

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 returning to Worship.

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent - Sunday April 6, 2025
Annual General Meeting Following Service**



Minister: Rev. Tom Mason

Please stand for the entry of the Bible

Moment of quiet reflection to prepare our hearts for worship

Gracious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit you spoke and light appeared in chaotic nothingness. Your Word became flesh in Jesus Christ and lived among us. Speak again with the power of the Holy Spirit through the Scriptures, read and interpreted, and transform our understanding so that our lives may more fully conform to your Living Word. **Amen**

Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie Clerk of Session

Responsive Call to Worship Ruth Currie

God says to us: I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers flow in the desert.

The LORD does great things.

God says to us: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

The LORD does great things.

God says to us: I am about to do a new thing.

The LORD does great things.

So we worship God with songs of joy and prayers of thanksgiving.

Hymn #201 We Come To Ask Your Forgiveness

Prayer of Adoration (In Unison)

Gracious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit we come with grateful hearts, We praise you for your creation and its reliable rhythms. We praise you, for Christ and his ministry that we seek to continue. By the power of your Spirit, lighten our hearts in this time of worship, and help us brighten the lives we touch this week in Jesus' name. And so we praise you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Godhead three in one, we offer you all glory and honour, this day and every day, now and evermore. Amen

The Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, we gather in your name today, aware that you keep moving closer and closer to the cross. We confess it is not easy to follow your story. We confess we often struggle

to decide what to give and whom to help. We can be critical of those in need and those who help them. Forgive us when we look for reasons not to share, and excuse ourselves from acting generously, as you did. Lead us to learn from and follow the pattern of Jesus Christ the Lord who taught us to pray ... The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (In Unison)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? 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. Amen.

Family Hymn # 674 In the Bulb There Is A Flower

Family Time

Choir Anthem Jesus Paid It All

Scripture Readings Psalm 126:1-3 (Responsive) Ruth Currie

One: When the LORD, restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

One: then it was said amongst the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

All: The LORD had done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

The Gospel Luke 15:1-10

The New Testament 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

Message: "Everything Is Brand New!" by Rev Tom Mason

The Prayers of the People Sandy Owen

Hymn #371 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Invitation to the Offering

At the dinner party for Jesus in Bethany, Mary anointed Christ with expensive perfume, pouring out her love and devotion. Jesus accepted Mary's gift gladly and graciously. Trust that Christ will never reject our gifts, offered with love and devotion, so let us present our offering with glad and generous hearts.

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, even as Mary poured out her love for Jesus, he was preparing to pour out his life on the cross for her and for us all. We are grateful for such love, given and received, then given again. Accept the gifts we bring and anoint them with your Spirit so that they will flow into the world, refreshing others with your mercy and love. **Amen.**

Hymn #324 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Benediction

*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 the God and may the blessing of God Almighty, The Godhead three in one, descend upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.***

Go Now In Peace

Congregation Announcements

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

Mon April 7 – Let's Do Lunch Phone In 9-12pm

Mon April 7 – Social Rm Rental 7pm

Wed April 9 – Lenten Bible Study 10:30 am

Thurs April 10 – Let's Do Lunch 12-1 pm

Thurs April 10 – Choir

Sat April 12 – Youth Play Practice 10 am

Sat April 12 – Blood Donor Clinic - Elmvale Community Centre

**Sun April 13 – Palm Sunday, Holy Communion & Youth
Presentation 11am**

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

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.

The Lenten Bible Study – Sarah Covey

Study Sessions: Wed April 9 at 10:30 am.

Book: Bitter and Sweet by Tsh Oxenreider

In person in the parlor at Elmvale Presbyterian.

This will finish with the Palm Sunday Service message. Everyone 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.**

Sermon Notes



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