

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."



"Back to Church Sunday!"

Service Date: Sunday September 13, 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**

Gracious God of grace and peace,
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) Janet Beech

Leader: The summer days are turning, and a new season is upon
us. We come together today, leaving behind our busy schedules
and distracted minds.

**People: We come into the house of the Lord with gladness and
thanksgiving in our hearts!**

Leader: For where two or three gather in His name, Christ is here in
our midst. No matter how long you have been away, or how heavy
your burdens feel today—

**People: We are welcomed home into God's unconditional love
and grace.**

Leader: Let us spur one another on toward love and good deeds.
Let us worship the One who holds our past, present, and future.

**All: Come, let us worship and give thanks to the Lord
together!**

HYMN #450 Great Shepherd Of Your People, Hear

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION, & LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer of Adoration (responsive)

Leader: Heavenly Father, Almighty God, Creator of the heavens
and the earth—we bow before You today in total awe of who You
are. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,
holding all of creation in Your hands. The heavens declare Your
glory, and the changing of the seasons reminds us of Your
unwavering faithfulness.

**People: We praise You, Lord, for Your majesty, Your power,
and Your everlasting holiness.**

Leader: You are good, and Your mercy endures forever. We adore You not merely for what You have done, but simply for who You are—a loving Father, a faithful Savior, and a comforting Presence. You are holy, righteous, and worthy of all our worship.

People: Honor, glory, wisdom, and strength belong to You, our God, forever and ever.

All: Receive our praise today as we offer You our hearts in joyful adoration. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

Leader: Gracious God, You invite us to draw near to You with honest and humble hearts. Though You welcome us just as we are, we acknowledge that we often stray from Your paths. Let us together confess our sins, trusting in Your infinite mercy and grace.

All: Loving Father, we confess that we have often drifted away from You and from one another. We have allowed the busyness of life to crowd out time spent in Your presence. We have relied on our own strength instead of trusting in Your guidance. Forgive us for the moments we have chosen distraction over fellowship, self-reliance over faith, and indifference over love for our neighbors. Cleanse our hearts, renew our spirits, and align our desires with Your will.

Leader – We pause in a brief moment of silent confession.

Leader: Hear the good news: God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Through Christ, you are forgiven, restored, and made new.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen

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 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 (responsive)

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel: God does not hold our sins against us, nor does He abandon us to our own mistakes. Because of the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ, your sins are completely forgiven. You are washed clean, restored, and made new.

People: Praise God! Through His grace, we are forgiven, accepted, and free to step forward in faith.

Leader: Walk today in the joy and peace of the Holy Spirit, knowing that nothing can separate you from the love of God.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God!

FAMILY HYMN #645 Follow Me, The Master Said

FAMILY TIME "What is Church?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INsNTdaBIG8>

CHOIR ANTHEM All For Jesus

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD - HOLY SCRIPTURE

The Reading from the Book of Psalms Psalm 122:1-9

The New Testament Reading Hebrews 10:19-25

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

MESSAGE "Welcome Home!" By Rev Tom.

HYMN #687 Blessed Assurance

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Invitation to the Offering

September always brings a sense of fresh beginnings. A wonderful way to start any new chapter is with an act of shared generosity. When we give to this faith community, we invest directly in hope, care, and the spiritual nurture of people of all ages. Let's take this moment to give back to God a portion of what we've been given, celebrating the joy of a new season together.

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

Heavenly Father, we bring these offerings to You today with joyful and grateful hearts. We offer not only our financial resources, but our time, our talents, and our lives. Multiply these gifts and use them to feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and share Your love both in our community and throughout the world. May all that we do honor You and build Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

HYMN #175 (Red Hymnal) **Standing On The Promises**

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

May the blessing of God Almighty—the Father who loves you infinitely, the Son who clothes you in His righteousness, and the Holy Spirit who binds you together in unity—draw you back to Him, and may God rest upon you and give you and your family peace, both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

Go Now In Peace

Congregational Announcements & Events

Good morning congregation.

My friend Lora, who organized my trip, has reached out to let us know that she and her family are safe.

Lora is part of the United Mission of Nepal, which the Presbyterian Church is part of, and they are now collecting funds to help those who need it the most after the disastrous situation of the mudslides in Nepal.

We as Canadians can donate to this through the Presbyterian Sharing. Funds will go directly to the families to help rebuild.

Thanks, Linda

Mon Sept 14 – WW & WMS Meeting 1:30pm

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Tues Sept 15 & 22 – Ecclesiastes Bible Study 2pm

Wed Sept 16 –Quilting 1pm

Wed Sept 16 – Session 7pm

Thurs Sept 17 – Choir 7pm

Sun Sept 13 – Welcome back Sun with BBQ & bowling 1-2:30pm –BBQ lunch - Pot Luck Lunch, please bring a salad the rest will be provided by Worship and Nurture. \$10 per bowler (shoes included) and M&O will provide treats and drinks. Bowlers are to be ready to bowl at 1pm. Please sign up as soon as possible to establish teams.

Sun Sept 06 - Sun Oct 11 – A Hope Story fund has been established to help bring education to children in Kenya. Donations made through your offering designating **Hope Story**

Fri Oct 09 & Sat Oct 10 - A booth at the Fair has been booked to promote EPC and we are planning to give out cookies to those visiting our booth. So please, start your ovens and load up your freezers with cookies.

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**