

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.

Don't let anyone look down
on you because you are young,
but set an example for the believers
in speech, in conduct, in love,
in faith and in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12

**Service: The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday May 3, 2026**

Minister: Rev. Tom Mason M.DIV

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

Prayer before Worship:

Lord, we long for your wisdom and truth. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we listen to the Scriptures. Prepare our ears to hear your Word and our hearts to receive it. **Amen**

Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session.

Call to Worship (Responsive) Leslie & Annie Stroud

One: Let us sing to the Lord a new song,

All: for God has done marvellous things.

One: Let us make known the Lord's victory,

All: for God's steadfast love covers the whole earth.

One: Let us sing joyful praises,

All: and join all creation to worship God's holy name.

Hymn We Are The Body Of Christ

Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Lord's

Prayer (Unison)

Holy God,

the power of your love is beyond comprehension, the breadth of your compassion without measure, the depths of your wisdom know no bounds.

In Jesus Christ, you meet us in the midst of life's joys and challenges to show us what it means to love and be loved.

And so, we offer you our love and loyalty, and our prayers and praise; through the power of your Spirit, draw us closer to you and closer to each other as friends and followers of Christ, our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God,

We often find it difficult to love others as you command.

We seek our own security before the wellbeing of others.

We fulfill our own desires rather than act for the common good.

Forgive us.

Redirect our priorities, and renew our commitment to live out your love, even when that demands more of us than we expect, as we pray in the strong name of Jesus ...

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

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. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new by God's generous grace. **Amen.**

Family Hymn #648 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Family Time & Kid's Church Thankful, Grateful and Forever Blessed. Psalm 100:4-5

Choir Anthem Speak O Lord

Scripture:

Micah 6:8 (Unison) Sylvia Tollar

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

The New Testament Readings 1 Timothy 4:11-13
And Romans 3:21-31

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

Message: "We Are... Part 2" with Rev Tom

Hymn #360 Jesus Thy Blood and Righteous

The Prayers of the People

Invitation to the offering

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Hymn #350 To God Be The Glory

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING:

Go Now In Peace

Peace be with you all.

Congregational Happenings and Events

Mon May 04 – Social Room Rental 5pm

Wed May 06 – Crafting & Quilting 9am

Thurs May 07 - Choir 7 pm

Sun May 10 – Mother's Day Service 11am

EPC is hosting an in-service for OAAS (Ontario Association of Agricultural Society) on Monday evening, May 4th and we will be serving a light lunch. We are looking for sandwiches and sweets, so if you can help please let Marlene know.

Crafting – We welcome all who might like to learn how to crochet. Come this Wednesday morning May 6th any time after 9am. Others can continue to quilt or work on other projects.

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.

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.

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

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

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 Timothy 4:12 – “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

This verse encourages young people to rise above stereotypes about their age by living as role models. By reflecting Christ in their words, actions, and attitudes, they can inspire others and honor God. Your faith and integrity set a powerful example.

Micah 6:8 – “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

This verse outlines a clear blueprint for godly living. As Christians we are called to practice justice, kindness, and humility in our walk with God. Let these principles shape our relationships and actions as we seek to honor Him.

Romans 3:19-31 declares that all humanity is sinful and unable to achieve righteousness through the law, which only highlights human failure. Instead, justification (being made right with God) is a free gift received through faith in Jesus Christ's atoning sacrifice, removing the basis for human boasting.

Key Meaning and Implications:

- **The Law's Purpose (vv. 19-20):** The law serves to silence excuses and prove that the entire world is accountable to God, revealing sin rather than removing it.
- **Righteousness by Faith (vv. 21-26):** God's righteousness is now revealed apart from the law, available to all who believe in Jesus, who paid the redemption price as a sacrifice of atonement.
- **No Boasting (vv. 27-30):** Because salvation is a gift of grace rather than earned by works, all human boasting is excluded. God is the God of both Jews

and Gentiles.

- ***Establishing the Law (v. 31):*** *Faith does not nullify the law but upholds it, as faith recognizes the law's standard and relies on Christ to fulfill it.*

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