

**ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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**The Presbyterian Church in Canada**

***"Elmvale Presbyterian Church is a Christian Community where  
Everyone is Welcome sharing God's love through worship,  
music, prayer, teaching and outreach."  
Celebrating 164 Years of Christian Witness in our Community.***



**Service: "Palm Sunday" and Holy Communion - Sunday April  
13, 2025.**



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

***A Warm Welcome to Any Newcomers to our Church. Please  
come and join us for Coffee after our Service.***

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

**MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION BEFORE WORSHIP**

God of courage and comfort, as we follow the stories of Christ's journey to the Cross, inspire us with the courage to follow him

even when others turn against him. And comfort us, knowing that you will walk with us through every challenge, just as you walked with Jesus who is your Living Word. **Amen.**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

### **LENT LITURGY**

One: On this Palm Sunday, we see Jesus entering Jerusalem riding on a donkey, showing us the way of peace.

**All: With palm branches in hand, we cry out "Hosanna," save us now, save us from our warring madness.**

One: "We affirm that God is at work when people are ashamed of the inhumanity of war and work for peace with justice.

**All: "We pray for peace to him who is the Prince of Peace."**  
(Living Faith 8.5.3)

**HYMN #218 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

### **PRAYERS OF APPROACH, CONFESSION, & LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **PRAYER OF APPROACH** (unison)

**God of majesty and mercy,  
we worship today, as the Cross looms larger on the horizon.  
We praise you for Jesus, the Ruler who came in humility to free us from captivity. He came in mercy to free us from the sins we recognize in ourselves, and the sins we easily overlook. He came to show us the full extent of your mercy, love and justice. So we praise you for your kindness and the strength you show to lift our burdens and shoulder them for us in Christ Jesus. We come in humility, knowing you have given us your all, and we can never offer enough for such overwhelming love. Receive our worship in Christ's name and for his sake. Amen**

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**God of mystery and mercy,  
your mercy and forgiveness is a mystery to us. We fail to show mercy to others when they fall short of our**

expectations. We keep silent rather than speak up when others are in trouble. We prefer what is easy to what is right, even though your Spirit draws our attention. We seek your forgiveness, O God, and ask that you make us more forgiving. Inspire us with the costly choices Jesus made as he moved toward the Cross, and give us the courage to follow him. As Jesus 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, and 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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (unison)

Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ – and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace.

### **CHOIR ANTHEM** Hosanna

### **FAMILY HYMN #215** Filled With Excitement

**Our Children's Church Presents – "The Donkeys Story"**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**HOLY SCRIPTURE** Psalm 118: 1,4,19-24 (responsive)

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

One: Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

**All: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

One: This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**All: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone.

**All: This is the Lords doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!**

**The Gospel Reading Luke 19:28-38 and Luke 22:24-27**

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

**MESSAGE: "What do you see?" by Rev Tom Mason**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Today we are reminded that Christ offered his life on the Cross for our sakes. Now it's our turn to offer God our gifts in gratitude, trusting God to use them to create new life in Jesus' name.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

**Doxology #79** praise him, all creatures here below:

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

We place our gifts into your hands, O God.

With the power of your Holy Spirit make them seeds of new life, springing up with hope and healing for weary souls. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed (Unison)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Brad McGrady

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**HYMN # 548 Let Us Break Bread Together**

**The Great Prayer of 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 our thanks and praise.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Passing of the Bread and Wine**

**The Prayer after Communion**

**The Sharing of the Peace**

**Hymn #372 Praise Him, Praise Him**

### **GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

#### **THE BENEDICTION**

Go with courage to face the days ahead. May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road. May the Christ

who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.  
May the Christ who lives with a wounded heart open your hearts  
to love. May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and  
may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

**Go Now In Peace**

**THE BLESSING**

*May God's blessings surround you each day  
As you trust Him and walk in His way  
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,  
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.  
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.*



**Congregational Announcements**

**Sun March 9- Easter Sun April 20 – Lenten Mission Offering**  
**see below**

**Mon April 14 – WW/WMS 1:30pm**

**Mon April 14 –Finance & Maintenance 7pm**

**Wed April 16 - Gardens of Wasaga – Easter Service with  
Communion — 2pm**

**Thurs April 17 – VON Luncheon**

**Thurs April 17 – Maundy Thursday Dinner at 5:30 pm**

**Fri April 18 – Good Friday Cantata Service 11am**

**Sun April 20 – Sunrise Service 7am**

**Sun April 20 – Easter Sunday Service 11am**

**Sun April 20 – Wear Your Easter Bonnet**

**Holy Week Daily Prayers** – Email Handout – Please contact Rev Tom if you would like a copy of the daily prayers.  
[epcknoxpastor@gmail.com](mailto:epcknoxpastor@gmail.com)

**Sun March 9 to Easter Sun April 20** - Evangel Hall Mission will be the Lenten mission focus for EPC from Sunday, March 9th to Sunday April 20th. Evangel Hall is a mission supported by the Presbyterian Church that offers housing, personal and health care for the homeless and vulnerable of downtown Toronto. If making a donation, please mark "Evangel Hall" on your envelope or specify if making an e-transfer.

**Wed April 16 at 2pm** - Gardens of Wasaga – Easter Service with Communion — All welcome

**Thurs April 17 at 5:30pm** - Worship and Nurture are having a Maundy Thursday Dinner and service on April 17 at 5:30pm. Please sign the sheet in the Social Room or let Janice or Elizabeth know so we know how much food we need to prepare

**Sat April 26** - Once again we will be serving chili at Maple Syrup Festival. There are sign-up sheets in the Social room for chili, sweet treats and help.

**"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.**

***Peace be with you All.***



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