

Elmvale Presbyterian Church



Elmvale Presbyterian Church
A Place Where Everyone is Welcome
"Generations of Faith"
Since 1860

Worship Service: Sunday July 26, 2026

**Welcome to any newcomers or those who may be returning to
our Church.**

Minister: Rev Tom Mason



The Presbyterian Church in Canada

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

Moment of Quiet Refection to Prepare our Hearts for Worship

Speak to us through the Scriptures this day, O God. By the power of your Holy Spirit, give us a deeper understanding of your Word for our lives and our times, through Christ, the Living Word. **Amen**

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

We Enter into God's Presence

Responsive Call to Worship Isabella Kirton-Fletcher

One: Come, all who feel alone, forgotten, or unsure.

All: God is here—faithful in every moment.

One: Come, all who rejoice and give thanks.

All: God rejoices with us and receives our praise.

One: In all seasons, through all things—

All: We worship the One who never leaves us.

Hymn #310 Bring Many Names

Prayer of Adoration (Unison)

Gracious and generous God,

We gather with grateful hearts, amazed by the abundance in your creation, abundance to share in food, in friendship and in faithfulness. We gather with hopeful hearts, seeking another taste of your love for us. Your love is both mysterious and miraculous, O God, with the power to transform times that overwhelm us and lives that hunger for hope.

By the power of your Spirit, move among us in our worship.

Open before us the new possibilities you create for us in Christ, the Bread of life, bread for our journeys. **Amen**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious and Generous God,

we gather each week to be fed by your love, trusting that you will embrace us. We confess we are not nearly so generous with our love. We are often suspicious of others, fearful of what they seek from us. We criticize what others do, but rarely question our own motivations.

Forgive us, O God, and awaken our generosity toward others.

Open our hearts to anyone in need, and help us to trust in your mercy – for them and for us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray... Our Father...

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding and forgiving. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

Family Hymn #625 Seek Ye First

Family Time & Kids Church

Choir Anthem The Lord's My Shepherd

Scripture Reading

Psalm 63 (Refrain only Responsively) Angela Kirton

One: Your love is more than life,

All: My lips shall give you praise

One: My soul is thirsting for you,

All: O Lord my God.

The Old Testament Reading Psalm 78:1-4

The Gospel Reading Matthew 13:31-35

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

Message: "Powerful Hope" By Rev. Tom

Hymn #500 Open My Eyes, That I May See

The Prayers of the People Kevin Kerr

Invitation to the Offering

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Gracious Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ever three, ever one. We offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy. Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may know the riches of your love in the Word-made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn #468 Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Benediction

The LORD bless and keep you; The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. **Amen**

Go Now In Peace

Congregational Announcements & Events

Wed July 29 –Quilting 1pm

Thurs July 30 - Choir 7pm

EPC is hosting the Rainforest Falls VBS Aug 10-14 from 9-noon - JK through to Gr. 5. Registration forms at the church and Public Library. Youth leaders- Gr 6 and up and Adult leaders needed for programming and decorating. Contact Elizabeth if you can help.

W&N – Looking for helpers for the nursery as needed.

**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 canned pasta, canned vegetables (peas, beans, creamed corn, potatoes), hamburger helper, snack crackers, shampoo, deodorant, & dish soap.

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 has been gifted to the church, please help yourself.



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