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The Third Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: Sunday June 29, 2025



Elmvale Presbyterian Church A Place Where Everyone is Welcome "Generations of Faith" Since 1860

**Minister: Rev Tom Mason** 

The Presbyterian Church in Canada Please stand, if able, for the entry of the Bible

**Moment of Quiet Refection to Prepare our Hearts for Worship** God of wisdom, by your Spirit, open our minds to your truth, our hearts to your gospel, and our hands so that we can do your will, in the name of Jesus, your Living Word. **Amen.** 

# <u>Welcome and Announcements</u> Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

#### We Enter into God's Presence Responsive Call to Worship Janet Beech

One: It is good to give thanks to God;

# All: Let us sing praises to God's holy name!

One: We will declare God's steadfast love in the morning,

# All: And God's faithfulness night after night.

One: Let us make a joyful noise in our worship!

# All: For God is good and we know God's blessings.

One: Let us worship God with grateful hearts;

# All: We will give God thanks in our prayers and praise.

# Hymn #634 Will You Come And Follow Me

# Prayer of Adoration (Unison)

Faithful, fruitful God,

you created our minds to grow in wisdom. You created our hearts to expand with love. You created our voices to sing your praises forever. We bring you our worship with joyful praise, turning to Jesus for grace and guidance. Fill us to overflowing with your Holy Spirit so that the fruit of the Spirit will bound in our lives. May we worship you in spirit and in truth, and serve you in the example of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen** 

# Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Ever Faithful, ever fruitful God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you call us to follow you, whatever the circumstance, yet we confess we prefer to remain where we are. You offer us new beginnings, yet we continue to make the same choices, guided by our own desires. We make excuses for avoiding your challenge to change. Forgive us, O God. Cleanse us with your mercy, and energize us to serve you even when the challenge seems great. as we pray the words that Jesus taught us ...

# The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

# Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

In Christ, we are made a new creation; the old life is gone and the new life has come! Know that God loves you and forgives you. Do not be afraid to make a new start!

#### Family Hymn #645 Follow Me the Master Said

#### Family Time & Kids Church

Choir Anthem I'm Standing On The Solid Rock

Scripture Reading Psalm 77:11-14 (Unison) Leslie Stroud I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.

I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, Is Holy, what God is greater than you? You are the God who works wonders; you have shown your mighty power among the peoples.

> <u>The New Testament Reading</u> Luke 9:51-62 This is the Word of God **Thanks be to God**.

> Message "Only in the Movies?" By Rev Tom

Hymn #569 O Jesus, I have Promised

The Prayers of the People Janet Beech

# Invitation to the Offering

According to the Apostle Paul, the fruit of the Spirit includes kindness and generosity, gifts of God we enjoy. As we present our offering, may the Spirit fill us with generosity, and multiply our kindness for the sake of Christ our Lord.

#### Doxology Offertory Prayer

O God, we know you to be kind and generous, so we bring our gifts in gratitude and joy. Pour out your Spirit on these gifts and on our lives, so that we may bear the fruit of your Spirit in every situation and relationship, through Christ, our Living Lord. **Amen.** 

# Hymn #211 Take Up Your Cross

# **Benediction**

Paul writes that "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Go out, filled with the Spirit and guided by the Spirit, to bear the fruit

of the Spirit to all whom you meet, both today and everyday. **Amen** 

# May the God of Hope (2xs)

# **Congregational Events & Announcements**

Wed July 2 - Quilting 1pm

Wed July 2 – Session at 7pm

<u>Sat July 19</u> – The Talent Show! – Save the date (see Angela Kirton).

<u>Sun Nov 2 – 165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday!</u> Join the sub-committee for special church projects in honour of this momentous occasion. If interested, let your elder know.

<u>**Condolences</u>** - to the families of Dollie Moulden, Sandy Thorndyke and Harvey Graham</u>

**<u>Recycle</u>** - Return any used copies of the Daily Devotional booklets to the church for International Missions

**<u>Recipe book</u>** - We have a template to be used that will standardize all recipes in preparation for our new book ~ our summer project. Available from Sue Montgomery or Marlene and we look forward to receiving many more recipes from the congregation.

**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.

<u>Monetary Donations</u> auto-deposit: donatetoepc@rogers.com Please comment where to direct the donation; 1) General 2) Presbyterian Sharing 3) PWS&D 4) other missions such as - Food Bank, We Care etc.

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