

# ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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 Church celebrates 165 Years of Christian Witness in our Community this year.**

**A Warm Welcome to any Newcomers or those Returning to our Church.**

**Service: "The Baptism of Our Lord."**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

**Minister: Rev. Thomas Mason M.Div**

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

## **The Prayer of Preparation**

Let us remember and give thanks for our baptism and pray that we will live in ways that fulfil the promises made on our behalf at our baptisms, and the promises we have made at the baptisms of others.  
Amen.

**Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session**

**Call to Worship** (Responsive) David Graham

One: We are called to serve in the name of Jesus, God's beloved Son,

**All: God calls us by name because we are beloved.**

One: God calls us to be a light to the nations.

**All: We wait for God's teaching and to learn justice.**

One: We are witnesses to God's goodness and grace who claims and loves us.

**All: God's name be praised!**

**Hymn #422 Sing A New Song Unto the Lord**

**Prayers of Approach, Confession, & Lord's Prayer** (In Unison)

**God of grace, Son of compassion, Holy Spirit our guide and strength,**

**you formed the heavens and stretched them over us; you spread out the earth and made it fruitful. From your glory, you came to us in Jesus, your Son, to touch the earth with healing and hope. We praise you for all the gifts you have given us in Christ and in creation. In the strength of the Spirit, we come to renew our commitment to you, to serve in the name of Christ Jesus, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and always. Amen**

One: In order to begin again with you and one another, let us confess our sins:

**Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God,**

**in baptism you promise us forgiveness and new life. We confess that we often prefer our old ways. We resist the new opportunities you set before us. We cling to harmful habits and nurse grudges, failing to forgive one another. Have mercy upon us, O God, and guide us to live with more grace and generosity through Christ our Lord, who taught us. Our father...**

**The Lord's 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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel. Before the world was made, we were chosen in Christ to be part of God's family. God calls us to new life in Christ, so trust in God's forgiveness and grace. Turn and follow Jesus in repentance and joy.

### **Family Hymn #466 Praise the Lord With the Sound of Trumpet**

#### **Family Time Welcome to our New Members!**

#### **The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Baptism**

#### **Choir Anthem**

#### **Scripture Readings**

#### **Psalms 148: 1-6 (Responsive) David Graham**

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

One: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

**All: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

**Old Testament Reading Isaiah 42:1-9**

**The Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17**

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

**Message – “A New Way”** By Rev Tom

**Hymn #375 Fairest Lord Jesus**

**Prayers of the People** Janice Terry

**Invitation to the Offering**

God has commissioned us to spread the Good News that God is at work in the world and that we are loved and blessed in Jesus' name. We offer our gifts to God in thanksgiving for all this Good News.

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we bring our gifts to you with grateful hearts. Use these gifts to spread your love in the world. And make us a blessing to all those whom we encounter, that the life of Christ lives in us. Amen.

**Hymn # 472 We Are God's People**

**Benediction and Blessing**

You are God's beloved. Go in the assurance of this love, to engage the challenges God sets before us with confidence.

And may God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, go with you, and give you joy and peace, now and always. Amen.

**Go now in Peace**

**Upcoming Congregational Worship and Events**

**Annual Reports due by Fri February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Mon Jan 19 – CE Meeting 7 pm**

**Wed Jan 21 – Quilting 1pm**

**Wed Jan 21 – Session 7pm**

**Thurs Jan 22 – Choir 7 pm**

**Barrie Presbytery Youth  
Tobogganing Event  
February 7th. 2026 10:00-2:00  
Elmvale Presbyterian Church  
Taco Lunch Included**

**Bring warm clothes and toboggans  
Please RSVP numbers and allergies to  
[scouterlindamurray@gmail.com](mailto:scouterlindamurray@gmail.com)**

**Mark your calendars: Saturday, February 14th**, beginning at 6pm, Mission & Outreach will be hosting a spaghetti supper & card/ games night. Bring your "sweetie" or a friend. Sign-up sheet in the social room.

**Tuesday, February 17th** is the annual "all you can eat" Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper with proceeds going to the Elmvale & District Food Bank. Help will be requested. Sign-up sheet in the social room.

**Church Calendars** – The new (Christian Ed committee produced) calendars for 2026 have just arrived and are available for sale at \$15 each.

**Recipe Books** - The second shipment of Recipe Books have arrived and are now available for purchase at \$15

**W&N** is looking for anyone interested in looking after the nursery as needed.

**Barrie Presbytery** are setting up funds to send children to camp. If you might be interested in making use of this fund please let Janice or Rev. Tom know. More information coming soon.

**Calling all knitters!** – The WW/WMS group thanks the knitters for all of the Izzy Dolls made for Dr. Cole's upcoming trip.

**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](mailto: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.

**Winter/Christmas Food Bank Needs:** cake mixes, cookies, canned vegetables (gr/yellow beans, creamed corn, peas & tomatoes), canned kidney beans, chunky soup, hamburger helper, canned fruit, toilet paper, jam, peanut butter, pancake mix, & small cans of tomato juice.

*Peace be with you all.*

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