

Elmvale Presbyterian Church

**We wish Father's (of all types) a blessed Fathers Day and
invite everyone to the BBQ after our service.**



Sunday June 21, 2026 - Father's Day Service



Minister: Rev Tom Mason



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

Moment of Quiet Refection to Prepare our Hearts for Worship

Heavenly Father, we open our hearts to you with thanks for the grace that we find through your son. We lift up to you all of the Fathers here with us today, those who are present and those who

may not be. We pray for you to guide them and to encourage them, and to lead them on your pathways of love, truth and integrity. Speak to us through the Scriptures and inspire us, so that we may be changed by what we hear. **Amen.**

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

We Enter into God's Presence

Responsive Call to Worship Janice Terry

One: It is good to give God thanks, to sing praises to the Most High!

All: We will sing for joy to God who has made us glad.

One: Let us declare God's steadfast love in the morning,

All: and God's faithfulness by night.

One: So come to worship God with thankful, joyful hearts!

All: Let us praise God's holy name together.

Hymn #434 For The Beauty Of The Earth

Prayer of Adoration (Unison)

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for your grace that offers to us vitality, love and joy.

Faithful Son, your peace is our companion, your love is our strength, and our hope. Comforting Spirit, you nurture tiny seeds of purpose and potential, hidden deep in the soil of life, to surprise us with new life.

While the earth begins to bloom around us, we bring you our prayers and praise, trusting that your Spirit will renew in us the gifts we need to serve you, our families, and each other in faithfulness in the example of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you

In thought, deed and word by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend who we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy name. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray... Our Father...

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Assurance of Pardon (Unison)

God our Creator brings us new life, forgives and redeems us. Let us take hold of this forgiveness and live our life in the Spirit and way of Jesus. **Amen.**

Hymn Father Abraham

Family Time "The Story about the Neck Tie"

Special Father's Day Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the gift of Dads in this life.

We thank you that you are the greatest Dad ever, Abba Father, and we know that you cover us in your great love.

We pray for your blessing, favor, and strength over every "Dad" in this world, for those who are seeking to walk closely with you, and for those who just need to be reminded that you are real.

We ask for your renewed courage, for your boldness, for your Spirit to fill them.

We ask that you would keep fathers of all kinds firm and true when needed and full of compassion and understanding.

We ask that you would help them to always stand strong, to be people of faith, to say "no" to what is wrong, and to say "yes" to what is right.

We ask that you would fill their hearts with love. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 20:7 (Responsive) Janice Terry

One: The righteous walk in integrity -

All: happy are the children who follow them!

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (Responsive)

One: Keep Alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.

All: Let all that you do be done in Love.

The Gospel Reading John 15:12-17

New Testament Reading Ephesians 6:1-4

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

Message “The Long Distance Run...” By Rev Tom

Hymn Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

The Prayers of the People Sandy Owen

Invitation to the Offering

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our being. In the company of the upright, let us honor God for the blessings and goodness that we have received.

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offering for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed by God forever.
Amen.

Hymn #322 How Great Thou Art

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen**

Go Now In Peace

Congregational Happenings and Events

Mon June 22 - Ecclesiastes Bible Study 2 pm

Tues June 23 – CE & VBC Meeting 7pm

Wed June 24 – Phone in for Strawberry Supper 9-12pm

Wed June 24 – Quilting 1pm

Thurs June 25 – Coffee Party at Heritage Park 9:30-11am

Thurs June 25 - Choir 7pm

Fri June 26 - Jam Session at Wyevale United see posters 7-8:30pm

Sun June 28 – Birthday Cake Sunday 11-12pm

Mon June 29 - Ecclesiastes Bible Study 2 pm

Tues June 30 – Strawberry Supper at EPC 5-6:30pm

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.

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.

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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 have been gifted to the church. On display downstairs are her recipe books, please help yourself.

Peace Be With You All

Sermon Notes:

Proverbs 20:7 - At its heart, this proverb is about the generational power of integrity. It speak about a cause-and-effect relationship between a parent's moral character and the ultimate well-being of their children.

Here is how it breaks down:

- "The righteous lead blameless lives..." This doesn't mean the parent is absolutely perfect or is always right. In the biblical context, "righteous" and "blameless" refer to a person of integrity—someone who is honest, walks with moral consistency, and genuinely tries to do right by God and others. Their public life matches their private life. In short its about doing the very best we can with what we have.
- "...blessed are their children after them." The reward of a parent's integrity isn't just personal peace; it overflows to the next generation.