

# ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Presbyterian Church in Canada

***A Warm Welcome to any Newcomers or those returning to  
Worship.***

**Service: Sunday February 23, 2025**



“But blessed is the one  
who trusts in the Lord,  
whose confidence is in  
him. They will be like a  
tree planted by the water  
that sends out its roots  
by the stream. ...”  
Jeremiah 17:7-8

**Minister: Rev Tom Mason M.DIV**

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

## **Prayer before Worship**

God, you are the source of wisdom and understanding for us. In the midst of all that distracts us, help us listen in stillness. In the midst of competing voices, may we hear your Word for our lives and our times. By your Spirit, help us discern Jesus' call to follow him. **Amen.**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship** Janice Terry

One: Sing to the Lord a new song!

**All: Let us make melody before our God!**

One: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

**All: Let us praise God's holy name together.**

One: How good it is to sing praises to our God;

**All: For God is gracious and steadfast in mercy.**

One: A song of praise is always fitting,

**All: For God heals the broken hearted and binds up our wounds.**

**Hymn #371 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**Prayer of Adoration and Confession & Lord's**

**Prayer (Unison)**

**God of majesty and mystery, we come in wonder and humility. Source of all that is, you are beyond our imagining, astonishing us with the detail and designs within your creation. Word of hope and healing, you touch our lives with truth and tenderness, revealing our need and our gift. Spirit of purpose and possibility, you move within us when we least expect it, awakening our gifts, urging us to respond. Receive our praise and prayer this day, and prepare us to receive your Word in its wisdom and warning, for we come to you through Christ our Lord, trusting in his grace and truth.**

One: Confident of your forgiveness and out of a desire to begin again with you and one another, we confess our sins:

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**God of life and love, at this season of the year our hearts are grateful for all the love that touches our lives. Still, we confess that we are not always shining examples of the love we long for. Forgive us for those times when we failed to keep our word and disappointed those who love us. Forgive us when we gave into our tempers and temptations and disappointed your hopes for us. Renew and remake us through the grace of your Son, Jesus, your love made flesh. Amen.**

One: Raise up newness within us – within ourselves and within our community, so that we might find fresh life, and a renewed Spirit, as we pray the words that Jesus taught us...

**The Lords 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 Gospel writer John writes that God is love, and that God's perfect love casts out fear.**

**We are promised that those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.**

**So claim your hope in this Good News:  
God's perfect love abides in you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Family Hymn #476 Amigos de Christo**

**Family Time**

**Choir Anthem**

**Scripture Psalm 71: 3-5 (Responsive) Janice Terry**

One: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

**All: nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

One: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

**All: and on his law he meditates day and night.**

**The Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10**

**The New Testament Reading Luke 6:20-26**

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

**Message: "Deep Roots" By Rev Tom**

**Hymn #27 As the Deer**

**Invitation to the offering.**

God has been with us throughout our history.

God is with us now.

And God will be with us in the future.

Let us now return some of the gifts that we have been given, that God's

work might continue to be done here in the weeks and months and years to come.

**Doxology**

**Offertory Prayer**

God, you are the Source of our lives. From you, all loving kindness, justice and mercy flow.

Bless these gifts so that acts of kindness, justice and mercy may flow through them, too.

And bless our lives so our words and actions show your Spirit work in us and through us in the name of Jesus Christ, our friend and Saviour. **Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People** Sandy Owen

**Hymn #307 God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale**

**Benediction**

If there is righteousness in the heart,  
there will be beauty in the character.

If there is beauty in the character,  
there will be harmony in the home.

If there is harmony in the home,  
there will be order in the nation.

If there is order in the nation,  
there will be peace in the world.

So in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, let it be.

*(Scottish Blessing)*

**Amen.**

**Go Now in Peace**

**Congregation Announcements**

**Mon Feb 24 – Christian Education 7pm**

**Tues Feb 25 – Quilting Bee 1pm**

**Tues Feb 25 – Nearing Home Bible Study (Billy Graham) 2 pm**

**Thurs Feb 27 – Choir 7pm**

**Shrove Tues March 04 – Pancake Supper (see below)**

**Ash Wed March 05 – Service at 7pm**

**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](mailto:hillea@rogers.com) or Rev Tom [tomsmason@hotmail.com](mailto:tomsmason@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.**

## **Sermon Notes**



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