



The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Elmvale Presbyterian Church

Sunday April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday Service



Easter Blessings to you and your family from the Session and Congregation of Elmvale Presbyterian.



Minister: Rev. Tom Mason M.Div

Please Rise, if able, for the entry of the Bible.

**Moment of Quiet Reflection as We Prepare our Hearts for
Worship**

Christ is Risen, Hallelujah! Spirit of power and new possibility, open our minds to understanding, our hearts to loving, and our wills to carrying out the mission of the Risen Christ, who is God's Living Word. **Amen**

Welcome & Announcements: Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

Responsive Call to Worship Sarah Covey

One: O Day of Resurrection, we lift our hearts with joy!

All: Christ has led us from death to life. Hallelujah!

One: O Day of Resurrection, we will with hope!

All: Christ has led us from earth to heaven. Hallelujah!

One: Christ is risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

All: Hallelujah! He is risen indeed.

Hymn #255 Now Let The Vault Of Heaven Resound

Prayer of Adoration (In Unison)

God of Resurrecting power,

you lift our hearts with joy when we see the tomb is empty.

God of Resurrecting hope,

you fill us with excitement when we hear that Christ is risen.

God of Resurrecting love,

you embrace us with courage when we trust in the power of new life that you promise in the Risen Christ.

We offer you all glory, honour and praise with hearts overflowing in Jesus' name. **Amen**

The Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

God of Resurrecting joy,

we confess it's not easy to sustain Easter hope.

We let discouragement, fear and frustration to settle in

and we let anger and anxiety turn our hearts away from you.

Resentment and disappointment cling to us

and we forget your great mercy and love.

Forgive us.

Restore within us the joy and hope you promise us

in Christ, our Risen Lord, who taught us to Pray...

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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon (In Unison)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ –

And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the gospel. In

Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free for new life by God's resurrecting grace.

Choir Anthem Crown Him Lord This Easter Day
(Eddie Covey on trumpet)

Family Time: Ceremony of Baptism and Affirmation of Faith
for New Members

STATEMENT and CONFESSION

(The Parents are invited to stand)

Monroe Crisafi
Ostin Brimicombe
Matilda Lamoureux

Who presents (this Child) for Baptism this morning?

I do

The Parents / God Parents

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith,
and to teach that faith to your child?

I do

(Could the immediate Family Please stand)

Do you promise, through prayer and example, to support and
encourage them to be a faithful Christian?

We do.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BAPTISM

(Congregation Please Stand, if able)

Aaronic Blessing - Choir

The Affirmation of Faith for Membership into Elmvale
Presbyterian Church

The Invitation

Could the Elders of Elmvale Presbyterian please come forward to stand as witnesses. Could all those seeking to affirm or reaffirm their faith, those who seek membership within this Congregation please come forward.

The Prayer of St Francis in Unison

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen**

This prayer emphasizes humility, love, and service to others.

Let us Affirm our Faith Together (The Apostle's Creed)

Elders and Congregation Please Stand (if able)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again 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 the life everlasting. **AMEN.**

The Welcome by the Elders and the Congregation

Presentation of the Bibles to those who have been Baptized

Hymn #243 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Scripture Readings Sarah Covey

1 Peter 1:3 (Responsive)

The People: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

John 3:16 (Responsive)

The People: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The Gospel Reading: John 20: 1-18

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

Hymn #330 (1 verse) O God Our Help In Ages Past

Message: "Our Hope in Ages Past, Our Hope in Years to Come" by Rev Tom Mason

Hymn Because He Lives

The Prayers of the People Sarah Covey

Invitation to the Offering

On Easter Day, we celebrate God's most precious gift to us in Christ's dying and his rising.

As we present our gifts to God this morning, may our generosity reflect God's goodness, and the hope we have in Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord.

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, this day we recognize how much you have given us in Christ Jesus, and what that gift has cost. Bless these gifts so they may offer the hope and joy we feel today to the world you love so

dearly. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.

Hymn #249 The Day of Resurrection

Benediction

Go now, with wonder at the empty tomb to amaze you, with the joy Mary felt in the garden to lift your hearts,
and with the disciples' hope of the news that Jesus had risen to encourage you.

And may God's resurrecting love open the future for you,
empowered by the Spirit and embraced by Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

May God's Blessings Surround You Each Day

May the good Lord Bless and Keep you and your family and fill you with the Hope and Joy that only Easter brings.

Future Congregational Worship and Events

Thank you Eddie Covey for playing your trumpet with the choir

Mon April 06 – Let's Do Lunch Phone In 9-12 pm

Tues April 07 – Mission & Outreach 10am

**Tues April 07 – Centre Flos Women's Institute (Social Room)
Luncheon 1pm**

Wed April 08 –Quilting 1pm

Wed April 08 – Lenten Bible Study 7pm

Thurs April 09 - Let's Do Lunch 12-1pm

Thurs April 09 - Choir 7 pm

Sat April 11 – Ladies Retreat at Ivy Presbyterian (See Below)

Lenten Bible Study - April 8th at 7pm in the parlour

Lenten Project April 5th, 2026 - Lenten mission is supporting the redevelopment of IOOF Seniors' Home, Inc. adding 130 new, modern, long-term care beds to the community. Last day to mark donations **Lenten project.**

Sat April 11 – Ladies Retreat at Ivy Presbyterian Church.

Speaker: Cathy Clark~ He Restores My Soul. RSVP by April 03
(sjcochrane14@gmail.com or 705-424-4675 Lunch and refreshments provided. Please see poster in hallway.

Gala Of Gratitude (Compassion Place)- Friday April 24, 2026 from 5:30-9pm @ Ste. Marie Among the Hurons (16164 Hwy 12 Midland) **Tickets:** (707)717-8847 \$65 before April 2nd \$80 after April 2nd . **Special Music** from Gwyneth Howell & Wes Covey

Chilli Luncheon - Donations of diced tomatoes, kidney beans, pork & beans and tomato soup gladly accepted. Any excess will be given to the Food Bank.

Chilli Luncheon – Sat April 25 from 11-2. Sign-up sheets for Chili Luncheon, April 25th are in the social room with spots to fill in for 8 pots (to feed 20) of chili, 8 dozen tarts (no nuts) and 2-9x13 pans of uncut rice Krispy squares. Also sections with slotted times for help and money takers.

OPP Chorus - Sunday April 26th at 7pm - the OPP Chorus, under the direction of Caroline Hill, will be at EPC to perform a Spring Concert. The chorus really enjoys coming to our church and asked if they could come and hold a mission concert for our Lenten Project. The Lenten mission (in support of the redevelopment of the IOOF in Barrie) will be extended to include the free-will offering from this evening.

Recipe Books –EPC Recipe Books are available for purchase at \$15

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

Barrie Presbytery If you are interested in helping a child go to camp, please let Janice Terry 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: 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.

Daily Bread Devotionals – Box at back of church for used booklets to send overseas.

Food Bank Needs: canned mixed vegetables, canned creamed corn, hamburger helper, canned fruit, canned pasta, canned potatoes, rice and drinking boxes.

Peace Be With You All



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