

ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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The Presbyterian Church in Canada



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

Service Date: Sunday August 24, 2025



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

Minister: Rev Tom Mason

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

**WE PAUSE FOR A MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION TO
PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

Lord, to whom shall we go, for you have the words of eternal life?
Guide us by your Word and Spirit this day, so that we may gain

wisdom from the Scriptures, and be moved to follow Jesus more closely for he is your Living Word. **Amen**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Linda Murray

One: God hears our cries and rescues us from trouble.

All: Let us praise God's holy name.

One: God draws near the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

All: Let us praise God's holy name.

One: Let us worship the One brings new life and praise God's holy name forever.

HYMN #374 Oh For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION, & LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

God of majesty and mystery,

we come before you in wonder and gratitude.

Source of all that is, you are beyond our imagining;

your creation astounds us with its beauty and power.

Word of hope and healing, you embrace us with tender care,
drawing near in every situation.

Spirit of purpose and possibility, you show us which way to turn
when we trust our choices to you.

Receive our praise and prayer this day,

Source, Word, and Spirit of Life, ever Three and ever One. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of mercy,

we face many choices each day and we confess we often choose
with no thought of you.

Forgive the choices we've made that hurt others,
those that ignored our own wellbeing,
and those that betrayed your love.

Guide us in all our choices, simple or complicated,

as we express our faithfulness to you day by day and say together in the strong name of Jesus....

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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)

Jesus said, "Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest". Friends, trust that peace and forgiveness are God's gifts to you this day.

Be renewed by the power of the Spirit that moves with you into each new day. **Amen**

FAMILY HYMN #773 Jesus Bids Us Shine

FAMILY TIME & KIDS CHURCH

Solo: Sylvia Tollar

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Psalm 103:6-9, 11 (Responsive) Linda Murray

One: The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

All: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

One: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

All: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

All: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love

Towards those who fear him.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 58:6-10

Gospel Reading Luke 4: 4-21

Leader: This is the Word of God. **The People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Radical" By Rev Tom

HYMN #382 Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sandy Owen

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As summer stretches on, we begin to see the fruit of our labours in field and garden, produce of God's good creation. Yet we know many fields and gardens are under great stress. So we bring what we have to share, praying that God's generosity will multiply the fruit of our lives to support those whose summer has been less fruitful.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Doxology #79 praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of growth and goodness, we offer what we have to share, knowing that others have lost their crops and worry for the future. Bless our gifts and use them to spread seeds of hope and wellbeing among those whose future is uncertain, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

HYMN #398 When The Spirit of the Lord Moves In My Soul

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

Go in gratitude, relying on the presence of Christ to guide and inspire you on your journey.

And may the God who made us, the Christ who mends us, and the Spirit who gives us life bless you with peace and purpose each day. **Amen**

May the God of Hope (2xs)

Peace be with you All

Church Announcements and Events

THANK YOU – A special thank you to Sylvia Tollar for singing for us today.

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

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

Wed Aug 27 – Quilting 1pm

Thurs Aug 28 – Coffee in the Park by Women's Institute (Heritage Park) 9:30-11am

Thurs Aug 28 – NO Choir

Sat Aug 30 - Annual All U Can Eat BBQ & Corn BBQ. 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. **Volunteer sign-up sheet in the social room.**

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

Tues Sept 02 – Mini Putt Luncheon – We are catering this luncheon and are in need of volunteers. More details to follow.

EVENTS HAPPENING SOON!

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

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.