

Elmvale Presbyterian Church



“Living in the Light”

Sunday February 16, 2025

Guest Preacher: Ms. Angela Kirton

Please stand for the entry 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) Janice Terry

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 #108 Praise Ye The Lord

Prayers of Approach, Confession, & Lord's 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

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.

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 #376 Shine, Jesus Shine

Family Time & Kids 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) Sarah Covey

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 Isaiah 42:1-9;

Gospel Reading Matthew 3: 13-17

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Message – **"Living in the Light"** Angela Kirton

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: Just A Closer Walk With Thee

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Janice Terry

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

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.

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 #592 I the Lord of Sea and Sky

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

Congregation Announcements

Tues Feb 18 – Quilting Bee 1pm

Tues Feb 18 – Nearing Home Bible Study (Billy Graham) 2 pm

Wed Feb 19 – Session 7

Thurs Feb 20 – Choir 7pm

Sat Feb 22 – Social Room Rental

Sun Feb 23 – Birthday Cake Sunday 11am

Nearing Home by Billy Graham – Second Session: Chapters 6-10

Study Sessions: 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 tomsamson@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.

"Willing Workers/WMS would like to announce an ongoing project .. the collection of used (cancelled) postal stamps. We ask that you either collect the envelope with the cancelled stamp intact or remove the stamp from the envelope leaving a 1/4 inch of paper around the stamp. These stamps will be used to fundraise and support the Christian Salvage Mission bringing Christian literature to the world."

Three representatives from Barrie Presbytery will make a visitation to our congregation on Sunday, March 16/25. In preparation for this in gauging the health and well-being of life at EPC we ask that you complete a short one page survey with your responses and return to the Clerk of Session or to any elder by Feb. 28th. Hard copies of the questionnaire will be available at the office or from Marlene and can be accessed via email.

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 10-4 \$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.



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