# Elmvale Presbyterian Church

***"Elmvale Presbyterian Church is a Christian Community that has served the community for 166 years. A place where everyone is welcome,***
***sharing God's love through worship, music, prayer, teaching and outreach."***






**Worship Service: Sunday November 22, 2026**

**Minister: Rev Tom Mason**

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

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

**Moment of Quiet Refection to Prepare our Hearts for Worship**

God of wisdom, as we listen to the scriptures read and interpreted, send us your Spirit so that we may hear your Word with a new understanding. Bring a new song into our hearts. Move within us

so that we respond in faithfulness for the sake of Christ, our Living Lord. **Amen.**

**Welcome & Announcements Marlene Lambie, Clerk of Session**

**We Enter into God's Presence**

**Responsive Call to Worship** Ruth Currie

**Leader:** The kingdoms of this world measure power by force, but Christ measures power by love.

**People: Come, let us worship the King who wears a crown of grace!**

**Leader:** Earthly rulers sit on thrones of privilege, but Christ rules from the heart of human suffering.

**People: Come, let us bow before the Lord who stands in solidarity with the broken!**

**Leader:** His kingdom is not from this world, yet His truth transforms our daily lives.

**People: Let us praise the crucified and risen Lord, whose kingdom has no end! Amen.**

**Hymn #299 Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Prayer of Adoration (Unison)**

Great and awesome God,
You are the Alpha and the Omega, the King of kings and Lord of lords. We praise You because Your sovereignty does not look like the empires of this world. You do not rule with a fist of iron or behind high walls of isolation; You rule with a heart of grace and an outstretched arm of love. We adore You for Your ultimate righteousness, Your enduring covenant of faithfulness, and Your willingness to stand in solidarity with human suffering. Fix our eyes today on Your character rather than our own changing circumstances. Lift our gaze above the frantic anxieties of our world so that we might see the unexpected majesty of Christ, whose counter-cultural kingdom will never pass away. **Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Almighty God, as we approach Your throne of grace,

we must honestly confess that we have not always lived as faithful citizens of Your kingdom. We bow our heads and take personal, specific ownership of our sins. Like Pilate, we often chase the leverage, status, and security offered by the kingdoms of this world. We confess that we have trusted in our own strength and economic safety rather than Your providential care.
We have chosen the law of self-preservation over Your radical Law of Love. Lord, forgive us for the times we have closed our doors to the stranger, ignored the cries of the hungry and marginalized, and prioritized our own comfort over serving the least of these. We have allowed cultural panic to dictate our allegiances and silence our witness. Forgive us for our distant confessions, and hear us now as we open our hearts and bring our personal shortcomings before You...
*(Pause for a moment of silence)*
Lord hear our prayers as we pray the words that Jesus taught us….

**The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

**Assurance of Pardon**
Hear the good news: Christ did not come into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. On the cross, He absorbed our brokenness and offered back total forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace.
To all who truly repent and turn to Him in faith, Your sins are forgiven. May the Holy Spirit quiet your anxieties, grant you success in seeking His righteousness today, and give you the confidence to live under His gentle, eternal reign. **Amen.**

**Hymn #268 All Hail King Jesus (sing 2x's)**

**Family Time & Kids Church "The Upside- Down King"**

**"United Hand Bell Ringers" from the United church in Wasaga beach**

**Scripture Reading** Ruth Currie

**The Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7:13-14 - (Responsive)**
One: [13]As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.

**<u>All</u>: And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.**
One: [14]To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.
**<u>All</u>: His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.**

**<u>The Gospel Reading</u> John 18:33-37**

**<u>The New Testament Reading</u> Rev 1:4b-8**

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

**Message <u>"Topsy Turvy, Upside Down</u>" By Rev Tom**

**Hymn #267 - Rejoice, The Lord Is King**

**<u>The Prayers of the People</u>** Janice Terry

**<u>Invitation to the Offering</u>**
Christ reigns not from a throne of earthly power, but through love, mercy, and service to others. When we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and care for those in need, we serve our Sovereign King. Let us now present our tithes, offerings, and lives as tangible signs of Christ's reign of grace in our world.

**<u>Doxology</u>**

**<u>Offertory Prayer</u>**
By your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in heavenly realms.
Receive all that we offer you this day may these tithes and offerings reflect the reign of your love in our hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn #461 <u>Be Thou My Vision</u>**

**<u>Benediction</u>**
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
May Christ reign supreme in your hearts, your homes, and your community this week and always.

Go with the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, today and forevermore. **Amen.**

**Go now in Peace**

**Congregational Announcements & Events**

**Welcome and Thank you** – A special welcome and thank you to the very talented Hand Bell Players from the United Church in Wasaga Beach.

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.

**Wed Nov 25** - Quilting

**Thurs Nov 26** - **Take a Break Coffee Party & Mini Bazaar** 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. **All are welcome.**

**Thurs Nov 26** – Choir 7pm & Christmas Cantata Practice 8pm

**Worship and Nurture -** The Christmas family includes: Grandmother, Mother, boy (9), boy (6), girl (18 months), & girl (5 months). The final date to donate is Dec. 13

**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. W&N are still looking for helpers and people willing to be a part of the float during the parade.**

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 Ban Christmas List -** Canned Vegetables - cream corn, corn niblets, mixed vegetables, beans, peas, Snack Crackers, Canned Fruit, Cookies, & Canned Beef Gravy.

**Fire Safety & Defibrillator –** Please make sure all doors are closed when you are leaving the church & there is a Defibrillator located on the wall outside the Office.

**Worship and Nurture would like to thank everyone who participated in our worship service by reading Scripture, Call to Worship or Prayers of the People. Your participation is greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank everyone that helps by supplying refreshments for fellowship after the service. The time spent together, with each other, after worship is very important to our well-being.**

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