

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 28, 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 a new understanding. Bring a new song into our hearts. 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 Brad McGrady

One: God speaks to us words of challenge and comfort.

All: Jesus stands among us, calling us to acts of mercy.

One: Even now, the Holy Spirit is moving in our midst,

All: filling us with hope and inspiring us to faithfulness.

One: Let us worship God, with grateful and thankful voices.

All: Let us praise God's holy name together!

Hymn #78 This is the Day

Prayer of Adoration (Unison)

Godhead of grace, Father, Spirit, Son, ever three, and ever one,
Beauty and harmony mark your creation.

As the seasons change, we see you are still at work in the world,
transforming hearts and situations.

We praise you for all you do to bring fairness for all,
to bring peace to places of war, working for goodness to prevail in
all of the nations. You offer us new possibilities day by day,
and so we place our trust in your redeeming power.

Renew our energy for mission this autumn and open our eyes to
new opportunities to reach out in Jesus' name to others.

Through the power of the Spirit, make us participants in your
work, bringing peace, hope and joy into the world you love. **Amen**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of Compassion and never- ending grace,
you open your hearts to those in need,
and those in your world who hurt and struggle.

We confess we often turn away so that we do not have to see
pain, suffering, or unfairness, right before our eyes.

We don't like to feel uncomfortable or pressed into service.

Forgive us, and give us courage to love others as you love us
and reach out with the care that we have witnessed and received
through faith in Jesus Christ as we pray the words that He taught
us ...

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

The prophet Micah declared that God requires of us three things: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God. Let us be the people of God and may the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Spirit be with you all.

Hymn #435 All Things Bright Beautiful

Family Time

Scripture Reading

Psalms 146: Refrain (Responsive) Janice Terry

One: Sing praise to God who reigns above,

All: The God of all creation.

One: What does the Lord require?

All: Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.

The Old Testament Reading Amos 6:4-7

The Gospel Reading Luke 16:19-31

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

Message “Trading Places” By Rev Tom

Hymn #63 Oh Sing a New Song

Prayers of the People Sandy Owen

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.

Doxology

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 #461 Be Thou My Vision

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 Events and Announcements

Wed Oct 01 – Crafting & Quilting at 9am

Wed Oct 01 – Alpha Bible Study at 7pm

Thurs Oct 02 – Choir at 7 pm

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

Calling all knitters! – 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.

Alpha Bible Study – 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

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.