Elmvale Presbyterian Church

"Elmvale Presbyterian Church is a Christian Community that has served the community for 164 years. A place where everyone is welcome,

sharing God's love through worship, music, prayer, teaching and outreach."



Worship Service: Sunday September 21, 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

Moment of Quiet Refection to Prepare our Hearts for Worship God of wisdom, as we listen to the scriptures read and interpreted, send us your Spirit so that we may hear your Word with new understanding. Move within us so that we respond in faithfulness for the sake of Christ, our Living Lord. **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

We Enter into God's Presence Responsive Call to Worship Terry Mason

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

All: We will sing to the glory of God with resounding praise.

One: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

All: God has turned our mourning into dancing and clothed us with joy.

One: Let all the earth worship God and sing praises to God's holy name.

All: O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

One: Come, let us worship God.

Hymn #814 Morning Has Broken

Prayer of Adoration (Unison)

God of majesty and mercy, ever three and ever one, in creation you gave us all that we need to live and all that we can cherish.

You came to us in Jesus Christ to show us the face of your love.

You walk into our lives to meet us in the midst of joy and pain.

Through the Holy Spirit, you speak words of wisdom to help us find our way.

God in our midst, speak to us today in this time of worship. Speak the words we need to hear so that we know you still walk with us in Jesus Christ.

For we honour you, Source, Saviour and Spirit of Life, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God,

you send us into the world as ambassadors of your love and peace, yet too often we create discord and division.

We serve our own interests first, ignoring those in need.

We value our understanding of the world you love, and fail to listen to the stories of others.

Forgive us for such self-centeredness.

Help us to be more faithful disciples of Jesus, eager to serve, willing to listen, glad to be of service in his name.

As we pray the words that Jesus taught us ...

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

The Apostle Paul declared that from now on, 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 and everything has become new! Thanks be to God that by God's mercy, we can all make a new start!

Hymn: I Will Enter His Gates (He has made me glad)

Family Time

Special Music David Graham

Scripture Reading

Psalm 113: 4-8 (Responsive) Carolyn Heads

One: The Lord is high above all the nations, and his glory above the heavens.

All: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high. Who looks down on the heavens and the earth?

One: He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

All: to make them sit with princess, with the princes of his people. Praise the LORD!

The Old Testament Reading Amos 8:4-7

The Gospel Reading Luke 16:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Message: "The Price is Right!" By Rev Tom

Hymn #307 God Of The Sparrow, God Of The Whale

The Prayers of the People Marilyn Fleming

Invitation to the Offering

The Apostle Paul urges us not to grow weary in doing what is right. Through our gifts to God, we participate in God's goodness at work in the world. So, take heart. Whatever you give, give with confidence that God will use our gifts for the good purposes of the Gospel.

<u>Doxology</u>

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, you have blessed our lives with gifts, both visible and invisible. We offer our gifts in gratitude, to build up your kingdom in the world. Bless all that we give to make a difference in the lives of others, for the sake of Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn #350 To God Be The Glory

Benediction

The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you. **Amen** 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the God Of Hope (2xs)

Congregational Announcements and Events

THANK YOU – **A special thank you to Carolyn Hill** for playing the piano, and to David Graham for the music.

Mon Sept 22 - Mission and Outreach at 10:30 am

<u>Tues Sept 23 -</u> Session at 7pm

Wed Sept 24 – Quilting at 1pm

Wed Sept 24 – Alpha Bible Study at 7pm

Thurs Sept 25 - Coffee Party at 9:30-11 am

Thurs Sept 25 – Choir at 7 pm

<u>Prayers</u> – Ruth Currie – recuperating at home

Condolences to the family of Myrtle Jamieson

<u>Celebration of Life</u> for Clare Robinson on October 4 from 1-4 pm. See poster for more information

<u>Calling all knitters!</u> – The WW/WMS group has been asked to create many IZZY Dolls for Dr. Cole to take with him on his dental mission trip to Africa in the New Year. Craft Group has lots of wool and a pattern available.

<u>Alpha Bible Study</u> – Starting Wed Sept 24, Oct 01 & 08 at **7pm.** Please let Elizabeth Hill or Rev Tom know of your interest.

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

<u>Willing Workers/WMS</u> 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.

<u>Food Bank Needs</u>: canned peas, canned cream corn, hamburger helper, cream chicken soup, dish soap, shampoo and drinking boxes.

Sermon Notes