

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."



Service Date: Sunday August 23, 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**

Holy God,

We step out of a loud world and into Your quiet presence. We silence our racing thoughts. We lay down our heavy burdens. We breathe in Your peace. Speak to our hearts in this stillness. Reveal Yourself to us today.

This we pray in the strong name of Jesus, **Amen.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Brad McGrady

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.

People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

People: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

Leader: Though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

People: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me.

Leader: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

People: Do not forsake the work of your hands. Let us worship God!

HYMN Come In, Come In & Sit Down

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION, LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer of Adoration (unison)

Almighty God, King of kings and Lord of lords,
We praise You today with our whole hearts.

Like Peter at Caesarea Philippi, we declare that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God!

You are the rock of our salvation, the builder of the Church, and the one over whom the gates of hell will never prevail.

We marvel at Your steadfast love and the depth of Your mercies.

You have rescued us, chosen us, and brought us together as one body in Christ.

We adore You for Your infinite wisdom and the beautiful diversity of gifts You have poured out upon Your people. Receive our praise today, O Lord, for You alone are worthy. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

Leader: Merciful God, You have called us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You. Yet, we confess that we often offer You only the leftovers of our lives.

People: **We confess that we have let the world squeeze us into its mold. We have chased after worldly status, power, and comfort instead of seeking Your kingdom.**

Leader: You have called us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, but we have allowed our thoughts to be shaped by anxiety, comparison, and selfishness.

People: **We confess that we have thought of ourselves more highly than we ought to think. We have neglected the spiritual gifts You gave us, or we have envied the gifts of others instead of serving the body with humility.**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, for where our actions have denied the confession of our lips.

(A moment of silence for personal reflection)

Leader: By Your great mercy, renew our minds, reshape our hearts, and restore our unity. Help us to live out our confession every day as living sacrifices for Your glory, as we pray the words that Jesus taught us...

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 (**Romans 12:1-2**)

Leader: Hear the good news! It is by the mercies of God that we are forgiven, transformed, and made new. Through Jesus Christ,

our rock and Redeemer, you are completely pardoned, free, and equipped to serve. Go and live as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to Him.

People: Thanks be to God!

FAMILY HYMN We Bring The Sacrifice Of Praise

FAMILY TIME & KIDS CHURCH

Duet Brad McGrady and Kevin Kerr

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD - HOLY SCRIPTURE Isabel

Savage

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

The New Testament Reading: Romans 12:1-8

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

MESSAGE: "Baptism is But the Beginning" By Rev Tom.

HYMN #637 Take My Life And Let It Be Consecrated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sandy Owen

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

In Matthew 16, Jesus promises to build His church. In Romans 12, we are called to respond by offering our whole lives back to God as a living sacrifice. Our giving today isn't a duty or a transaction. It is a way for each one of us to say: "Jesus, You are the Lord, and everything I have is Yours." When we give of our unique resources we support the work of serving, teaching, leading, and showing mercy to others. Let's give generously and joyfully as one body.

Doxology #79

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below:

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God,

We give You these gifts with open hands. Take our money, our time, and our talents.

Multiply them to build Your church and serve our community.

Use them to feed the hungry, teach the seeking, and show mercy to those hurting.

Transform us as we give. Keep us unified as one body. **Amen.**

HYMN #648 I'm Gonna Sing So God Can Use Me

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

Go out into the world with your confession on your lips and your lives in your hands.

Remember who Jesus is: the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Step out with the confidence that He is building His church, and nothing can stand against it.

Do not let the world squeeze you into its mold. Be transformed by the renewing of your minds.

Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God.

Discover your gifts, serve the body, and love one another with genuine affection.

And now, may the blessing of God Almighty—the Father who chose you, the Son who builds you, and the Holy Spirit who unites you—be with you and your families now and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Go Now In Peace

Congregational Announcements & Events

Thank you to Kevin Kerr and Brad McGrady for their duet.

Mon & Wed Aug 24 & 26 – VON Exercising 9-10 am

Wed Aug 26 – Quilting 1pm

Thurs Aug 27 – Coffee Party at Heritage Park 9:30-11 am

Thurs Aug 27 - No Choir

Sat Aug 29 – Social Room Rental & catered meal – See Marlene if you can help

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

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 school:**

Lunch bag with containers

Crayola crayons, markers and pencil crayons

Sun Sept 13 – Welcome back Sun with BBQ & bowling 1-2:30pm

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 doors are closed when you are leaving the church