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: Sun Nov 15, 2026

Presbyterians Sharing

Service brought to you by our Mission & Outreach Team

Minister: Rev Tom Mason

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

QUIET MOMENT AS WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Marlene Lambie

Holy One, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Help us to recognize your presence alongside us, as we read scripture today. Speak to us the words we need most to hear. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Living Word. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCMENTS Marlene Lambie

INTRODUCTION TO PRESBYTERIAN SHARING Elizabeth Hill

Today we focus on Presbyterians Sharing – a day to celebrate and learn about our shared mission and ministry in Canada and around the world. The Presbyterian Church in Canada includes 780 congregations, 102,000 members and adherents, 1,254 ministers, and 11,000 children and youth. Presbyterian congregations worship in many languages and come from many places and cultures. Presbyterians include people who are Indigenous to Turtle Island or have heritages from Taiwan, Korea, China, Ghana, Brazil, Gyana, Nigeria, Malawi, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Scotland, Ireland, India, to name only a few. We are followers of Jesus. We share our gifts and work together to make a difference in this world.

We faithfully continue Christ's ministry as together we build strong congregations, seek justice, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people and share God's love worldwide.

Today, we remember and celebrate that this congregation is a part of a wider church family, The Presbyterian Church in Canada. God's Spirit connects us, inspires us, and challenges us to continue Christ's ministry in our country and across the globe. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Elizabeth Hill

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.
All: Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.
One: Glory in God's holy name;
All: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
One: Seek the Lord and God's strength;
All: seek God's presence continually. (Psalm 105:1-4)

HYMN #587 Called As Partners In Christ's Service

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION Linda Skala

O God, we come together in prayer to give you adoration and praise for all that you are, all that you have been, and all that you

have yet to reveal yourself to be. You are the first and you are the last, the beginning and the end. You are gracious and you are generous. You see us as we are, at our best and at our worst, and yet you love us still.

Loving God, we ask that you would forgive us for the times when we have tried to be first, and for the times when we have made a show of being last. Forgive us for the times when we have been envious of the gifts given to others. Forgive us for the times when, as individuals and as a church, we have been too slow to act. And forgive us for the times when, as individuals and as a church, we have acted too quickly and done harm in our haste. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, Who taught us to pray…

LORD'S PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All people have fallen short and continue to fall short of God's standards and are in need of salvation. Salvation means life, forgiveness, healing, and wholeness. And God's way to salvation has been revealed in Jesus Christ. That salvation comes from God's grace received through faith in Christ alone. Through the death and resurrection of Christ, your sins are forgiven. Know that God has forgiven you. Forgive yourself, and forgive one another. Amen. *(Based on Living Faith 2.5.7)*

HYMN #773 Jesus Bids Us Shine

CHILDRENS TIME & KIDS CHURCH Mary Fleming

CHOIR ANTHEM THE PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 20:1-16 Linda Murray

SERMON: "Being Generous, Because We Can" by June Ritchie

HYMN #477 YOUR HAND, O GOD, HAS GUIDED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE SANDY OWEN

RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsive) Mary Fleming

One: We affirm our faith together.
The church is Christ together with his people
All: called both to worship and to serve him in all of life.
One: The church is one.
All: It is one family under God whose purpose it is to unite all people in Jesus Christ.
One: The church is holy.
All: It is set apart by God through the Holy Spirit to be a chosen people in the world.
One: The church is catholic.
All: It is universal, including all people of all time who affirm the Christian faith.
One: The church is apostolic.
All: It is founded on Christ and the apostles and is in continuity with their teachings.
One: The church is in constant need of reform because of the failure and sin which mark its life in every age.
All: The church is present when the Word is truly preached, the sacraments rightly administered, and as it orders its life according to the word of God.
(Living Faith 7.1)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Anne Cowan

As God the gracious landowner has been generous with God's gifts to us, let us in turn be generous in our gifts in support of the ministries of Christ's church—here at home, across the country and around the world.

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DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

O God, you are generous with your gifts to us. Receive now our gifts to you. Bless them, so that they might be useful to the work of your church and your kingdom, both here in this tiny corner of your vineyard, across Canada, and through our partners around

the world. For we ask this in the name of your most generous gift to us, Jesus Christ, your son. Amen.

HYMN #775 SENT FORTH BY YOUR BLESSING

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION REV TOM

Friends, let us leave this time of worship, knowing that God goes with us. There may be storms, calamities, and mistakes, but God does not desert us. Therefore, let us go forth in faith and with courage.

Listen to these words of blessing from the Iona Community in Scotland:

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you." **Amen.**

This worship resource was prepared by the Rev. Alex Bisset. Alex is the minister of Riverdale and Westminster Churches in Toronto, Ontario. He is also clerk of the Presbytery of East Toronto, and has served on several committees and boards at the presbytery, synod, and denominational levels.

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.

Mon Nov 16 – CE Meeting 7 pm

Tues Nov 17 – Session 7pm

Wed Nov 18 - Quilting

Thurs Nov 19 – Choir 7pm & Christmas Cantata Practice 8pm

Worship and Nurture are looking to sponsor a family again this Christmas. We will be collecting donations from **Nov 15 - Dec 13** as delivery will be the week of the **Dec 13th**. I have no information yet on the family but I will get that as soon as possible. I know we ask a lot of you but I also know you are a generous congregation.

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.**

Worship and Nurture would like to put a float in the **Santa Claus Parade on Dec. 6.** We need your help if this is to happen. The theme is **"your Favorite Carol or Song"** Please speak to Janice or Elizabeth if you can help.

Giving the bakers of the church lots of notice**. A bake sale** is to be held in conjunction with **Let's do Lunch December 10th**. There will be further information at a later date.

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.

Elmvale & District Food Bank - Canned Vegetables - cream corn, corn niblets, mixed vegetables, beans, peas, Snack Crackers, Canned Fruit, Cookies, & Canned Beef Gravy.

Fire Safety – Please make sure all doors are closed when you are leaving the church