

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."

Service Date: Sunday October 4, 2026 -World Communion Sunday



"World Communion Sunday"

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**

God of Hope, amid all the concerns in the world around us, we
turn to your Word.

Send your Holy Spirit to still our thoughts and speak your wisdom to us. Fill our souls with the loving action of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Ruth Currie

We come as guests invited to a table;
We come to celebrate with friends and neighbors.
Jesus Christ, our Friend, and Savior, invites us to gather:
We gather with his friends around the world.
Come and worship with hearts full of God's praise and promise.
We worship God in gladness, for God's faithfulness endures forever.

Hymn #435 All Things Bright and Beautiful

PRAYERS OF ADORATION, CONFESSION, & LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF ADORATION (unison)

Gracious and Generous God,
you spread a banquet table and make room for all to come: friend and foe, healed and sick, hopeful, and hopeless.
You feed our desires with goodness and fill our longing with steadfast love. We worship you with grateful praise, together with all your people, here and everywhere, who break bread at your table and who share the cup. We celebrate our life together in Christ and offer our love and loyalty to you, O God, Source of all goodness, through Jesus Christ, who shares the deepest part of our souls, and your Holy Spirit who prays within us. Amen

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of mercy and mystery,
When you invite us to your table, you ask us to come with clean hands and open hearts. You ask us to come in peace, seeking reconciliation with you and with each other. In this silence, we hand over to you the broken relationships, disagreements, and disappointments that keep us from living in your peace.

Free us from the burdens we carry which we share in this moment of silence so that we may be a source of peace in this troubled world: (Pause)

Renew our commitment to show others the kindness we meet in Jesus Christ as we say together the words 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 (unison)

Hear and believe this good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone, new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven. Have the courage to forgive one another, and be at peace – with God, with your neighbor and with yourself. Amen

FAMILY HYMN #471 We Are One In The Spirit

FAMILY TIME World Communion Sunday -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F26K1PwZk1E>

Gospel Hymn By John Latimer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD Ruth Currie

The New Testament Reading Romans 13:8-14

The Gospel Reading Matthew 18:15-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN In Christ Alone

MESSAGE "Debt and Duty" By Rev Tom

The Prayers of the People Kevin Kerr

Offering Invitation

Around this table we celebrate God's generosity to us in Christ and in creation. We present our offering in gratitude for all God has given. Your offering will now be received.

Doxology

Prayer Over The Gifts

God, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. Our gifts may not be perfect, bless them with your Holy Spirit to spread your goodness in the world, for the sake of Christ, our living Lord.

Holy Communion

Choir Anthem At The Table Of The Lord

Prayer for the Work of the Spirit

Elder Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

Hymn #548 Let us Break Bread Together (Verse 1)

1 Let us break bread together on our knees.

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Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Preparing the Bread and Cup

[breaking the bread] The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

All: We who are many are one body, for we all share the same loaf.

[pouring the cup] The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

All: The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.

Opening

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving for the Work of God in Creation

Elder: With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Acclamation of Praise

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving for the Work of Christ

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again. At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Hymn: #548 Let us Break Bread Together (Verse 2)

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees.

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Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Invitation

Congregation of Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him as Lord are now invited to come with gladness to the table of the Lord. The gifts of God for the people of God.

Hymn: #548 Let us Break Bread Together (Verse 3)

3 Let us praise God together on our knees.

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Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Distribution [as the bread is shared]

The body of Christ, given for you.

All: Thanks be to God.

[as the cup is shared]

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sharing of the Peace

Prayer

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom.

Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Commission and Benediction

Go from here to serve God, with your strength renewed and your faith reassured, for you are part of Christ's body embracing the world in his name. And may that God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Go Now In Peace

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.

Please Bake Cookies for Fall Fair

Mon Oct 05 – Let's Do Lunch Phone In 9-12pm

Tues Oct 06 – Centre Flos Women's Institute 1pm

Wed Oct 07- bagging and tagging cookies for Fall Fair 7pm

Thurs Oct 08 – Let's Do Lunch 12-1pm

Thurs Oct 08 – Choir 7pm & Christmas Cantata Practice 8pm

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. **Request:** if you are considering baking cookies for the fair, please do **NOT** use nuts or peanut butter. You are invited to join with us as we bag and tag the cookie packages on **Wed. Oct 7th at 7pm.**

There is a sign-up sheet downstairs for help to staff the booth at the Fair. It is felt we should have 3 people there at all times if possible. Sign up for an hour or more when you will be in attendance at the Fair.

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**

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

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

Sermon Notes



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