

ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

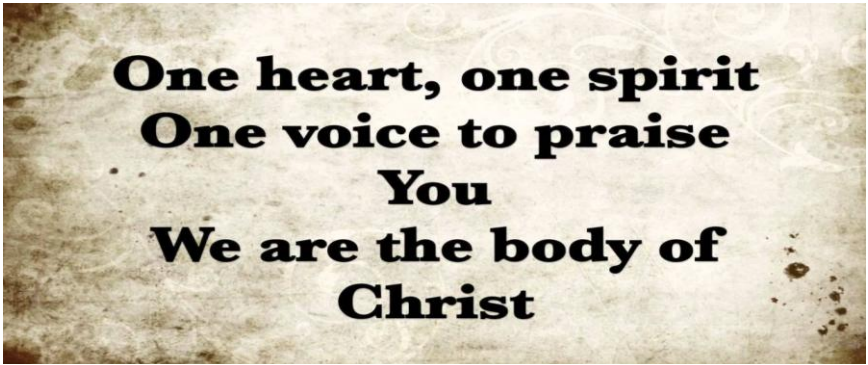
22 Queen St. E. Elmvale, ON, L0L 1P0



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: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday April 26, 2025

Minister: Rev. Tom Mason M.Div

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

Prayer before Worship:

God of Word and Wisdom, the Risen Christ opened the minds of his friends to understand the Scriptures. Send us your Holy Spirit to open our minds to receive your truth and love which can fill our hearts and change our lives. **Amen**

Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session.

Call to Worship Linda Murray

One: We gather with joy, for Easter brings us new life.

The People: The Risen Christ is with us wherever we go.

One: Love breaks all bonds and unites us in hope.

The People: Christ has defeated death. Let us rejoice and be glad!

One: Come and worship with hearts full of praise.

The People: O God, receive our grateful Hallelujahs!

Hymn Here I Am To Worship

Prayer of Adoration, Confession Lord's

Prayer (Unison)

God our Maker,

We praise you for all the wonders in your creation:

For the detailed perfection revealed in a baby's tiny fingers, in the opening of flowers to greet the spring, in each rock face worn by wind and water, witnessing to your ancient design like wrinkles around an aging smile.

These things lift our hearts to praise you.

So let the life, teaching and resurrection of the Risen Christ lift and be present our hearts this day, that we may greet a new week as an occasion to discover Christ in our midst, making all things new in the springtime of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God our Redeemer,

in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives.

Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain if we can trust the promise of resurrection for ourselves.

Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness for us.

Forgive us when we miss the signs of your love in our midst.

so that we may 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

Scripture teaches that there is a time for every matter under heaven.

A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance. In confessing our sins to God, we have offered God our tears of regret. Now is the time to rejoice in God's mercy: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. In Jesus Christ, we have time to make a new start. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Family Hymn #484 The Church Is Everywhere

Family Time

Solo Janice Terry (People Need the Lord)

Scripture Psalm 4:1-4 (Responsive) Linda Murray

One: Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

All: You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

One: How long, you people, shall my honor suffer

Shame

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

All: But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for God's own; The LORD hears when I call.

The New Testament Reading

Acts 2:42-47 and 1 Peter 2:19-25

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Message "We Are..." Rev Tom

Hymn #764 There's A Spirit In The Air

The Prayers of the People Sandy Owen

Invitation to the offering

Our lives overflow with blessing and goodness in Christ and in creation. Out of the bounty with which God has blessed us, let us present to God our offering with gratitude that overflows.

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

God our Maker, you have filled the world with so much abundance. We offer our gifts to you, knowing they are part of your abundance. Bless them and use them to bring hope and new life in Christ's name to a world that so badly needs these gifts. Amen.

Hymn #471 We Are One In The Spirit

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

Go Now In Peace

Peace be with you all.

Congregational Happenings and Events

Thank you Janice Terry for your solo.

OPP Chorus - Sunday April 26th at 7pm

Tues April 28 -Session 7pm

Wed April 29 –Quilting 1pm

Thurs April 30 - Coffee Party 9:30-11am

Thurs April 30 - Choir 7 pm

We are hosting the Rainforest Falls VBS this Summer from Aug 10-14 from 9-noon. It is open to all children who have finished JK through to Gr. 5. Let all your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews know about it.

Registration forms are here at the church. We also need Youth leaders who will be entering Gr 6 and up and Adult leaders who can help out with the programming and the decorating in order to put this on. Let Elizabeth know if you can help in any way.

The annual Victoria Day BBQ and Bake Sale will be held on Sat. May 16 from 11am - 1pm. If possible, baking is to be brought to church on Friday afternoon, May 15th.

Proceeds from both will be in support of "The Loft", a transitional home being created by Elmvale Community Church - a huge undertaking for a small church.

Sara Vista requests magazines, devotionals and current newspapers (not the Springwater News) for their residents to read.

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



The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Elmvale and Knox Flos Presbyterian Churches

Tel: 705-322-1411 Cell: 705-441-5525

Minister: Rev. Tom Mason

Church Office Open Sun to Wed 10:30am- 3pm

Clerk of Session: Marlene Lambie

Home: 705-322-1843

EPC Treasurer: Sharon Crozier

Home: 705-433-3422

Office Administrator: Deanna Nelson

705-322-1411 (Thurs and Fri)

