



## 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."*

*This year Elmvale Presbyterian celebrates 165 Years of Christian Witness.*



***A Warm Welcome to any Newcomers. Please come and join us for Coffee after our Service.***

**Service: "Presbyterian World Sharing Sunday"**

**Sunday February 15, 2026**

**This Mornings Service is Brought to you**

**by your Nurture and Worship Committee.**

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

**Prayer before Worship Janice Terry**

God of wisdom, we long to hear your holy Word in new and fresh ways. Open our ears to hear your call. Open our minds to understand your truth. Open our eyes to the work of your kingdom and equip us to take our part. **Amen.**

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

**Call to Worship: Elizabeth Hill**

One: Come, let us worship God, who gifted us with life and creation to sustain life.

**All: We praise God for the wondrous creation.**

One: Come, let us follow the Lord Jesus Christ, who inspires us to hope and act for justice and righteousness. We give glory to God, who restores the groaning creation and the marginalized.

**All: Come, let us move with the Holy Spirit, striving to establish justice and produce the first fruits of hope.**

One: We praise God for the abundant life that is assured to all creation. Heavenly Triune God and Creator of all, we gather here, made in the image of God, Who loves us.

**All: We gather in the name of the Redeemer, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Who reconciles all of creation. We gather in the presence of the Life Giver, your Holy Spirit, Who inspires new life and instills hope.**

**Hymn # 96 Let Us With A Gladsome Mind**

**Prayer of Adoration & Confession Janice Terry**

Almighty and everlasting One,  
your power is incomparable, your majesty infinite, and your love beyond our imagining.

You are hidden in mystery, and yet so present.

In a hectic world, you are peace and rest.

In a harsh world, you are tenderness and mercy.

In the cold and dark of winter, you are light and comfort, and so we bring you our worship, for you are the One who created us, the One who redeems us, and the One who gives us life, our one and only God, to whom we offer all love and loyalty, now and always.

One: Your loving kindness endures forever, so we confess to you our sin:

God, whose name is love, we confess our faults and failings, knowing you know us through and through. You tell us that love is patient and kind, and you know when our patience and kindness fall short.

You tell us love is never rude or selfish, and you see the times we insist on our own way.

Forgive us the excuses we make to ourselves when our love falters. Strengthen us by your Spirit so that our love is genuine and reliable. Raise up newness within us – within ourselves and within our community, so that we might find fresh life, and a renewed Spirit, as we pray the words that Jesus taught us...

#### **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**

God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins. Thanks be to God whose love and forgiveness are steadfast. May we be steadfast in our forgiveness of one another. **Amen.**

#### **Family Hymn Here I am to Worship**

#### **Family Time & Kids Church**

#### **Choir Anthem**

**Scripture:** Terry Mason

**Reading from the Book of Psalms: Psalm 146:5-9**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-40**

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

**Message:** "Presbyterian World Service and Development" Brad McGrady & David Graham

#### **Prayer for PWS&D**

**Hymn #762 When the Poor Ones**

#### **The Prayers of the People** Janice Terry

#### **Invitation to the offering** Isabel Savage

Today we honour the work of Presbyterian World Service and Development. Its partnerships and service take our gifts into places of deep need around the world and in our own country. With God's blessing, our offering truly makes a difference, touching lives with God's love and mercy in Jesus' name.

#### **Doxology**

#### **Offertory Prayer**

God of life and love, we are grateful for all you have given us in Christ and in creation, in community and in the Church that bears Jesus' name. We offer our gifts to you in love, trusting you will bless them and us.

May all that we offer become tangible expressions of your love at work in the world for Christ's sake. **Amen.**

#### **Hymn #229 Jesu, Jesu, Fill us With Your Love**

#### **Benediction** Janice Terry

As you leave this sanctuary to continue your worship in the world. May you be blessed by the One who is able to bring about newness in every situation. **Amen.**

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

***Today's service was written by the World Council of Churches***

***The message was written by Christine Samuels  
PWS&D Champion***

#### **Future Congregational Worship and Events**

**Annual Reports Please get them in  
this week**

**Mon Feb 16- CE Meeting 7pm**

**Tues Feb 17 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7pm**

**Wed Feb 18 – Quilting 1pm**

**Wed Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday Service 7pm**

**Wed Feb 18 – Lenten Bible Study 8pm (See Below)**

**Thurs Feb 19 – Choir 7 pm**

**Sun Feb 22 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent & Birthday Cake Sun**

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm** the annual “all you can eat” Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Proceeds going to the Elmvale & District Food Bank. Help is requested and there is a sign-up sheet in the social room.

**Wednesday February 18 – Ash Wednesday Service –**  
7pm here at the church.

**Lenten Bible Study:** We welcome Sarah Covey as our Lenten Bible Study Leader. This study will be on the book of John. She has a course outline ready for us. The **first meeting** will be a short meeting on **Feb. 18 at 8** after the Ash Wed Service to hand out the curriculum. **The rest of the meetings** will be on **Wed. at 7pm** in the parlour. Let Elizabeth know if you are interested in attending.

**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.

**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 ¼ 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.

**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.

***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, South America 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.***