

ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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."*



**THIS SUNDAY ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES
165 YEARS OF FAITHFUL PRESBYTERIAN WITNESS**

**A Warm Welcome to Our Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Vissers
And to the Congregation of Knox, Flos Presbyterian Church**

Sunday November 2nd, 2025

Moment of Quiet Reflection to Prepare for Worship

Sovereign Lord, today we remember those who have come before us, we reflect on the outcome of their prayers and dreams. Of their faith rooted deeply in a steady dependance on your provision, and we give thanks for the many blessings we have received through your blessings and their hard work and commitment to your church. Amen.

**Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of
Session**

Commendation Letters of Faithful Service.

Call to Worship (Responsive) Covey Family

One: On this day of memories, we gather to worship, to sing and to pray.

All: We remember the past and look to the future with hope.

One: On this day we reflect on the saints who went before us and on their prayerful hopes.

All: We come before you, God, giving thanks for our traditions and trusting in your will.

One: On this day we joyfully come together to worship you in our 165th Year.

All: We come before you, God, grateful for all the blessings that we have received.

Hymn #472 We Are God's People

Prayers of Approach, Confession, & Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Eternal God,

You have called us to be members of one body.

We give thanks for your goodness and love towards others.

Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name. That with one heart and mind, we may show the unity and love of your church.

Bless and strengthen our commitment to you, that through your grace our faith may deepen and our hearts may be open.

May your Spirit continue to guide us with our traditions that bring honor and glory to you alone, Guide us and continue to build us in the image and truth of Christ.

As we pray in the strong name of Jesus. Amen

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

By what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We have reached out with the good news of the Gospel to others enough. In your mercy forgive what we have been, and direct what we shall be, So that we may delight in your will and walk always in your ways, To the glory of your Holy name.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray ...

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Assurance of Forgiveness (Unison)

While it is truth that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ.

To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say, In Jesus Christ your sin is forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Family Time & Kids Church "Greetings and Blessings" from
our Ministers of the Past

Choir Anthem This Is God's Church

Hymn #349 My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles Creed – Rev. Dr. John Vissers

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Choir Anthem Speak, Oh Lord

Scripture Readings

Psalms 46:1-7 (Responsive) Covey Family

One: ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help
in trouble.

**All: ²Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

One:³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

All: ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

One: ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

All: ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

One: ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;

All: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

New Testament Reading Ephesians 1:11-23

Message “An Inheritance of Hope” By Rev. Dr. John Vissers

Hymn #678 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Prayers of the People Covey Family

Invitation to the Offering Angela Kirton

Whatever you give, give with confidence that God will use our gifts for the good purposes of the Gospel. Freely, freely, we have received, freely, freely we give.

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication Angela Kirton

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Hymn #477 Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

Benediction and Blessing

May the Lord bless and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you; and be gracious to you; the Lord lift- up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

May God's Blessings Surround You Each Day

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