

# 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: Mother's Day Sunday**

**Sunday May 10, 2026**

**Minister: Rev. Tom Mason M.Div**

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

### **Prayer before Worship**

Dear Lord, please watch over and support all mothers on earth and in heaven, and help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated on Mother's Day and every day. **Amen**

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

**Call to Worship** Janet Beech

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples;

**All: We will shout to God with songs of joy.**

One: For God is awesome, reigning over all the earth!

**All: We will sing praises to God every day.**

One: Let us worship God with all we have to offer.

**All: We will offer God our love – heart, body, mind and soul!**

**Hymn #703 Happy the Home When God Is There**

**Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Lord's**

**Prayer (Unison)**

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of motherhood.

Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both

biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways.

Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless

devotion. May they feel deeply appreciated and honored not just today, but every day.

Grant them the strength to face the daily challenges with courage and the wisdom to guide their children towards a life of faith and service. Encourage them when they are weary and inspire them when they feel overwhelmed.

Almighty God, we ask Your blessing on each mother today.

Fill their hearts with laughter and joy. Surround them with love from family and friends.

Grant them health, peace, and fulfillment as they pursue their calling. Bless them with your love and peace, In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Loving God,

On this Mothering Sunday, we come before You with thankful

hearts - for the gift of mothers and all who have shown us a

mother's love, for the nurture, care, and guidance we have

received. Yet we confess that we have not always cherished these gifts. We have taken love for granted, failed to show patience or

kindness, and sometimes turned away from those who needed our care.

Forgive us, Lord,

for the times we have been slow to listen, quick to judge, or reluctant to forgive. Renew in us the gentleness of Your Spirit, the compassion of Christ, and the willingness to serve one another in love. On this day, heal the hurts of broken relationships, comfort those who grieve, and strengthen all who give of themselves in the work of love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who gathers us as a mother gathers her children, And who taught us to pray ...

**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 (Unison)**

Beloved in Christ, hear the good news:

Just as a mother gathers her children close,

so our God gathers us in mercy and wraps us in unfailing love.

Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven - not because we have earned it, but because God's compassion is deeper than our failings and God's grace is wider than our wandering.

So, receive this truth with joy: In Christ, you are forgiven.

You are restored. You are held forever in the arms of divine love.

Thanks be to God! **Amen**

**Family Hymn It Only Takes A Spark**

**Family Time:** "What does Mum do and mean to you?"

**Choir Anthem Give Me A Vessel**

**Scripture Proverbs 31:25-29 (Responsive)** Janice  
Terry

One: Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she  
laughs at the time to come.

**All: She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the  
teaching of kindness is on her tongue.**

One: She looks well to the ways of her household, and  
does not eat the bread of idleness.

**All: Her children rise up and call her happy: her  
husband too, and he praises her:**

One: Many women have done excellently, but you  
surpass them all.

**New Testament Readings 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 & 13**

**Select Old Testament passages from Exodus 1 and 2**  
**will be featured in the sermon.**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Message: "Many Mothers" with Rev Tom**

**Hymn # 695 Although I Speak With Angel's Tongue**

**The Prayers of the People** Janet Beech

**Invitation to the offering**

**Doxology**

**Offertory Prayer**

**HYMN #225 A New Commandment**

## **GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD**

### **BENEDICTION & BLESSING**

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless all mothers, fathers and parents today, that they may be strengthened as Christian parents through you. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Through Christ our Lord. The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Ever three and ever one. **Amen**

### **Go Now In Peace**

*Peace be with you all.*

### **Congregational Happenings and Events**

**Mon May 11** –Let's Do Lunch Phone In 9-12pm

**Mon May 11** – WW & WMS Meeting 1:30pm

**Mon May 11** – Financial & Maintenance 7pm

**Wed May 13** –Quilting 1pm

**Thurs May 14** - Let's Do Lunch 12-1pm

**Thurs May 14** - Choir 7 pm

**Sat May 16** – Victoria Day BBQ & Bake Sale

**WW/WMS Monday, May 11 @ 1:30:** For our meeting this month I would like everyone to look over their teacups and to bring their favourite one to the meeting. Bring along some history about it: ie. Where it came from? What makes it special to you..

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

**Proceeds in support of "The Loft", a transitional home being created by Elmvale Community Church - a HUGE undertaking for a small church.**

**VBS Meeting: Monday, May 25 @ 7pm. This is our year to do VBS in Aug (Aug 10-14). It requires many people to put this on: adult leaders for the various Stations, for Decorating and helping in other ways. Come and see how you might be able to help out.**

**Bible Study - We are looking at a Bible Study focusing on Ecclesiastes. Time and dates are not set yet. Let Rev. Tom or Elizabeth know of your interest.**

**We are hosting the Rainforest Falls VBS Aug 10-14 from 9-noon. It is open to all children - JK through to Gr. 5. Let all your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews know about it. Registration forms are here at the church and Public Library. We need Youth leaders who will be entering Gr 6 and up and Adult leaders who can help out with programming and decorating. Let Elizabeth know if you can help in any way.**

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

**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.**

**Monetary Donations auto-deposit:**

**[donatetoepc@rogers.com](mailto: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.

**Food Bank Needs: Pancake syrup, Hamburg helper, Pudding Mixes, Canned Vegetables – mixed, cream corn, peas, beans, Canned Potatoes, Canned Fruit & Deodorant**

**Fire Safety – Please make sure all the doors to rooms are closed when you are leaving the church**

**Dollie Moulden's Library – Dollie's collection of books have been gifted to the church. On display downstairs are her recipe books, please help yourself.**

**Peace Be With You All**

**Sermon Notes:**

**1 Corinthians 13: "The Characteristics of Love"  
(Verses 4–7)**

In these verses, Paul defines love not as a feeling or an emotion, but as a **series of actions and choices**.

**Patient & Kind** - Love has a "long fuse" and looks for ways to be useful to others. **Does not envy or boast** - Love isn't jealous of others' success and doesn't brag about its own. **Not arrogant or rude** - Love isn't "puffed up" with pride and maintains good manners/respect.

**Not self-seeking** - Love doesn't insist on its own way; it is unselfish. **Not easily angered** - Love isn't touchy or irritable; it doesn't have a "hair-trigger" temper. **Keeps no record of wrongs** - Love doesn't store up grievances or bring up past mistakes. |

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**The Resilience of Love (Verse 7)**

Paul concludes this section by describing the "four alls" of love's endurance.

True love:

1. **Bears all things:** It protects and covers over mistakes.
2. **Believes all things:** It is not cynical; it looks for the best in people.
3. **Hopes all things:** It remains optimistic even in dark times.
4. **Endures all things:** It stays the course through trials and suffering.

**The Core Message:** Paul is telling the Corinthians that love is the "most excellent way." It is the standard by which all other Christian behavior is measured.

This is what Motherhood and Parenting is all about.

**Exodus 1 and 2** tells us the story of a child. It is the story of Moses who overcomes great danger to become a great leader of the Israelite nation. Moses early story as a baby is all about three different Women who became his mother, in three very different ways.

**The Core Message:** This is a story about motherhood and the resilience, resourcefulness and determination of these women to place their love for a child first, before the demands of powerful authorities.

