



Elmvale Presbyterian Church

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

"Elmvale Presbyterian Church is a Christian Community where everyone is welcome, sharing God's love through worship, music, prayer, teaching and outreach."

Service: Sunday August 17, 2025

Welcome to our Guest Preacher Angela Kirton.

Minister Rev. Tom Mason MDiv

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

MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION BEFORE WORSHIP

God of wisdom, open our minds to your truth, our hearts to your love, and our hands to do your will as we listen to the Scriptures. With your Holy Spirit, equip us to follow Jesus, who is your Living Word. **Amen.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Marlene Lambie

One: To you, O God, we lift our hearts.

All: Listen to our voices and answer.

One: The Lord is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

All: God does wondrous things with grace and mercy.

One: So let us glorify God's holy name together!

All: We come to worship God in love and loyalty.

HYMN I Will Enter His Gates (2xs)

PRAYERS OF APPROACH, CONFESSION, & LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

God of grace,

you created our minds to grow in wisdom. You created our hearts to expand with love for you and your world.

You created our voices to sing your praises forever. Fill us to overflowing with your Holy Spirit, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth, bold and unafraid to follow Jesus, even when challenges confront us. In this time of worship, assure us of your presence with us and reveal to us the path you open before us, for we live to serve as your people wherever you lead. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God who creates the future,

you call us to follow you, yet we prefer familiar paths.

You offer us new beginnings,

yet change makes us uncomfortable.

You invite us into the fullness of life,

yet we resist more than we already know.

Forgive us, O God, and make of us courageous disciples ready to serve in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray...

...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)

In Christ, we are a new creation; the old life is gone and the new life has come!

Trust that God loves you and forgives you. Do not be afraid to make a new start!

HYMN #449 Lord Listen To Your Children Praying

FAMILY TIME & KIDS CHURCH Video: "Jesus and Prayer: God's Story"

CHOIR ANTHEM They Who Wait On The Lord

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE **Responsive Psalm 4** David Graham

One: Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

All: You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

One: How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

**All: But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for God's Own;
the LORD hears when I call.**

One: When you are angry, do not sin;

ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

**All: Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.**

One: There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"

**All: You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.
I will both lie down and sleep in peace,
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

The Gospel Reading Matthew 6:5-7

The New Testament Reading Philippians 4:2-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

The People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Power of Prayer"

HYMN #746 **What A Friend We Have In Jesus**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Brad McGrady

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Around us the gifts of God's good earth appear in fields and gardens speaking of God's goodness to us. Our gifts also speak of God's goodness as we offer our gratitude for all we have received in Christ and in creation.

Doxology #79

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we offer you our gifts in thanksgiving. Pour out your Spirit upon them and upon us. May the gifts we offer bear the fruit of your Spirit in every life we touch in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

HYMN #648 **I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

Benediction & Blessing

Go in faithfulness, ready to serve God, trusting that God counts your life as precious.

And may God bless you and keep you, may God's face shine upon you, and may God grant you grace and peace now and evermore.

May The God of Hope (2xs)

Church Announcements and Events

Mon & Wed – VON Smart Exercise Program 9-10 am

Wed Aug 20 – Quilting 1pm

Thurs Aug 21 – No Choir Practice

Sun Aug 24 – Anniversary Sun sub-committee meeting after service

EVENTS HAPPENING SOON!

The annual All U Can Eat BBQ & Corn BBQ is on **Sat. Aug.30th.**

The price is \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids 8 and under.

It is possible that there will not be corn available and if that should be the case, we will lower the price to \$10 and \$5.

If you can help in any way, there is a sign-up sheet in the social room.

Sun August 31 is Backpack Blessing Sunday. Bring your backpack to be blessed – ALL AGES

Welcome Back Sunday Sept 7 - As part of Welcome Back Sunday, Sept. 7th, there will be bowling from 1:00 - 2:30pm. It is \$10 to bowl and Mission and Outreach will supply the treats. All are invited to participate. There is a sign-up sheet in the social room.

Alpha Bible Study – Starting Wed Sept 10, 17, 24 and Oct 01 at 7pm. Please let Elizabeth Hill or Rev Tom know of your interest.

Terry Fox Walk – Sunday Sept 14 during the worship service.
Lace up your running shoes!

Sun Nov 2 – 165th Anniversary Sunday! Join the sub-committee meeting for special church projects in honour of this momentous occasion. It will be held on Sun Aug 24 following morning worship.

Prayers – Sharon Crozier, Bruce and Carolyn Ritchie and Myrtle Jamieson

Condolences - to the family of Clare Robinson and to Kitty Burnett.
Celebration of Life for Clare to be held at a later date

Recycle - Return any used copies of the Daily Devotional booklets to the church for International Missions

Recipe book – Recipes were due Sun July 27! Please get them in to Sue Montgomery or Marlene Lambie.

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.

Monetary Donations 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 peas, canned cream corn, hamburger helper, cream chicken soup, dish soap, shampoo and drinking boxes.

