

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 for 165 Years."
A warm welcome to any newcomers or to those returning to our Church.

Service Date: Sunday November 16, 2025



"A Future and A Hope" – Jeremiah 29:11

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**

Holy God, you speak words of challenge and words of comfort through the scriptures. Open our hearts to your presence send to

us your Spirit to open our understanding to the word we need to hear this day, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. **Amen**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Ruth Currie

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

All: We will lift up joyous songs and sing your praises.

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it rejoice.

All: Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord,

One: For God will come to judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

All: Let us join with all creation to praise the Lord! Let us worship God.

HYMN #412 Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord Our Song

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION, & LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

God of mercy and compassion,

You hear the cries of your people. You know our fear and despair. In your great love, you assure us that you walk with us in Christ Jesus. In this time of worship, we long to see your new heaven and new earth break through, making your justice known and life fruitful for all your children.

We praise you for the hope you offer us in Christ Jesus. We trust that you are at work in your church and throughout your world so all that is broken will be made new.

Through our prayers and our praise, strengthen our trust in your promised future, O God, Father, Spirit, Son the Redeemer and Sustainer of all life.

Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God of promise and purpose,

You set before us a vision of your new heaven and earth, yet we confess we easily cling to the past.

We hold on to grudges and resentment. We grumble about change even when we see the need for it.

We resist making room for those who have faced discrimination in our community. Forgive these old ways of thinking and acting. Create in us hearts made new by your mercy and love.

Teach us to honor and serve you in new ways in the likeness of Christ, our Lord as we say together the words that Jesus taught us....

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 PARDON (unison)

Friends, hear the good news! While the world judges in order to condemn, God judges with justice, equity and mercy. All things have been made new in Christ and our sin is forgiven. Thanks be to God that we can all make a new start. **Amen**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, NORM & LAURIE McCRACKEN

THIS IS ALSO AN INVITATION TO AFFIRM YOUR FAITH FOR NEW MEMBERS, TRANSFERS OR FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO BECOME A PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

***"Faith is a response to God's presence in the midst of life. It says "yes" to the God who is here."* (Living Faith 6.1.3)**

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

FAMILY HYMN #420 Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

FAMILY TIME & KIDS CHURCH God never leaves us – A Teaching from Psalm 117

CHOIR ANTHEM Reach Out To Jesus

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Psalm 98 (Responsive) Ruth Currie

One: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

All: His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

One: The LORD has made known his victory: he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

All: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Gospel Reading Luke 21:5-19 and Luke 21:34-38

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

MESSAGE “Wars and Rumors of Wars!” By Rev Tom

HYMN #760 Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Janice Terry

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Each week we pray for the coming of God’s Kingdom. Though we do not know exactly what this will look like, we offer our gifts to God for the work of the Kingdom here and now.

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

Steadfast God, we enjoy your loving kindness day by day. We offer our gifts in gratitude for what we have received from your love. Bless our gifts and our lives so that your goodness will touch many lives in the name of Jesus Christ, our friend and saviour. **Amen.**

HYMN #652 Forth In Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING:

Luke tells us that Jesus said “The kingdom of God is within you.” So go with courage, carrying seeds of the kingdom, sowing justice, kindness and mercy in Jesus’ name. And take with you the blessing of the God who made you, the Christ who mends you, and the Spirit who gives you life. **Amen**

May God’s blessings surround you each day

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As you trust Him and walk in His way

May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,

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

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Sermon Notes



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