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 166 Years."

A warm welcome to any members of our armed forces, newcomers or to those returning to our Church.

Service: <u>Remembrance Day Service</u>

Sunday November 8, 2026



Minister: Rev. Thomas S. Mason M.DIV

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



GATHERING

We gather in silence as we prepare our hearts and minds to Remember Them

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46.1)
I lift up my eyes to the hills – from whence will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121.1-2)
This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. (Lamentations 3.21-23)
Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40.31)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Janet Beech

One: We meet in the presence of God
All: We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.
One: We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.
All: We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

Hymn #794 Abide With Me

REMEMBERING

"A Canadian Soldiers Poem." By Sherree Buchanan

Elder 1: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
Elder 2: At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.
All affirm: We will remember them.

The National Anthem Oh Canada

THE LAST POST
The Flags are lowered.
Two minutes of Silence.
REVEILER
The Flags are raised.

THE PRAYER OF REMEMBERANCE

Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymn #330 O God, Our Help In Ages Past

LISTENING FOR THE WORD FROM GOD

John 14:27 (unison) Janice Terry

Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

MESSAGE "The Peace we Remember, The Peace we will Build"
By Rev Tom

Hymn #624 Blessed Are They The Power In Sprit

THE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Janet Beech

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace: for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; May God give peace for those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss; May God give peace God give peace for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; May God give peace God give peace for civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;
May God give peace God give peace for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free;
May God give peace God give peace for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace. May God give peace God give peace O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.
As we pray, 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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. **Amen**

RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

Please come forward and place your poppies on the wreaths

OUR ACT OF COMMITMENT AND HOPE

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.
One: Will you strive for all that makes for peace?
All: We will.
One: Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?
All: We will.
One: Will you work for a just future for all humanity?
All: We will.
One: Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, And live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer. **Amen**

Hymn #736 For The Healing Of The Nations

BENEDICTION

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the King, the Church, to our Country and to all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always. **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.

Mon Nov 09 – Let's Do Lunch Phone In 9-12pm

Mon Nov 09 – WW & WMS Meeting 1:30pm

Mon Nov 09 –Finance & Maintenance 7pm

Thurs Nov 12 – Let's Do Lunch 12-1pm

Thurs Nov 12 – Choir 7pm & Christmas Cantata Practice 8pm

Sat Nov 14 – St. John's United Church Annual Turkey Supper – See Posters

Sun Nov 15 – Presbyterian Sharing Service 11am

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

Sermon Notes

