

**ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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*"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, please let us know you're here and join us for Coffee after Worship.**

**Service: "The First Sunday in Advent" with Holy Communion - Sunday November 30, 2025.**



**"The Church is not the Steeple but the People"**

**Minister: Rev Tom Mason**

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

**MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION BEFORE WORSHIP**

Spirit of God, move within and among us today, to open God's Word, read and proclaimed, for us.  
Guide us to your truth and help us discern and understand your Word, pointing us to Christ, your Living Word. **Amen.**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP – The Lighting of the Candle of Hope**  
**First Sunday in Advent – HOPE** June Ritchie

**Voice 1:** The prophet Isaiah announced that people of all nations will come to the mountain of the Lord and learn God's ways.

**Voice 2:** When we look at this suffering world, we know we need to follow God's ways.

**Voice 1:** God will settle disputes among the nations. Weapons will be transformed into tools for planting and growth. Nations will live in peace — no more will they prepare for war.

**Voice 2:** We cling to that promise and light this candle of hope, inspired by a vision of a world where children grow into adulthood, and parents live to old age.

*The candle of hope is lit.*

**Hymn #119 Hope Is A Star - 1st verse only X2**

**OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION, & LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)**

God of love,  
you come to your people to dwell with us.  
You come with power to transform all things.  
You come with promises to make all things new.  
You come with signs of your deep love for the world.

You come, and your truth breaks into our lives shattering lies and half-truths, setting your people free.  
Your coming is our hope, and so, we offer you our praise and prayers in gratitude and anticipation.  
Come into our lives again, O God, and show us how to hope in the face of all that is discouraging, for we gather in the name of Hope made flesh, Jesus Christ, your promise and our desire. **Amen.**

### **THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

"Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sins and the sins of this world."

Surprising God,  
forgive our sleepiness in the presence of your splendor and for when we abandon hope and expect for the same old thing in the same old way. Forgive us our silence when we ought to have spoken up and our carelessness with your world and each other.  
Awaken us to your holy, hopeful presence so we may watch and wait for you, Lord Jesus Christ. Move in us and in all your creation to bring forth new life, while we wait with hope in your grace and goodness. As we pray in the strong name of Jesus... **...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)**

The One who comes with justice also comes with mercy. The God of Judgment is truly the Christ of compassion. God offers you forgiveness today, in the hope you will receive it gladly. Do not be afraid but rejoice in the God who comes to us.

### **Family Hymn #27 As The Deer Pants**

**FAMILY TIME & KIDS CHURCH** A Young Persons Teaching  
from Proverbs 1:8-10 – **"Good Companionship"**

**Solo** - David Graham

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

### **SCRIPTURE: Psalm 25:1-5** (responsive) June Ritchie

One: Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem!

**All: May they be secure who love you!**

One: Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!

**All: For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"**

One: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,

**All: I will seek your good.**

### **The Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 2:1-5

### **The Gospel Reading** Matthew 24:36-44

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

**MESSAGE: "Watch with Hope!"** By Rev Tom

**Prayers for the People** Terry Mason

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

The first Sunday in Advent celebrates God's gift of hope.  
So we offer whatever we have to share, knowing our gifts can spread hope in the world God loves by touching lives in Jesus' name.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Doxology #79 praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of hope, we offer you our gifts, knowing you can do with them more than we can ask or imagine. Bless what we offer as signs of your love at work in your world, and as symbols of the hope we share in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Friend. **Amen.**

### **Hymn #548 Let Us Break Bread Together**



**A COMMUNION  
LITURGY FROM  
THE IONA  
COMMUNITY**

## The Invitation and the Story of the Last Super

### The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

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

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and 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.**

**One:** Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are your almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**The Blessing and Passing of the Bread and Wine – Rev Tom  
and the Elders**

**The Sharing of the Bread and Wine**

**The Sharing of the Peace - Rev Tom, Elders & Congregation**

**Hymn #549 - For The Bread Which You Have Broken**

**GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**THE BENEDICTION**

May God, who is the ground of hope, fill you with joy and peace as you lead the life of faith until, by the power of the Holy Spirit, you overflow with hope. (Romans 15:13). **Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

*Go now in peace, go in joy, go in love.*

**May God's Blessings Surround You Each Day**



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**Elmvalle Presbyterian Church**  
**A Place Where Everyone is Welcome**  
**"Generations of Faith"**  
**Since 1860**

***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.***

***We pray for peace throughout our troubled world, for the people of Gaza, Israel and the Ukraine.***

***We pray for our Church and Presbytery, and for all peoples of Faith, to be guided by the Spirit of Wisdom. Truth, Love and Peace that brings tolerance, understanding and compassion to All.***

***Peace be with you all.***



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