



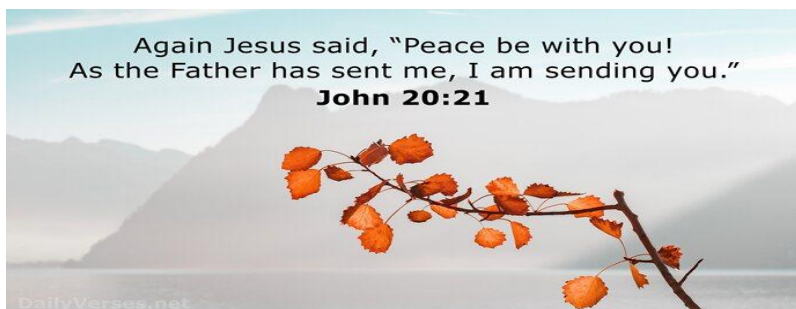
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Elmvale Presbyterian Church

Sunday April 27, 2025



The Second Sunday of Easter



A Warm Welcome to Any Newcomers to our Church. We hope you might consider making Elmvale your New Church Home.

Minister: Rev. Tom Mason M.Div

Please rise, if able, for the entry of the Bible.

**Moment of Quiet Reflection as we Prepare our Hearts for
Worship**

O God of Resurrection, breathe your Holy Spirit upon us now,
so that as your Word is read and preached, we might hear,
understand, and believe **Amen**

Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

Responsive Call to Worship Angela or Isabella Kirton

In life, in death, and in life beyond death,

The Risen Christ is Lord.

In success and discouragement, in fear and in hope,

The Risen Christ is Lord.

Of the poor and broken, of the sinner and the sinned against,

The Risen Christ is Lord.

In Church and community, in our hearts and our homes,

The Risen Christ is Lord, and so we gather to worship in his name.

Hymn #260 Alleluia, Alleluia

Prayer of Adoration (In Unison)

God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow,

we rejoice in this new day you have made. We praise you for the abundant life with which you bless us, and for all the beauty that surrounds us as spring takes hold again. We praise you for your Son, Jesus, and the power of new life promised in his resurrection.

We praise you for your Spirit at work in human history, to restore and redeem our hope with that power of new life. God of steadfast love, we worship you with the Spirit and the Son, and claim your gift of new life, even in the face of any doubt or danger within the world you love. All praise, honour and glory be yours, O God, now and evermore. **Amen**

The Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

O God of might and mercy,

in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. In his resurrection, Jesus promised to be with us everywhere and always. Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain about your promises. We doubt the promise of resurrection for our own lives. Upheaval and anxiety eat away at our peace. Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness and your steadfast love for us.

Restore within us the joy and hope you promise us in Christ, our Risen 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, 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 (In Unison)

Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free from sin and sorrow.

In Jesus Christ, God offers us the gift of peace.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your hearts this day.

Family Hymn #466 Praise the Lord With the Sound of Trumpet

Family Time

Scripture Readings

Psalm 150:1-2 (Responsive) Angela or Isabella Kirton

One: Praise the LORD!

All: **Praise God in His sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!**

One: Praise him for his mighty deeds;

All: **Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

The Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

The New Testament Reading: Revelations 1:4-8

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: "So I send you" Rev Tom Mason

Hymn #250 I Danced in the Morning

The Prayers of the People Angela or Isabella Kirton

Invitation to the Offering

In this season of Easter, we celebrate God's most precious gift to us in Christ's dying and rising. As we present our offering today,

let us give with thankful hearts, trusting that God can do amazing things through the gifts we offer in Jesus' name.

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God,

Along with our gifts we offer you our thanks for your steadfast love, our foundation when things around us seem uncertain. Bless these gifts and the ministry of our congregation; and bless the mission we undertake as part of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. May what we offer spread the blessings we know to others, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn #258 Thine Be the Glory

Benediction

Go out into the world as the people of God in this place, and may the God who raised Jesus from the dead grant you grace, the Son who gave his life for you give you peace, and the Spirit who is with you day by day, inspire you to greater service both now and forever more. **Amen.**

"Go Now In Peace"

May the good Lord Bless and Keep you and your family and fill you with the Hope and Joy that only Easter brings.

Congregation Announcements

Mon April 28 – CE Meeting 7pm

Thurs May 01 - Choir 7pm

Sat May 03 - Alzheimer's and Dementia workshop at Elmvale Presbyterian Church – see info below

Sat May 10 – Come join the Covey Family in celebrating Sarah & Jason's 25th Anniversary~Open House/Drop in Tea from 2-4pm

Sat May 17 – Long Weekend BBQ & Bake Sale (Victoria Day Weekend) supporting Mindful Mornings at HCES from 11-1pm.

Volunteers needed to bake and help – Sign-up sheets in the Social Hall

"The Mission and Revitalization Team of Presbytery of Barrie"

are inviting you all to a vital conference about how we can care for those in our congregation, and their families, who are living with Alzheimer's and Dementia in all its forms. How we can support them, both in our Church, and in the community. I know for a fact that many who are not able to make day to day decisions, are still able, and enjoy, the hymns they have sung over the years. How can we accommodate them within the Church?

How can we augment the services they get from government programmes? This is not just for the Elders, but for all involved with Emmanuel, and other churches in our area.

Costs are being covered by this team, with one main Speaker, and 3 following workshops. Lunch and Breaks are provided, with a Q&A in the early afternoon, and draws for assorted gifts.

The workshops are:

A. Caring for the Caregivers

B Best Practices for Pastoral Care

C. Understanding Dementias and Sourcing Resources

Registration Deadline is extended to April 24, 2025. Please sign up either by contacting your Rep Elder (add name and phone number) or by emailing Sheila McNeice at mcneice.family@sympatico.ca. Include your workshop preference and any allergies.

See the poster in the foyer for more details.

We hope to see you there.

"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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