

Presbyterians Sharing Sunday

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."

Elmvale Presbyterian celebrates 165 Years of Christian Witness

Service: Sunday October 26, 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

Welcome Mary Fleming

Today, our service of worship draws inspiration from the work we do together through Presbyterians Sharing. Presbyterians Sharing is the national fund of The Presbyterian Church in Canada supporting the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. This worship service will reflect on how these gifts, given to God, continue our worship beyond Sunday morning.

As we worship God, let us reflect on what we can do to spread the good news in our communities, in our country and around the world.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Fleming

Come into this time just as you are.

Come into this time in humble thankfulness.

Come to have tired feet tended.

Come to have bruised feet bandaged.

Come to have dusty feet washed.

Come to be renewed by Christ's love.

Come to be revitalized by the Spirit's presence.

Come to worship God!

Hymn #587 Called As Partners In Christ's Service

PRAYERS OF APPROACH, CONFESSION, & LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF APPROACH/CONFESSION (Unison, Dianne Ritchie)

God of the many and God of the few, God of the weak and the strong, God of saints and sinners, we celebrate your patient care in all times and all places.

God of all generations, we walk toward you this day on tired, talented, beautiful feet, to celebrate, to rejoice, to raise our voices in song. Our feet dance your praises and run towards your open and loving arms. We pray for your welcome, we pray for your mercy and grace as we boldly approach you.

We pray that our worship may be a delight to you as we come together in tent and temple, in chapel and cathedral, in open air and behind stone walls. May your glory be known to all who gather near and far, today and all days.

Although we may leap and sing for joy this day, we also know there is much wrong in our lives, in our communities and in the world; and so we pray that you will hear us as we make our confession.

Our feet are indeed tired and worn. We feel the stresses and strains that alienate us from you.

We are out of step with ourselves, out of step with each other, out of step with your created world, and out of step with you.

We drag our feet as we are reluctant to use our talents or gifts. We have blisters from rubbing people the wrong way and calluses from losing our sensitivity and becoming indifferent to other people's

needs or hurt or pain. We are slow to follow, because our feet are made of clay. Forgive us we pray. Amen

THE LORD'S 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 FORGIVENESS (Unison)

We like to pretend that we don't have feet of clay, but we do. The good news is that, because of Jesus, our feet are not the only ones we stand on. For in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and in Jesus Christ we find strength, guidance, love and hope. Thanks be to God!

FAMILY HYMN #641 One More Step Along the World I Go

FAMILY TIME & KIDS CHURCH Sue Montgomery

CHOIR ANTHEM Heaven Came Down And Glory Filled My Soul

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Psalm 8 (Responsive) Lois Lyons

One: Oh Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the Earth!

All: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

One: You have given them Dominion over the works of your hands;

All: you have put all things under their feet,

Oh Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the Earth!

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 52:7-12

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

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

MESSAGE "**Beautiful Feet from all around the world**" June Ritchie

HYMN #642 Oh Master. Let Me Walk With Thee

Prayers for the People/Responsive Prayer Sandy Owen

At the end of each sentence, please say: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Anne Cowen

Our talented feet are gifts from God to us and our talented feet can be gifts from us to others. We do not stand alone. God joins our feet with the feet of our brothers and sisters in Christ to make a beautiful pattern. And as we follow the rhythm and music of the Spirit, our feet join in the graceful dance of the people of God. May we join in the dance as we offer our gifts to God!

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

O God may we always remember that the gracefulness of the dance does not depend on us. You give us the gift of dance, and you perceive the beauty of that dance, even when we cannot. Use our gifts to continue and enliven the dance. Continue to call us to the dance which makes sure there is enough of everything – music and space and dance steps – to go around, beyond what we can imagine. **Amen.**

HYMN #665 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

COMMISSIONING Mary Fleming

Go out into the world changed by this time.

Go out into the world in humble thankfulness.

Go out into the world to tend to tired feet

Go out into the world to bandage bruised feet.

Go out into the world to stoop and wash dusty feet.

Go out into the world renewed by Christ's care.

Go out into the world revitalized by the Spirit's presence.

Go out into the world to worship God!

May God's Blessings Surround You Each Day

This Presbyterians Sharing liturgy was prepared by
Reverend Ruth Houtby.
The Responsive Prayer was written by
Reverend Emily Bisset.

Upcoming Congregational Worship and Events

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

Wed Oct 22 – Quilting 1pm

Thurs Oct 23 – Coffee Party 9:30-11am

Thurs Oct 23 – Choir at 7 pm

Sat Nov 1 – Turn Clocks back!

Sun Nov 2 – Anniversary Sunday and Pot Luck Lunch (11am)

Advent Study - Sarah Covey is leading our Advent Study. She will be using the book "**Let Earth Receive her King**" by Alistair Begg (books are \$20). **Meeting Tuesdays at 7p.m. in the parlour - Nov. 25, Dec 2, 9, 16 & 23.** Let Elizabeth or Rev. Tom know if you are interested for book ordering.

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: 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: 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