

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 for 165 Years in our Community."



The School and Home for the Deaf, near Les Kayes, South West Haiti

Service Date: Sunday August 9, 2026

Minister: Rev Tom Mason

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

**WE PAUSE FOR A MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION TO
PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

Heavenly Father,

We pause to quiet our minds and settle our hearts in Your presence. We thank You that salvation is not a distant goal we must strive to achieve on our own strength.

Your Word is not far away in the heavens or in the depths—it is near to us, on our lips and in our hearts.

Today, we confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord, and we anchor our hearts in the truth that You raised Him from the dead. Thank You for the grace that welcomes everyone who calls upon Your name without distinction.

Softener our hearts to hear Your Word clearly during our time together. Open our ears to the Good News, and send us out as messengers of Your peace, joy, and truth to a world in need.

Be glorified in our quiet stillness and in our worship today. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Annie Stroud

Leader: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" or "Who will descend into the deep?"

People: For the Word of God is not far away; it is as close as our breath.

Leader: The Lord comes to us across the stormy waters of life, stepping into the waves and calling out:

People: "Take heart! It is I. Do not be afraid."

Leader: When our faith wavers and the winds howl around us, we need not sink into despair.

People: For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Leader: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!

People: We come to worship the One whose love meets us in the storm, whose grace pulls us from the depths, and whose Gospel sets us free.

Leader: Come, let us confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord, and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead!

People: Amen! Let us worship the Lord!

HYMN #422 Sing A New Song Unto The Lord

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION, & LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, You are the God who commands the wind and the waves, whose power reaches to the highest heaven and down to the deepest abyss.

Yet in Jesus Christ, You do not stay distant in the heavens; You step into our storms, cross the chaotic seas, and come near to us. We adore You because Your salvation is not a mountain we must climb on our own strength, but a gift brought close—as near as our breath, on our lips, and in our hearts.

You are the God who hears every desperate cry, who reaches down into deep waters, and whose grace catches us when we sink. We lift our hearts in praise to You today, the One who is faithful to save all who call upon Your name. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Leader: Let us now humbly confess our sins before the God who meets us with mercy.

Lord Jesus, forgive us for how easily we lose sight of You.

When the winds of life blow fiercely, we look at the size of the storm rather than the power of Your presence.

We panic, we sink, and we let fear overtake our trust in You.

We confess that we often treat faith as something we must achieve by our own effort, forgetting that Your Word is already near us. Forgive us when we hesitate to step out in faith, and when we fail to carry Your Good News to others.

We confess the times our feet have hesitated to go into difficult places to share Your peace. Have mercy on us, Lord.

Re-anchor our hearts in Your promise, pull us up out of our doubts, and restore our joy in Your salvation. So may we live with you and with each other in reconciling grace through the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (unison) (Based on Romans 10:9, 13)

Leader: Hear the good news! If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, your feet are set on solid ground, and you are held secure in God's grace.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

FAMILY HYMN #631 Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

FAMILY TIME & KIDS CHURCH "The Big Storm"

SOLO David Graham

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD - HOLY SCRIPTURE Janice
Terry

The Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22-33

The New Testament Reading Romans 10:5-15

Leader: This is the Word of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE: "That Sinking Feeling" By Rev Tom.

HYMN #451 Dear Father, Lord Of Humankind

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Brad McGrady

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Apostle Paul's Letter to the Ephesians challenges us to lead a life worthy of the calling we have in Christ Jesus. We offer our gifts to God to support the calling we share to build up the body of Christ in the world God loves.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Doxology #79 praise him, all creatures here below:

praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Good and generous God, bless the gifts we offer you this day, as well as our efforts to serve others in Jesus' name. Use what we have and what we do to support the work of the Church here and around the world. **Amen.**

HYMN #675 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

May Christ meet you in the middle of your deepest waters.
May He calm the storms within your heart,
May Christ strengthen your faith when you step out of the boat,
and hold you tight when you feel that you are beginning to sink.
Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord,
held always by the loving hands of the Son of God. **Amen**

Go Now In Peace

Congregational Announcements & Events

**Thank you to Carolyn Hill (piano) and David Graham (solo) for
sharing with us this morning**

**EPC is hosting the Rainforest Falls VBC Aug 10-14 from 9-
noon – Please remember us in your prayers!**

Mon & Wed Aug 10 & 12 – VON Exercising Cancelled

Thurs Aug 13 - No Choir

**Sat Sept 05 – BBQ & Corn Day!! Sign up to help in the Social
Room. Proceeds going to the wildfires support**

**Sun Sept 06 – Blessing of the backpacks for the new school
year**

****When you go shopping, please consider purchasing the following items for the local elementary schools:**

**a lunch bag with containers
Crayola crayons, markers and pencil crayons**

Sun Sept 13 – Welcome back Sunday with BBQ

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



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