

ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

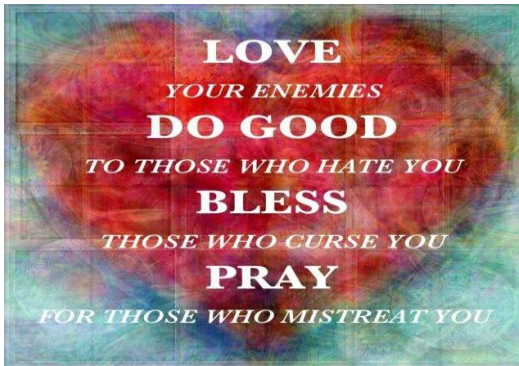


The Presbyterian Church in Canada



“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 any Newcomers or those returning to Worship.



Service: Sunday March 2, 2025 – “Transfiguration Sunday.”

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) Kevin Kerr

One: Holy, holy is our God.

All: We gather in God's presence to bring our worship and praise for God is merciful and slow to anger. God loves justice and righteousness.

One: Holy, holy is our God.

All: God is with us in this moment and in each moment, so, may we take these moments to listen, to worship, to be present, and to be transformed by God's grace and the power of God's spirit.

(Pause)

Holy, yes holy is our God so let us worship together.

Hymn #438 When Morning Gilds the Skies

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

Holy God, You come amongst us. You are present here in this place and we worship You. You are present in the beauty of the world in which we live. You are present in the relationships we have with family, friends and neighbours, in the laughter and in the tears we share together. You are present where forgiveness and mercy is shown, when we dare to hope of a world which mirrors Your Peace. Holy God, You come amongst us. Your promise is that You will never leave us. We trust in Your promise and Your presence with us as we worship here today, and so, we bring our thanks and praise for your love and gift of grace. 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

Holy God, You come amongst us and yet we know that there are occasions when we place limits on our willingness to accept Your

presence. We restrict the opportunities and time we take to listen for Your voice, to hear Your Word, to experience Your presence with us and to live in Your love. We fail to remember that in reaching out to friend or stranger we are showing our love for You.

That you love us without conditions and in a way that is beyond our comprehension. We ask for Your forgiveness. Free us through Your grace to live as people who are being transformed into Your image, through the power of Your Spirit, as we pray together in the strong name of Jesus...

The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Let us hear and take to heart these words of promise: "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!" Thanks be to God.

Family Hymn # 376 Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

Family Time "The Beat of the Drum" & Kids Church

Choir Anthem Refiner's Fire

Scripture Readings David Graham

"Gods Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path." Psalm 119:105

Psalm 99:1-3 (Responsive)

One: The LORD is King; let the peoples tremble!

All: He sits enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth quake!

One: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

All: Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-32

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36

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

Message – "A Transforming Presence" by Rev Tom

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 #569 O Jesus, I Have Promised

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Brad McGrady

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

God is the source of all goodness. Through our offering, we express our thanks for every good thing we enjoy, and we share good things with those in need. Be generous, as God is generous, so that the world may know that God is good.

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

God of generous love, we bring our gifts with grateful hearts, for we have received so much through your kindness. Bless our gifts, and use them to touch lives in situations we cannot even imagine with your love. Make us a blessing in our community for the sake of Christ, our Friend and Saviour. Amen.

Hymn #461 Be Thou My Vision

Benediction and Blessing

May The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Amen.

Go Now in Peace

Congregation Announcements

Mon March 3 – Mission & Outreach – 10:30 am

Shrove Tues March 4 – Quilting Bee 1pm

Shrove Tues March 4 –Centre Flos Women’s Institute

Shrove Tues March 04 – Pancake Supper (see below)

Ash Wed March 05 – Service at 7pm

Thurs March 6 – Choir 7pm

Fri March 7 – World Day of Prayer 10 am

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 Volunteer sign-up sheet will be in the Social Room.

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.

The Lenten Bible Study – Sarah Covey

Study Sessions: Wednesday 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 tomsamson@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.

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".

"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.



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