

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."



Minister Rev Tom Mason

Guest Preacher: Jeff Walther

Service Date: Sunday October 18, 2026

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

Moment of Quiet Reflection to Prepare for Worship

Holy One, you are the Source of Wisdom for the ages. Send the Holy Spirit to open the Scriptures for us, so that we may grow wiser as we listen, and serve you more willingly as we live. **Amen.**

Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

Call to Worship (Responsive) Janet Beech

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, for the Lord our God is very great.

All: God is clothed with honour and majesty, wrapped in brightness like a garment.

Leader: God stretches out the heavens like a tent, riding on wings of the wind.

All: O Lord, in wisdom you have made each unique creature.

All: With all of them, we come to praise you.

Leader: Let us praise God's holy name together!

Hymn #53 How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely

Prayers of Approach, Confession, & Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Praise be to you, O God, for the wonders of your creation.

You spin the galaxies and stretch out the seas to the furthest horizon. You lift the curtain of dawn to end the night.

You give the earth its seasons and each creature its lifespan, breathing life into each precious soul.

And so we come to praise you, knowing human greatness is a mere shadow of yours. Breathe your Spirit into us once again, and inspire us to serve you with creativity and commitment, and the honesty and humility we meet in Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ,

you call us to walk your way in the world, serving our neighbours and loving our enemies. We confess these are not easy choices for us. We seek acknowledgement for our own achievements, and enjoy being served. Forgive us for seeking our own way rather than your way.

Forgive us and create in us clean hearts and in your love, give us peace and perseverance as we pray the words Jesus taught us...

The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

While it is true that we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love for us in Jesus Christ. Humbly seek

the mercy of God, and so be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another. Amen.

Hymn #655 Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Family Time & Kids Church What Is A Billion?

Choir Anthem

Scripture Readings Psalm 91:1-6 (Responsive) Janet Beech

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

All: will say to the LORD, My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.

Leader: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

All: he will cover you with his pinions and his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Leader: You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,

All: or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 38:1-8

Message: "Signs" By Jeff Walther

Hymn #665 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Sandy Owen

Invitation to the Offering

Whatever you give, give with confidence that God will use our gifts for the good purposes of the Gospel. Freely, freely, we have received, freely, freely we give.

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we offer you these gifts, small tokens of our love for you. Bless them with the power of your Holy Spirit so they may

accomplish more than we can even imagine, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our Friend. **Amen.**

Hymn #651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Benediction and Blessing

May the Lord bless and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you; and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift- up his countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

May The Good Lord Bless And Keep You

Congregational Announcements & Events

Donations to the United Mission of Nepal - during this disastrous situation, please mark your envelop with "Nepal" on the Presbyterian Sharing line. Funds will go directly to the families to help rebuild.

Mon Oct 19 – WW&WMS Meeting 1:30pm

Wed Oct 21 - Quilting 1pm

Thurs Oct 22 – Choir 7pm & Christmas Cantata Practice 8pm

Sat Oct 24 - He Restores My Soul Workshop 9:30am (see Janice Terry – WMS Barrie Presbytery) See back page

Sun Oct 25 – Birthday Cake Sunday

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

Advent Bible Study - Sarah Covey is planning to run an advent Bible Study using the book "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: a. Liturgy for daily worship from Advent to Epiphany by Jonathan Gibson. This study would take place on **Wed. mornings from 10-11** starting **Wed. Nov. 25** and finishing on **Wed. Jan.6**. Sarah can order the books for us or you can source your own copy. The cost is approximately **\$45. Please let Elizabeth know as soon as possible so we know how many are interested in this study.**

WMS Barrie Presbyterial Day Apart

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Westminster Presbyterian Church (170 Steel St, Barrie)

Speaker: Cathy Clark

Gathering at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch & Honorarium \$20.00

To Register Contact Janice Terry at: janber35@gmail.com

Cathy Clark – Bio

Cathy grew up from infancy at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Barrie and recently retired from her 10-year role as an active Elder. With her retirement from Session, she is now able to worship closer to home at First Presbyterian, Penetang. Since completing her Master of Divinity degree at Tyndale Seminary, majoring in Pastoral Ministry, Cathy has been blessed to offer her ministry of pulpit supply in several churches across the Presbytery, and continues to provide chaplaincy support to several funeral homes.

Prior to retiring from full-time work, Cathy was the Director of Safety, Security & Occupational Health at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre in Barrie.

Cathy is married to Gord and together they have 4 children and three grandchildren. They live just outside the charming village of Coldwater. In her spare time, she and Gord love to travel, she sings in a community choir, plays alto sax in a

community concert band and gives back to the community by serving on the Boards of several health care and community safety agencies.

Sermon Notes



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