

ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Presbyterian Church in Canada

***This year, Elmvale Presbyterian celebrates 164 Years of
Christian Witness.***

Service: Sunday May 18, 2025

Minister: Rev. Tom Mason M.Div



**Please stand, if able, for the
entry of the Bible**

Prayer before Worship

Your word, O God, is our source
of hope and truth in a world filled
with deception. Fill us with your
Spirit as we listen to your word
read and interpreted, so that it
satisfies our thirst for wisdom and
truth. **Amen.**

Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

Call to Worship Ruth Currie

One: Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens:

All praise God in the heights above.

One: Praise him, all his angels:

All: praise God, all His heavenly host.

One: Praise him, sun and moon:

All: praise God, all you shining stars.

One: Let them praise the name of the Lord:

All: PRAISE THE LORD!

Hymn #435 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Lord's

Prayer (Unison)

Holy God,

the first and the last, beginning and end of all things, you are worthy of praise from all your creation. Sun, moon, and stars praise you. Earth, sea, and sky praise you. Every living thing praises you in its own way. And so, we praise you in our human diversity, joining our varied voices with all your creatures in heaven and on earth. You fill our lives with the wonder of your love in Christ Jesus. Your Spirit moves throughout the world to reveal your purposes for every living thing. Receive our prayers and praise this day, for you are the Source of our life and our hope, Holy God, ever Three and Ever One. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

One: As we praise your perfection, we recognize our shortcomings and confess to you our sin to begin again with you and one another:

Loving God,

Jesus commanded us to love one another so the world would know we follow him. Yet we confess we do not always love one another, as Jesus loves us. The world has seen our squabbling, our history of hypocrisy, and our lack of compassion for those who are in pain. Loving God, forgive us. Lord Jesus, continue to love us. Holy Spirit, fill us with love, so that the world will witness your love in our words and actions as we pray the words that Jesus taught us...

The Lord' 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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus taught us that no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. Christ has laid down his life for us and invites us to love one another as he has loved us. Let us rejoice in his forgiving love and share it with each other day by day. **Amen**

Hymn #371 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Family Time

Choir Anthem

Scripture Ruth Currie

The Gospel Reading John 13:31-35

The New Testament Reading Acts 11:1-18

Message "What are we to do?" By Rev Tom

Hymn Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Prayers of the People Janice Terry

Invitation to the offering

The season of Easter is unfolding while the gifts of spring also remind us of God's generosity in Christ and in creation. May the gifts we offer show our gratitude for God's goodness to us, and the hope for new life we have in Christ Jesus.

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, we bless you for your gift of life renewed through Christ's love, and through springtime growth in fields and gardens. Bless the gifts we bring and make them signs of hope and renewal in the world we serve in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn #410 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING:

May the LORD bless and keep you,
May the LORD shine his face upon you,
May the LORD grant you his peace, **Amen**
Go Now in Peace

Upcoming Congregational Worship and Events

Best wishes are extended to Marilyn Fleming today as she celebrates her 80th birthday. The family have arranged for festivities to take place downstairs following the service. Come down and join in the celebration.

Wed May 21 – Session at 7 pm

Thurs May 22 – Choir at 7 pm

Sat May 24 – Spring Cleaning and Church yard clean-up – 9 am

Sun May 25 – Youth Planting Flowers during service

Sun May 25 - Mission Awareness Sunday sponsored by Willing Workers/WMS group

May 11 – June 15 - Mother's Day to Father's Day – Baby Bottle Campaign for Compassion Place. Please pick up a baby bottle for your donation, or donate directly ~ Information on posters.

New Bible Study book "The Key to Personal Peace" by Billy Graham. It's a short book and could be done in 3 or 4 sessions. Hoping to start near the end of May. We could run it Tues or Wed morning at 10:30 and if there is enough interest we could also do an evening session. Please let me know ASAP so we can order the books and **the day and time that you would prefer**. Thanks and Blessings Elizabeth

Willing Workers/WMS collecting used (cancelled) postal stamps. Either collect the envelope with the cancelled stamp intact or remove the stamp from envelope leaving a 1/4 inch of paper around the stamp. Used to fundraise and support Christian Salvage Mission bringing Christian literature to the world

Food Bank Needs: canned mixed vegetables, canned peas, canned potatoes and jams.