

ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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."

A warm welcome to any newcomers or to those who may be returning to Worship this morning.

This year Elmvale Presbyterian celebrates 165 Years of Christian Witness

Service: Sunday October 19, 2025



Minister: Rev. Thomas S. Mason M.Div

Please stand, if able, for the entry of the Bible

MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

God of Word and Wisdom, as we turn to the scriptures, may we hear your voice calling us to deeper faith and truer devotion. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen**

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Janet Beech
(Psalm 95:1-3, NRSV)

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

All: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

HYMN #625 Seek Ye First

PRAYERS OF APPROACH, CONFESSION, & LORD'S

PRAYER

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Glorious Godhead, Father, Spirit, Son.

The heavens declare Your majesty, your power and your might. Nothing is comparable to You, O Lord. We bow down in wonder at your love for each one of us.

You invite us to gather in Your presence to worship You.

Open our hearts that we may be with You. Increase our faith that we may trust and love You more. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, ever three and ever one,

The Bible tells us that we love You because You first loved us. We bless You that Jesus Christ opened the way to a closer, more intimate relationship with You.

Lord Jesus, we bless You for Your work of our salvation on the Cross. Without You we would be lost and without hope. Help us hurry to You. Leaving behind our sin, our fears and our doubts behind. Holy Spirit, empower us today with a fresh anointing of divine power.

Awaken us to the new life You bring. All this we pray in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

THE LORDS PRAYER

...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)

While it is true, we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. So be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

FAMILY HYMN Standin' In the Need Of Prayer

FAMILY TIME & KIDS CHURCH "A Good Recipe"

CHOIR ANTHEM How Blest We Are

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Psalm 121:1-12 (Responsive)

Assurance of God's Protection Janice Terry

One: ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

All: ² My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

All: ⁴ He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

One: ⁵ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

All: ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

One: ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

ALL: ⁸ The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

The Gospel Reading Luke 18:1-8

Old Testament Reading Genesis 32: 22-31

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

MESSAGE "Wrestling with Faith" By Rev. Tom

HYMN #461 Be Thou My Vision

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Janet Beech

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus reminds us to give to God the things that are God's. God has been so generous to us, that truly we owe God our lives. Let us return to God what God has shared with us, so that God's goodness can spread in the world in the name of Jesus.

DOXOLOGY

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

Lord God, we thank You for the many blessings You have given us. We thank You for our families, friends, neighbors, and colleagues who support us and care for us. We thank You that you called us to serve You and the mission of the Church. We present these our offerings to You. Help us to use them carefully and wisely and that through them Your Kingdom may grow and increase. **Amen**

HYMN #685 How Firm A Foundation

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

Walk in the presence of God this week, be Imitators of the Lord's goodness, watching for signs of God's Spirit at work around you. And so may God bless you and keep you; God be kind and gracious to you; may God look upon you with favour and bring you joy and grant you peace. **Amen.**

May God's Blessings Surround You Each Day

Have a blessed and peaceful week folks.

Upcoming Congregational Worship and Events

Elmvale Presbyterian Church – 165th Anniversary Service
– Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr John Vissers - Sunday 2nd
November, 2025

Mon Oct 20 – WW/WMS 1:30pm

Wed Oct 22 – Quilting 1pm

Thurs Oct 23 – Choir at 7 pm

Sat Oct 25 – Social Room Rental

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.

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:

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

We ask you to hold in your hearts and pray for anyone who may be sick, for those feeling lost or lonely and for those who need the healing and encouraging presence of Jesus Christ in their lives at this time.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this morning's service, thank you all for coming.

Peace be with you all.

Sermon Notes