

Elmvale Presbyterian Church



Sunday February 8, 2026

Minister: Rev Tom Mason



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

Moment of Quiet Reflection to Prepare our Hearts for Worship

God of Hope, amid all the concerns in the world around us, we turn to your Word. Send your Holy Spirit to still our thoughts and speak your wisdom to us. Fill our souls with the loving action of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

We Enter into God's Presence

Responsive Call to Worship Sylvia Tollar

One: We come as guests invited to a table;

All: We come to celebrate with friends and neighbors.

One: Jesus Christ, our Friend, and Savior, invites us to gather:

All: We gather with his friends around the world.

One: Come and worship with hearts full of God's praise and promise.

All: We worship God in gladness, for God's faithfulness endures forever.

Hymn #655 Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Prayer of Adoration (Unison)

Gracious and Generous God,

**you spread a banquet table and make room for all to come:
friend and foe, healed and sick, hopeful, and hopeless.**

**You feed our desires with goodness and fill our longing with
steadfast love.**

**We worship you with grateful praise, together with all your
people, here and everywhere, who break bread at your table
and who share the cup.**

**We celebrate our life together in Christ and offer our love and
loyalty to you, O God, Source of all goodness, through Jesus
Christ, who shares the deepest part of our souls, and your
Holy Spirit who prays within us. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mercy and mystery,

**When you invite us to your table, you ask us to come with
clean hands and open hearts.**

**You ask us to come in peace, seeking reconciliation with you
and with each other.**

**In this silence, we hand over to you the broken relationships,
disagreements, and disappointments that keep us from living
in your peace.**

**Free us from the burdens we carry which we share in this
silence, so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled
world as We pray in the strong name of Jesus ... Our Father...**

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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear and believe this good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven. Have the courage to forgive one another, and be at peace – with God, with your neighbor and with yourself.

Family Hymn # 773 Jesus Bids Us Shine

Family Time & Kids Church

Choir Anthem

Scripture Reading

Psalm 37:3-6 Sylvia Tollar

One: Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land and enjoy security.

All: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

One: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will act.

All: He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Old Testament Passage Isaiah 58:1-9

Gospel Passage Matthew 5: 13-20

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

Message “Playing the Game” By Rev Tom

Prayers of the People Sylvia Tollar

Offering Invitation

Doxology

Prayer over the gifts

Hymn #543 (verses 1-3) Here, O My Lord, I See Thee

Communion Service

Invitation to the Table (All Welcome)

Prayer Over the Gifts (Prayer of Great Thanksgiving)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Welcome To the Table

The Story of the Last Supper

Prayer after Communion

Hymn #543 (verses 4-7) Here, O My Lord, I See Thee

Sharing of the Peace “May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you and your families.”

Commission and Benediction

May God’s Blessings Surround You Each Day

Future Congregational Worship and Events

Annual Reports due by Fri February 13th

Mon Feb 09- Let’s Do Lunch Phone In 9-12pm

Mon Feb 09 – WW & WMS Meeting 1:30 pm

Mon Feb 09- Finance & Maintenance 7pm

Wed Feb 11 – Quilting 1pm

Thurs Feb 12 – Let’s Do Lunch 12-1pm

Thurs Feb 12 – Choir 7 pm

Sat Feb 14 – Spaghetti Supper & Games Night – Bring a Friend or a Sweetie 6pm

Mark your calendars: Saturday, February 14th 6pm, If you are contemplating attending the spaghetti supper Feb. 14th, this will be the last Sunday to sign up. If you can't join us for supper come at 7pm, bring your favourite game, well-marked with your name, and let's have an evening of church family fun.

Tuesday, February 17th 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.

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.

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.

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.

Sermon Notes



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Sermon Teaching Notes: "What is Holy Communion"

Communion, also known as the Lord's Supper, is a significant sacrament for us as Presbyterians, and it holds a special place in our faith.

As Presbyterians we believe that Communion is a holy sacrament that represents the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and it is a time of remembrance, reflection, and spiritual nourishment.

Holy Communion in Remembrance of Jesus Christ is one of two sacraments of the Church, instituted by God and commended by Christ. The other sacrament is Baptism.

As Presbyterians we believe that Communion is a means of grace and spiritual nourishment for the congregation, and in our church, this is celebrated 4 or 5 times per year, we gather in worship to praise God, pray, enjoy each other's fellowship, and to receive instruction through the teachings of God's Word.

As a Presbyterian, we believe that communion is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ during the Last Supper. It is a central aspect of our worship and is celebrated as a means of grace and spiritual nourishment for the congregation.

As Presbyterians we believe that Jesus Christ is the centerpiece of communion. The bread and wine represent his body and blood, which he sacrificed for the redemption of humanity.

Through communion, we partake in the body and blood of Christ, which is a symbol of our faith in him. This act of faith is a way of remembering the sacrifice that Jesus made and renewing your commitment to him.

If you would like more information about Communion, Baptism or if you have any other questions, please let me know. Rev Tom.