls, and your Holy Spirit who prays within us.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mercy and mystery, when you invite us to your table, you ask us to come with clean hands and open hearts. You ask us to come in peace, seeking reconciliation with you and with each other. In this silence, we hand over to you the broken relationships, disagreements, and disappointments that keep us from living in your peace. Free us from the burdens we carry which we share in this silence. so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world as

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

Hear and believe this good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven. Have the courage to forgive one another, and be at peace – with God, with your neighbor and with yourself.

Hymn #753 You Walk Along Our Shoreline

Family Time & Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Psalm 37:3-6 Linda Murray

One: Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land and enjoy security.

All: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

One: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will act.

All: He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Gospel Passage: Luke 5:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Message: "Cast your nets over there..." By Rev Tom

Offering Invitation

Around this table we celebrate God's generosity to us in Christ and in creation. We present our offering in gratitude for all God has given. Your offering will now be received.

Doxology

Prayer over the gifts

God, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. Our gifts may not be perfect, bless them with your Holy Spirit to spread your goodness in the world, for the sake of Christ, our living Lord.

Choir Anthem Bread of the World

Communion Service

Hymn #507 Break Now The Bread of Life

Invitation to the Table

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. This is the table not of one denomination, but of our one Lord Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him

and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time. Our Saviour invites all those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

Invitation

Jesus invites us to this table and now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this wine, ordinary things of the world. In these, Jesus has promised to be present. Through this bread and wine Christ can make us whole. Come all of you this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

As Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth, let us also bless God with great thanksgiving.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three, You are source of all that exists. You are beyond the galaxies, deeper than the oceans. You pour down rain and bring forth the fruit of the earth. You carry us through deep waters and hold us in the darkest night. So, with all your creatures, great and small, with angels and archangels, with saints and servants in every generation we join in the rejoicing of your creation:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Holy is your Son Jesus, O God, Walking this earth, feeding the hungry, calling the lost, noticing the forgotten, healing those who reached out, teaching those who sought wisdom, he revealed your kingdom in our midst. Today we thank you for all Jesus shared with us to show us that you are always with us in times of

plenty and times of pain. And so, we celebrate the mystery of our faith in him:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

One: Holy God, When the sounds of our rejoicing fall silent, we remember those who cannot rejoice today, who face times of pain or fear or upheaval. We think especially of those whose countries have been overwhelmed by earthquake, flood, and storm, by conflict, drought, or famine. Draw near to them in the power of the Spirit to strengthen and sustain them through Christ's compassion and ours. Holy Spirit, come now and settle on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. May they become for us Christ's body and life blood, healing, forgiving, and for making us whole. So may we become Christ's body, the Church, loving and caring throughout the whole world until that day when all creation feasts with you in the fullness of your mercy and peace in the name of Jesus **Amen.**

The Story of the Last Supper

The Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks for it, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

As the bread is broken and cup lifted:

This is the body of Christ broken for you.

This cup is the blood of Christ shed for you.

After the elements are shared and returned to the table: (Musical "Break bread together")

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, Christ our Lord, Holy Spirit, you have nourished us, body, and soul, in this meal. We have heard your love, so send us out to speak it. We have seen your love, so send us out to show it. We have been fed by your love, so send us out to share it. And let all things be done for your glory. **Amen.**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

Hymn #775 Sent Forth By Your Blessing

Commission and Benediction

Go from here to serve God, with your strength renewed and your faith reassured, for you are part of Christ's body embracing the world in his name.

And may that God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Go Now In Peace

Congregation Announcements

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

Mon Feb 10 – Let's Do Lunch Phone In 9-12pm

Mon Feb 10 – WW/WMS Guest Speaker 1:30pm

Mon Feb 10 – Finance & Maintenance 7pm

Tues Feb 11 – Quilting Bee 1pm

Tues Feb 11 – Nearing Home Bible Study (Billy Graham) 2 pm

Thurs Feb 13 – Let's Do Lunch 12-1pm

Thurs Feb 13 – Choir 7pm

Sat Feb 15 – Games Night 7pm

Sun Feb 16 – Sunday Guest Speaker – Angela Kirton 11am

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 welcome to attend. Joan Kennedy RN, Outreach Manager will be presenting information of her work with the Seasons Centre for Grieving Children.

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 or Rev Tom tomsmaison@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. Fill out a ballot to win a Valentine gift basket.

Tues March 4 - The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be on March 4th, continuous seating from 5-7pm.
Again it will be "All U Can Eat" adults \$12,
children 10 and under \$5,
3 and under free.

Proceeds are to go to the Food Bank. A sign-up sheet will be in the Social Room.

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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We pray in the strong name of Jesus ... 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.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.