

ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Presbyterian Church in Canada



“Elmvale Presbyterian Church is a Christian Community that has worshiped together for 164 years, a place where everyone is welcome, sharing God’s love through worship, music, prayer, teaching and outreach.”

A Warm Welcome to Newcomers or those returning to Worship.



Service: Sunday March 9, 2025 – “First Sunday in Lent.”

Minister: Rev Tom Mason

Please stand for the entry of the Bible

Moment of Quiet Reflection to Prepare for Worship

God of wisdom, your Word brings life and hope. By the power of your Spirit, open our minds to understanding, teach our hearts to love, and strengthen our wills to follow Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

Call to Worship (Responsive) Terry Mason

We live in the shelter of the Most High,

We abide in the shadow of Almighty God.

Let us worship God who is our refuge and our strength,

For God is the One in whom we trust. The Lord will deliver us

from the perils that threaten us. Under God's wings, we will

find refuge and not be afraid. So let us praise God, in song

and in silence, with thankful hearts! We will worship God with

heart, mind, soul and strength, now and always.

Hymn Come in, Come in & Sit Down

Prayers of Approach, Confession, & Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Holy and merciful God you are our refuge and strength, we rejoice in your grace and love which has called all creation into being, and makes all life complete. We praise you for Jesus Christ who reveals your loving purposes for all people; in his face we glimpse your love; in his life we see the pattern for our lives. We bless you for the Holy Spirit who guides us and strengthens us, drawing us into the embrace of your tender love. And so we praise you, O God, our eternal, creating father who loves us with fatherly care, united with Christ, our savior, and your Holy Spirit, the breath of life, Our Godhead, Three in One, now and forever. Amen.

One: You are with us, even in our failings. Hear us as we confess our sins so that we might be able to begin again with you.

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Almighty and most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in things we have done, and things we have neglected to do. We have held back from giving to protect what we have. We have not trusted in your goodness and relied on the world's empty promises instead. Forgive what we have done and direct

who we shall become. Help us to serve you by serving your world with generous Spirits, as we pray together in the strong name of Jesus...

The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear and believe the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone. The new life has come. Know that you are forgiven, and so, in Christ, forgive one another. Amen.

Family Hymn #408 I Will Call Upon the Lord

Family Time & Kids Church

Choir Anthem

Scripture Readings - Psalm 91:1-4 & 9 (Responsive) Terry Mason
"Gods Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path." Psalm 119:105

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

All: You will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.

One: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence:

All: He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

One: Because you have made the LORD your refuge. The Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

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

Message – "A Transforming Presence" by Rev Tom Mason
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 #200 Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Linda Murray

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

We all have something to share. As we present our offering this morning, know that what we share enables the Church to reach out in Jesus' name, meeting needs, offering hope, and working for the justice Jesus proclaimed.

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, we thank you for all the goodness we receive in Christ and in creation. Bless the gifts we offer to share in the work of the kingdom Jesus declared, and bless our lives so that we may be witnesses to his love and mercy. Amen.

Hymn #647 Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

Benediction and Blessing

Go in peace; be of good courage, hold fast to what is good, render no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted, honour all people, love and serve God and may the blessing of God Almighty, Be with you All, now and forever more. Amen.

Go Now in Peace

Congregation Announcements

Sun March 9-Easter Sun April 20 – Lenten Mission Offering

Mon March 10 –Let's Do Lunch phone in 9-12 pm

Mon March 10 – WW/WMS – 1:30 pm

Mon March 10 –Finance & Maintenance–7pm

Wed March 12 – Lenten Bible Study 10:30 am

Thurs March 13 – Let's Do Lunch 12-1pm

Thurs March 13 – Choir 7pm

Sun March 16 – Presbytery Visit (Sandwiches & Dessert Potluck) See Below

Sun March 9 to Easter Sun April 20 - The church family Lenten mission this year is in support of Evangel Hall.

If you care to make a donation and please mark it "Evangel Hall"

Three representatives from Barrie Presbytery will make a visitation to our congregation on **Sunday, March 16/25**. We will have a meeting and sandwiches and desserts Potluck lunch.

The Lenten Bible Study – Sarah Covey

Study Sessions: Wed March 12, 26, & April 9 at 10:30 am.

Book: Bitter and Sweet by Tsh Oxenreider

In person in the parlor at Elmvale Presbyterian.

Please contact Elizabeth Hill hillea@rogers.com

or Rev Tom tomsomason@hotmail.com

*for your Study material. This will be a **3-week** study that will finish with the Palm Sunday Service message.*

Everyone is encouraged to participate and is most welcome.

Sat March 22 at 6pm - everyone is invited to attend the grand opening of Paddy's Irish Pub.

The pub offer great Irish cuisine and an evening of fun and laughter. Bring your appetite and your sense of humour but leave your table manners at home. There is no cover charge or age restriction. Wear something green, if possible. Please sign the sheet downstairs so provisions can be made.

"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."

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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