

**ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**22 Queen St. E. Elmvale, ON L0L 1P0**



**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 September 7<sup>th</sup>, 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**

O God, still in us the worries of the world to listen for your wisdom spoken by prophets, poets, and apostles. Move in us and among us by your Spirit so that in their words, we meet your Living Word, Jesus Christ this morning in our lives. **Amen**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive) Janet Beech

One: Joy comes to those who follow God's ways.

**All: We will follow the Lord with joyful hearts!**

One: Those who follow the Lord are like trees planted by the river, bearing fruit each season.

**All: May our lives be fruitful and blessed by God!**

One: Worship the Lord who leads us to joy and abundance.

**All: Let us worship God now and throughout all our days.**

**HYMN Come, Now Is The Time To Worship**

**PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION, & LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

God of all creation,

you have formed the world in beauty and filled it with creatures of your love and purpose.

Each one declares your praise –

the mountain states your majesty; the ripened field, your generosity.

Birds flying aloft sing of your freedom; the tiny ant works with your persistence.

And what do we declare about you in our lives?

We pray that our work will honour your love and mercy;  
may our relationships speak of your love and compassion.

We praise you, O God, not just in this hour of worship,  
but in all that we do.

Challenge us today to live out the praise we offer you through the grace of Jesus Christ and through the presence and wisdom of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

God of grace, God of mercy, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ever three, ever one.

We offer you our love and loyalty in our worship this morning,  
yet we admit we do not live out that love and loyalty.

We don't always act on our good intentions, we struggle to keep our promises, we hurt each other and fail to say we are sorry. Help us to be the people of Jesus, help us to "walk the talk" of your teachings, to be your people with compassion and understanding.

Help us to love and to forgive. Help us to do better, to care more for each other, as we pray the words that Jesus taught us...

### **THE LORDS 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)

From now on, as the Apostle Paul declared, we regard no one from a human point of view. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! Thanks be to God that we can make a new start this very day. **Amen**

### **FAMILY HYMN #475 I Am the Church! You Are the Church!**

### **FAMILY TIME**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC Choir - Altos and Sopranos**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 138** (Responsive) Janice Terry

One: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise:

**All: I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name, for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

One: For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.

**All: The LORD will fulfil his purposes for me; your steadfast love, O LORD endures forever. Let us not forsake the work of your hands.**

**Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 18:1-11**

**Gospel Reading Luke 14:25-33**

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

**MESSAGE: “Radical Part 3” By Rev Tom**

**HYMN #496 Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Janet Beech**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**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**

**HYMN #376 Lord, The Light of Your Love Is Shining**

**GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**BENEDICTION & BLESSING**

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make God's face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up God's countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen**

**May The God Of Hope (2xs)**

**Church Announcements and Events**

**THANK YOU** – A special thank you to the Choir Altos and Sopranos for the Special Music.

**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.**

**Welcome Back Sunday Sept 7** – Pot Luck Lunch

**Mon Sept 8** – WW/WMS – 1:30pm

**Mon Sept 8** – Let's Do Lunch Phone in 9-12pm

**Mon Sept 8** – Fin & Main –Meeting at 7 pm

**Tues Sept 9** – Presbytery in Perry Sound

**Wed Sept 10** – Alpha Bible Study 7pm

**Thurs Sept 11** – Let's Do Lunch 12-1pm

**Thurs Sept 11** – NO Choir

## **EVENTS HAPPENING SOON!**

**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. See description in insert.

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

**Sun Nov 2 – 165<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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.**