

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.



**Service: The Second Sunday of
Easter - Sunday 12th April, 2026
A Warm Elmvale Welcome to
visitors and those returning.**



Minister: Rev. Tom Mason M.Div

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

Please stand for the entry of the Bible if you are able.

Prayer before Worship

Loving God, by the power of your Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word, speaking through the Scriptures. Reveal your truth for our lives and our times, through Jesus Christ, the Living Word.

Amen

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

Call to Worship (Responsive) Ruth Currie

One: We gather with joy, for Easter continues.

The People: Locked doors have been opened and fear has turned to peace.

One: We celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ among us.

The People: Doubts can be erased and uncertainty turned to faith.

One: Let us rejoice and be glad!

The People: We offer our prayers and praise with humble, hopeful hearts.

Hymn #254 Jesus Is Risen From The Grave

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Lord's

Prayer (Unison)

Creating God, Loving Christ, Guiding Spirit,

With the promise of spring and new life awakening, you wake us from our slumbers.

You are faithful to us through every season of the year and every season of life.

The hope you offer in Jesus Christ draws us together, as your Spirit rises within our hearts.

We praise you for Jesus' courage and compassion, which bring renewal to us in the midst of all our challenges.

We praise you, O God, for such love that will never let us go. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious and Loving God,

Draw each one of us closer to the Cross.

We recognize ways we fall short of your hope for us.

We get lost in our own concerns and neglect to show love, even to those right beside us.

We find some people too difficult to care for.

We think others unworthy of your love and ours.

Forgive us and renew a right spirit within us, so that we find the courage to go on and the compassion to reach out in your name so we may serve you more faithfully, day by day, as we pray the words that Jesus taught us...

The Lords 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

Jesus said, Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Friends, trust that peace and forgiveness are God's gifts to you this day. Be renewed by the power of the Spirit that moves with you into each new day. Amen.

Family Hymn Resurrection Hymn

Family Time:

<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=childrens+video+of+peace+and+sending+John+20%3a21&&mid=95>

John 20:21 "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, So I send you."

John 20:22 "When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Choir Anthem Come Walk With Me

Scripture: Psalm 51:10-12 (Responsive)

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

All: and put a new and right spirit within me.

One: Cast me not away from your presence,

All: and take not your holy spirit from me,

One: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

All: and sustain in me a willing spirit.

The New Testament Reading: John 20:19-31 and Revelations 1:4-8

Message: "Powerful Peaceful Action" with Rev Tom

Hymn #394 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to the offering

Jesus reminds us that a seed surrenders its life to the ground in order to bear fruit. What we surrender to God in our offering will also bear fruit in the world, for the sake of Christ, our Lord. As springtime begins this week, sow seeds of God's love as you offer your gifts to God.

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

God of growth and new life, with our gifts we offer you our thanks and praise for the promise of spring and the promise of resurrection in Christ Jesus. With these gifts, accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, as they bear fruit in the world you love, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn #258 Thine Be The Glory

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

May the LORD bless and keep you,
May the LORD shine his face upon you,
May the LORD grant you his peace, **Amen**

May God's Blessings Surround You Each Day

Peace be with you all.

Congregational Happenings and Events

Mon April 13 – WW & WMS Meeting 1:30pm

Mon April 13 – Finance & Maintenance 7pm

Wed April 15 –Quilting 1pm

Thurs April 16 - Choir 7 pm

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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This Mornings Sermon

John 20:19-31 details the risen Jesus appearing to his fearful disciples, bringing peace and curing Thomas's doubt. It highlights the transition from fear to faith, establishing the resurrection, ultimately affirming Jesus as the Messiah.

Key Themes:

- **Peace and Presence (v. 19-20, 26):** Jesus enters locked doors, overcomes fear, and proves his identity and that the crucified one is now risen.
- **The Mission and the Spirit (v. 21-23):** Jesus commissions his followers and breathes life on them—recalling God breathing life into Adam—imparting the Holy Spirit.

Revelation 1:4-8 serves as the introduction to the book, delivering a message of hope amidst persecution. It highlights the eternal nature of God, the sovereign role of Jesus as the ultimate Judge.

Possible Chuck McCallum? What and who are the 7 Spirits mentioned in the Revelation? The "seven spirits of God" in Revelation (1:4, 3:1, 4:5, 5:6) symbolize the Holy Spirit. Rather than seven distinct entities, the number seven signifies completeness, as seen in Revelation 11:2.

Answer Completeness of the Holy Spirit: The seven spirits represent the perfect

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