

**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 October 5, 2025**



**"World Communion Sunday"**

***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**

God of Hope, amid all the concerns in the world around us, we turn to your Word. Send your Holy Spirit to still our thoughts and

Speak your wisdom to us. Fill our souls with the loving action of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. **Amen**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsive) Sylvia Tollar

One: We come as guests invited to a table;

**All: We come to celebrate with friends and neighbors.**

One: Jesus Christ, our Friend, and Savior, invites us to gather:

**All: We gather with his friends around the world.**

One: Come and worship with hearts full of God's praise and promise.

**All: We worship God in gladness, for God's faithfulness endures forever.**

**Hymn #555 Worship the Lord**

**PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION (Unison)**

Gracious and Generous God,

you spread a banquet table and make room for all to come: friend and foe, healed and sick, hopeful, and hopeless.

You feed our desires with goodness and fill our longing with steadfast love. We worship you with grateful praise, together with all your people, here and everywhere, who break bread at your table and who share the cup.

We celebrate our life together in Christ and offer our love and loyalty to you, O God, Source of all goodness, through Jesus Christ, who shares the deepest part of our souls, and your Holy Spirit who prays within us. **Amen**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

God of mercy and mystery,

When you invite us to your table, you ask us to come with clean hands and open hearts. You ask us to come in peace, seeking reconciliation with you and with each other. In this silence, we hand over to you the broken relationships, disagreements, and

disappointments that keep us from living in your peace. Free us from the burdens we carry which we share in this moment of silence so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world: (Pause) Renew our commitment to show others the kindness we meet in Jesus Christ as we say together the words Jesus taught us

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### **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)**

Hear and believe this good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven. Have the courage to forgive one another, and be at peace – with God, with your neighbor and with yourself. **Amen**

### **FAMILY HYMN #471 We Are One In the Spirit**

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

**SCRIPTURE Psalm 37:1-4** Sylvia Tollar

One: Do not fret because of the wicked:

**All: Do not be envious of wrong doers.**

One: for they will soon fade like the grass.

**All: And wither like the green herb.**

One: Trust in the LORD and do good, so you will live in the land and enjoy security.

**All: Take delight in the LORD, who will give you the desires of your heart.**

**Old Testament Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4 and Habakkuk 2:1-4**

**Gospel Reading Luke 17:5-9**

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

**MESSAGE: "God Hears our Prayer" By Rev Tom**

## **HYMN In Christ Alone**

### **The Prayer of the People** Marlene Lambie

#### **Offering Invitation**

Around this table we celebrate God's generosity to us in Christ and in creation. We present our offering in gratitude for all God has given. Your offering will now be received.

#### **Doxology**

#### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

God, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. Our gifts may not be perfect, bless them with your Holy Spirit to spread your goodness in the world, for the sake of Christ, our living Lord.

#### **Holy Communion**

#### **Prayer for the Work of the Spirit**

**Brad McGrady** Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

### **Hymn #548 Let us Break Bread Together Verse 1**

#### **Preparing the Bread and Cup**

*[breaking the bread]* The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**All: We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.**

*[pouring the cup]* The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**All: The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.**

#### **Opening**

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

**Thanksgiving for the Work of God in Creation**

**Marlene Lambie** With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Acclamation of Praise**

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of  
power and might, heaven and earth are full  
of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in  
the highest.**

**Thanksgiving for the Work of Christ**

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again.

At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

**Hymn #548 Let us Break Bread Together Verse 2**

In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Invitation**

Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation.

All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord. The gifts of God for the people of God.

### **Hymn #548 Let us Break Bread Together Verse 3**

#### **Distribution [as the bread is shared]**

The body of Christ, given for you.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*[as the cup is shared]*

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sharing of the Peace**

##### **Prayer**

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you.**

#### **Hymn Remember Me**

#### **Commission and Benediction**

Go from here to serve God, with your strength renewed and your faith reassured, for you are part of Christ's body embracing the world in his name.

And may that God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

#### **May The God of Hope (2xs)**

## **Congregational Events and Announcements**

**Mon Oct 06** – Let's Do Lunch phone in 9-12pm

**Tues Oct 07**– Centre Flos Women's Institute at 1pm

**Wed Oct 08** – Alpha Bible Study at 7pm

**Thurs Oct 09** – Let's Do Lunch 12-1pm

**Thurs Oct 09** – Choir at 7 pm

**Fri Oct 10 – Sat Oct 11** – Fall Fair

**Sun Oct 12** - Thanksgiving Sunday

**Fri Oct 17** – WMS Barrie Presbyterial Annual Meeting

### **You Are Invited**

**WMS Barrie Presbyterial Annual Meeting**

**Friday, October 17th, 2025**

**at Elmvale Presbyterian Church**

**Registration: 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Business commencing at 10:00 a.m.**

**Includes Guest speaker - Dr. Brian Cole**

**Speaking on his dental mission to Africa**

**Lunch at 12pm noon, Cost \$15**

**RSVP By October 12, 2025**

**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 –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.

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**Food Bank Needs:** Cranberries, cookies, snack crackers, jam, beef gravy, school desserts (puddings, applesauce), and canned vegetables (gr/yellow beans, peas, corn giblets or creamed, mixed).