

# First Presbyterian Church

Trinity Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Healing & Reconciliation Sunday

Minister: **The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**

Director of Music: **Kathleen Howard**

Reader: **Anne Awori**

**Welcome to worship!** Thank you for joining us from wherever you are! In-person services of worship continue, with any public health protocols required in place. Face coverings and physical distancing, although not required, are still encouraged. Hand sanitizer is available as needed. Online options continue for those who are more comfortable worshipping from home.

## Information for In-Person Worship

- \* **ACCESSIBLE WASHROOM FACILITIES** for all people are available **on the Sanctuary level**. These washrooms are found through the doors behind the Choir Loft - right turn - straight ahead. Please feel free to use these washrooms whenever necessary!
- \* **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** – The Children are invited to join Denise Kent, our C.E. Coordinator, and her assistants in the Lower Hall for a time of fun and faith-centered activities following the Children's Message this morning.
- \* **HEARING IN THE SANCTUARY** - First Church has available a system of FM RECEIVERS and HEADSETS. They are for use by those who find it difficult to hear in the Sanctuary. If you would like to use one this morning, visit our Sound Technician at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- \* **COFFEE HOUR** – There is **NO COFFEE HOUR** this morning. Please join us next Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - in the Church Hall - for delicious treats, stimulating conversation and great fellowship. To volunteer to host, bake, or bring food to any coffee hour please call Tamara Chapman.

### ASSISTING YOU THIS MORNING

Greeters – Verna Brown and Margriet Westendorp

Sound and Video Team – Quentin Robinson and Michel LaBonte

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- \* Cogeco/Channel 10/700 Services every Sunday 7 am. and 5:30 pm.

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*the people of God gather....*

The Organ Prelude

Meditative Prelude on "Nicaea"

*J. Bacchus Dyke  
arr. Grimoaldo Macchia*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship God

Minister: Loving God, you call us together,

**All:** to worship God as the people of God.

Minister: You call us by name and just as we are. You know each of our needs. You know our experiences. You know what rests in our minds and in our hearts, and in your love, you call us together,

**All:** to worship God as the people of God.

Minister: We come together - our heads, our hearts and our hands and feet - yearning to be remade and redirected to paths of justice, and in ways of love. Help us, Jesus, to walk in the paths of justice and love that you yourself have walked. You call us together,

**All:** to worship God as the people of God.

Minister: God invites us to worship as beloved and loving people! Mould us, Holy Spirit,

**All:** to worship God as the people of God.

Opening Hymn # 299:

Holy, holy, holy

*Words & Music: Public Domain*

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty,  
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, Blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide thee,  
though our eyes in sinfulness thy glory may not see.  
Only thou art holy. There is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty,  
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### [Prayer As We Approach God](#)

Minister: God of Creation, everything you have made sings your praises.

**All:** Let our voices join the song and proclaim your goodness, your grace, your justice, and your fulsome peace.

Minister: With Jesus as our example, let our words become actions that reflect your will for the thriving of all people, all creation.

**All:** May your Spirit of love flow abundantly into every corner of the world.

Minister: Three-in-one God, for adopting us into your family and making us heirs with Christ,

**All:** we give you thanks today and always.

### [The Chancel Choir:](#)

### [I Surrender, Lord](#)

*Cindy Ovokaitys & Mark Austin*

### [Prayer of Confession](#)

Minister: God our Creator, on this Sunday, where we celebrate our relationship with you as our loving Parent, Sibling and Comforter, we also are marking Healing and Reconciliation Sunday.

**All:** We know that you cherish all your children and call us to love and care for them. But we confess that our ways are too often not your ways; that our societies are unequal and unjust; and our policies too often cause pain and suffering. As a church, we have participated in the harms of colonization and racism with the result that generations of Indigenous children have been forced from families and communities.

Minister: Forgive us. Stir in us a dedication to the conviction that racism can be eliminated.

**All:** Give us the will to work for the end of inequity and injustice that harms Indigenous children. Let us work for healing and reconciliation in our nation and our world. Amen

### [Assurance of God's Forgiveness](#)

Minister: We confess our brokenness, God. We come before you with all that we are - and all that we fail to be. With all we have done, and all we have failed to do, God of mercy, in you we know we can find healing and wholeness. Amen.

### Children's Message:

### Different, but the same!

Minister: Hello, children of God! Do you like to eat fruit? I sure do. What are your favorite kinds of fruit to eat? Well, I have here some fruits to show you. What is this? (*Hold up one kind of apple*) That's right, it's an apple! How about this one? Yes! It is also an apple! Now, they do not quite look the same on the outside, do they? But if I cut them open, what would I find inside? They are both apples and have seeds and flesh inside them. They might not be exactly alike, but they are the same fruit. How about this one? (*Hold up a banana, an orange and a strawberry.*). Right! They look different, but they are all fruit and are good for us.

How are people like this? Well, we do not all look the same on the outside, do we? Some people are different sizes, have different body types, and different colours of hair, eyes, and skin. We do not all sound the same or say the same things. But on the inside, we are **all** human. Do you know what is extra special about humans? The Bible tells us that God made us in God's image. God loves us and values us, so much that God sent Jesus to show us that love. And Jesus did not love just people from a certain country or people who look a certain way. He loved all people!! And when other people are in God's family, they are like our brothers and sisters. Even if you are an only child, you can have a whole bunch of brothers and sisters in God's family.

This Sunday is called **Healing and Reconciliation Sunday**, where we remember how Indigenous children in Canada, children that were about your age, were taken away from their parents and sent to residential schools so they looked and acted and sounded more like white European people, rather than keeping their own culture and language. Can you imagine what it would be like to be taken away from your parents and sent to school far away, how afraid you would have been? It was terrible, and that fear has continued to affect them and their families.

Sadly, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, our church, ran some of those residential schools. We as a church have said we are sorry for this, but there is more that we can do to build loving relationships with the Indigenous people of Canada. Today we remember what happened to those children, and we learn at school and in church about how to care for them and help them to know that God loves them! Come and pray with me, and ask God to help us care for them, and for one another?

### Children's Prayer:

Dear God, please help us to love and serve others. Sometimes it's hard. Sometimes people seem different from us. But we know that you love everyone and want them to know that! Help us to share that good news with everyone. In Jesus, name. Amen!

### Hymn # 585:

### Christ, you call us all to service

*Words: Joy Patterson, Music: Traditional CCLI License # 20312607/20312614*

1. Christ, you call us all to service, call us all who follow you.  
Plant in us a deep commitment all your work and will to do.  
Fire a passion for your justice. In us kindle love of peace.  
Help us heal the broken-hearted, to the captive bring release.
2. Teach us how to work together, brother, sister, side by side.  
Equal partners in the struggle, in the cause of truth allied.  
To each one some gift is given, man or woman, young or old.  
Help us use each skill and talent, your great purpose to unfold.
3. Let us be a servant people, reconciling, ending strife.  
Seeking ways more just of sharing and of ordering human life.  
Fill us with a glowing vision of this world as it should be.  
Send us forth to change that vision into blest reality.

*[to hear God's word...](#)*

### [Prayer for Insight and Understanding](#)

Anne: Gracious God, you meet us as we are, but do not leave us as you find us. Send your Spirit and open us to the transformative power of your living Word. We ask that you would use this time of proclamation to form us more in the likeness of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.

### [Psalm 29](#) (read responsively)

Anne: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings.

**People:** Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Anne: Ascribe to the Lord the glorious name.

**People:** Worship the Lord in holy splendour.

Anne: The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

**People:** The glory of God thunders the Lord, over mighty waters.

Anne: The voice of the Lord is powerful.

**People:** The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Anne: The voice of the Lord beaks the cedars.

**People:** The Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

Anne: The Lord makes Lebanon to skip like a calf

**People:** and Sirion like a young wild ox.

Anne: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness. The Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**People:** The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in the temple of the Lord all cry, "Glory!"

Anne: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood.

**People:** The Lord sits enthroned as sovereign forever.

Anne: O Lord, give strength to your people!

**People:** O Lord, bless your people with peace!

**The Scripture Lesson:**

**Romans 8: 12 - 17**

*New International Version (NIV)*

Anne: Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation - but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again, rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Anne: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God within us, and for the word of God around us. **People:** Thanks be to God.

**The Chancel Choir:**

**God Is!**

*Bert Stratton & Michael Barrett*

**The Meditation:**

**Winning the Lottery**

Imagine, for a moment, that you bought a ticket for Lotto Max or one of those US Powerball lotteries and you found out, when you checked your numbers, that you were suddenly a multimillionaire?? Then imagine, after you picked yourself up off the floor, what would you do differently in your life? And here I do not mean what would you run out and buy – though I am sure that most of us would treat ourselves to something (or **MORE** than something!!) – but I am thinking more along the lines of, what would be different about your day-to-day attitudes, practices, habits, and outlook? How would knowing that your future is secure change your present?

I ask because it is just this scenario that Paul is describing in our scripture text for today. According to Romans, vv. 15-17, we are not only God's children, but also heirs, and not just

heirs, but co-heirs with Christ. Now, stop here for just a moment and think about what Paul is really saying. That God considers us co-heirs – that is, equal inheritors of all God has to give – with Christ, God’s only begotten Son. When you think about it, we HAVE won the lottery! And winning this lottery means more than just lots of money (although that would be rather cool, too!). Rather than being afraid – of the future, of what people may think of us, of our status, of our standing with God – Paul invites us to imagine a life of courage, the courage of those who have been adopted by God and invited into the full measure of God’s blessings and riches.

All of which brings me to the Trinity, the Father-Son-Holy Spirit “three-in-one” about which much ink has been spilled over the centuries and about which theologians and scholars continue to wrestle. But at the heart of our understanding of God as somehow three-in-one is the concept that you cannot fully or finally understand God without talking about relationship. That God is so full of love that there must be some way of talking about that loved shared in and through profound relationships.

God’s essential being has always been a giving and receiving and sharing of love that spills out into the whole of the universe and invites all of us into it. First through creation and God’s series of covenants, then ultimately in the way that God’s Son came into the world to demonstrate in word and deed just how much God loves us, and now as the Spirit bears witness to God’s ongoing love for us and all creation. Which means, I think, that when we talk about the Trinity as God being three-in-one, we really have not captured it fully unless we recognize that God is three-in-one in order always to add one more – and that is us, an infinite “plus one” through which God’s love is made complete in relationship with **all** of God’s children. Paul tells us of the profound love that draws us into relationship with God, with each other, and with the whole of creation.

I think about the idea of the Trinity, this relationship with God and with each other, in connection with *Healing and Reconciliation Sunday*, which also falls on this Sunday. Healing and Reconciliation Sunday was designated by the 2006 General Assembly, recognizing the need for healing and relationship building between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada. Our Indigenous siblings are part of the infinite “three-in-one plus one”, but Christian Europeans, as the “colonizers”, refused to acknowledge that, trying to assimilate Indigenous people into their culture, especially by forcing Indigenous children to attend residential schools. Sadly, the Presbyterian Church was complicit in this racist attitude, running 12 residential schools for over a century.

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, will mark thirty years since the Church adopted its 1994 confession, which acknowledges the church’s complicity in a deadly assimilation effort that targeted Indigenous children. Now, you might ask yourself, “well is not an apology enough?” But, as I mentioned above, this Trinity Sunday reminds us that God’s love is made complete in relationship with **all** of God’s children.

If we have wronged a friend or family member, we do more than just say “Im sorry”, right? We reach out to the friend or family member, learning more about how they are feeling, acknowledging what we did, and learning from our mistakes. While the relationship will not necessarily be the same as it was before, in some ways, it can be made stronger and closer. The same applies to us as the Church as we work to eliminate racism and discrimination, so that God’s love is completed in the infinite “three-in-one plus one” which is the fulfillment of God’s will for us. As we look at the violence in Gaza, in Ukraine, in Sudan, at the polarization and division within our own society, to the racism, sexism and the other “isms” inflicted on so many, it is easy to fall into a spirit of fear and despair, to feel overwhelmed and believe that we cannot do anything in the face of it all.

But Paul reminds us that *the Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again*. Fear is the basis of so much of the polarization in our society, the “scapegoating” of people who “do not look like us”; “do not talk like us”; “do not think like us”. But there is a saying from Jewish tradition that you might have heard: “*You are not obligated to complete the task, but neither are you free to desist from it*”. It is a call to action and a rejection of apathy and inertia, even when the task at hand seems overwhelming. As people who believe in the Triune God, that God that is “three-in-one plus one”, we have power that is greater than anything – we have the power of the Spirit, the power of love which always has room for one more! So, going back to my question at the beginning of this message, if you won a Lotto Max or Powerball lottery, would be different about your day-to-day life, knowing your future is financially secure? Then think about this - what decisions might you make knowing you have God’s unconditional love? What kind of risks might they take in your relationships or careers knowing that you have the security of knowing that the creator and sustainer of the universe has your back? Friends, as beloved children of God, we **have** won the lottery – the one that REALLY matters! Go out and live like it! Amen.

### [Blessing the Word in our Lives:](#)

Minister: Holy Creator, as we hear your Word proclaimed today, fill us with the power of your love, that we may carry your Good News into the world and work for your justice, love and peace for all. Amen.

### [Hymn # 399:](#)

#### Spirit of gentleness

*Words & Music: James K. Manley*

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#### Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the waters. You called to the deep.

Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep,



and over the eons you called to each thing:  
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. Refrain

2. You swept through the desert. You stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land,  
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. Refrain

3. You sang in a stable. You cried from a hill.  
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still,  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. Refrain

4. You call from tomorrow. You break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow, the captives dream dreams.  
Women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. Refrain

### *Responding in love with thanksgiving*

#### Prayers of the People, the Lord's Prayer and Choral Amen

**Minister:** God of Truth, because we are imperfect, so too are the societies, communities, and relationships we build. Selfishness and arrogance in our relationships do not reflect your love, and have too often hurt your creation, and your beloved people therein. We know that wounds inflicted because of false beliefs about the superiority of people of a particular race, class or gender do not reflect your love for all people, nor your commandment to love you, and to love our neighbours. We acknowledge that even if we did not directly inflict these wounds, we have inherited wounded relationships, and that diminishing, ignoring, or denying this continues our complicity in a cycle of harm. We pray for those who are hurt and hurting because of false beliefs about the superiority of a particular race, class, or gender.

**People:** God, let equity and justice bring healing.

**Minister:** We hold in our hearts.....those who are sick or have loved ones that are struggling with physical or mental illness and substance use caused by trauma. Let them know they are not alone.

**People:** Jesus, bring your comfort, justice, and peace.

**Minister:** .....people who face violence in their relationships, in their home, workplace, community or country, and for those who have been displaced by war, unjust economic systems, the climate crisis, and ongoing impacts of colonization around the world, praying especially for the people of Gaza, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, Sudan, and Somalia.

**People:** Spirit, bring your comfort, justice, and peace.

Minister: .....people who are living with housing insecurity; where home is inadequate for the needs of the people it must shelter, is unsafe, unaffordable, or inaccessible.

**People:** Creator, bring your comfort, justice, and peace.

Minister: .....people who are struggling with economic insecurity: where there are barriers to education or employment or where there is injustice in policies, practices and societal power structures.

**People:** Redeemer, bring your comfort, justice, and peace.

Minister: .....people at the frontlines that daily face the evidence of systemic racism and continue to strive for the safety and dignity of people and work to care for creation in the face of human-caused climate change and global warming.

**People:** Holy Fire, bring your comfort, justice, and peace.

Minister: Triune God, whose multi-faceted love passes all human understanding, but for which we give thanks, in your mercy, hear the prayers of your people. Now, as the Body of Christ, we pray as Christ taught us.

**All:** 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### [The People's Offering for the Work of Christ's Church](#)

Minister: The Triune God follows us with goodness and mercy, seeks us out when we are lost, welcomes us when we come home and stops at nothing to be in relationship with us. There is nothing we could do or say, offer or give, that would adequately show our gratitude. Yet, we also know that you accept whatever we render in faith, bless, and use it. In thanksgiving and joy, we worship God with our offering today.

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### [Offering Praise Song](#)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### [Prayer of Dedication](#)

Minister: Lord, you require of us to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you. We pray that these gifts represent our desire to be faithful in our daily living. We ask that you bless our offerings, not just of our money but of ourselves, to make us the people you call us to be. May these gifts further your will for justice, love, and peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

[Sending Hymn # 480:](#)      [In Christ there is no east or west](#)      *Words & Music: Public domain*

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find.  
His service is the golden cord close binding all mankind.
3. Join hands, companions in the faith, what e're your race may be!  
Who loves and serves the living God is surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west. In him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

### [The Benediction and Choral Amen](#)

Minister: As we go out today may we go with the mind of Christ, with souls prepared to be unsettled, hearts that yearn for justice, and bodies that work for peace. Guide us and fill us with a desire to live in love and justice, to walk lightly and humbly and to seek truth and reconciliation, healing, and wholeness. May the transforming love of our Triune God, Parent, Child and Spirit, flow freely through each of us today and every day. Amen.

[The Organ Postlude:](#)      [Prelude on "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"](#)      *arr. Matthew McConnell*

The summer issue of the CHALLENGE is almost right around the corner! It is time to write those stories about church life, find poems of inspiration, dream (in writing) about summer plans, find jokes and humorous articles and stories. Send your submissions to [rev.marianne@myhighspeed.ca](mailto:rev.marianne@myhighspeed.ca)



Aziza, a mother of four from Pakistan, faced numerous challenges, including a physical disability and the tragic loss of her husband in 2019. Left to support her family as a young widow, Aziza and her eldest son worked tirelessly. Her son earned a small income as a shepherd. Despite their best efforts, the devastating floods of 2022 destroyed their home and village, forcing them to seek refuge in her brother-in-law's house. Aziza struggled to feed her children. In response to the disaster, a local partner, with support from PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, began a cash assistance project to ensure families could meet their basic food needs. Aziza used the funds wisely, allocating them for immediate needs like wheat flour and groceries.

*A Mission Moment from The Presbyterian Church in Canada*

Happy Birthday to: (May 26<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>)

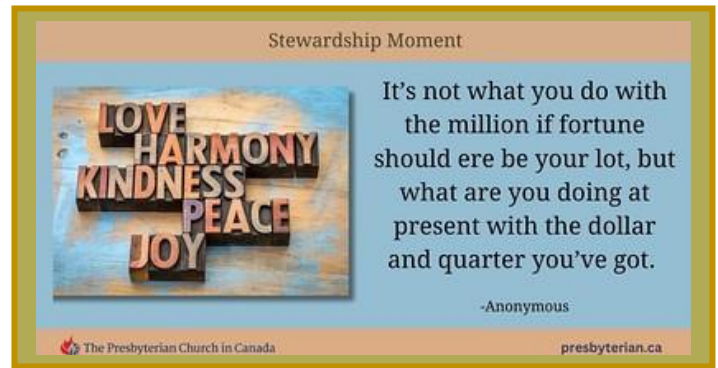
DAVID CHAPMAN – May 23<sup>rd</sup>

JIM ROY – May 28<sup>th</sup>

ABBY VILLENEUVE – May 29<sup>th</sup>

MARRIK COLLINS – June 1<sup>st</sup>

MALLIC COLLINS – June 1<sup>st</sup>



Congratulations to Hala Al

Dib and Omar Al Hassan, who welcomed their third baby, Ahmad, on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Brockville General Hospital. Ahmad weighed 7 lbs. 25 ozs., and mother and baby are doing well! Hala and Omar were sponsored as refugees by *Open Arms Brockville* in 2016 and 2018, and recently became Canadian citizens. Karim and Elias are proud big brothers to little Ahmad. May God bless this family richly in the years ahead.

## First Presbyterian Church MAY/JUNE CALENDAR

**LOAVES & FISHES SUNDAY** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month

**CRAFT & CHAT** - Tuesday afternoons- Parlour – 1 to 4 pm.

**FPC HAND BELL CHOIR** - Thursday Afternoons at 4 pm.

**FPC CHANCEL CHOIR** – Thurs. Afternoons - 3 pm. – Choir Rm; Sun. Mornings - 9:30 am. - Choir Rm

**SUNDAY SUPPER MINISTRY** – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month – Church Hall

**ONGOING PROJECTS: Grocery Bags, Egg Cartons, Breakfast Bags (Food Bank), Pop Cans for Maintenance, Breakfast Bags (Food Bank), Sunday Supper Ministry, NIV Pew Bibles - Sanctuary**

### COMMUNITY GROUPS using the Church Building:

EMBERS/GUIDES – Monday Evenings at 5:30 pm. in the Church Hall

BGH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – Monday Afternoons in Parlour.

BGH DAY HOSPICE – Wednesday Mornings & Afternoons in Parlour and Church Hall.

May 26 **Trinity Sunday** – 11 am. – No Coffee Hour - Sunday Supper Ministry

May 31 \* P. A. Day Camp – Church Hall – 9 am to 3 pm.

\* Setup for the BIG GIVE - 3 pm.

Jun 01 The **BIG GIVE** - 9 am.

Jun 02 \* **General Assembly/Baptism Sunday** – 11 am. – Sacrament of Baptism – Coffee Hour

Loaves & Fishes Sunday – Musical Guests: The FPC Handbell Choir

\* Meeting of the Congregation at 12:15 in the Church Hall.

\* Christina Duncan leads worship at St. Lawrence Lodge in the afternoon.

Jun 04 \* B.A.M.A. (Brockville & Area Ministerial Association) meets at the Guthrie Home at noon

\* **The M.O.V.E. Committee** meets at 9:30 am. in the Church Hall.

Jun 08 Saturday Lunch Ministry at the Brockville Public Library.

Jun 09 **Indigenous Peoples Sunday** – 11 am. – Coffee Hour

Jun 12 **The SESSION** meets in the Red Room at 7 pm.

Jun 13 Presbytery Council meets.

Jun 16 **Sunday Morning Worship on Fathers' Day** – 11 am. - Coffee Hour

Jun 18 Meeting of Seaway/Glengarry Presbytery

Jun 20 **The WORSHIP COMMITTEE** meets in the Vestry at 11:30 am.

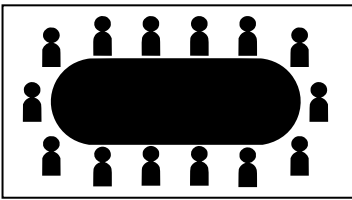
Jun 23 \* **World Refugee Sunday** – 11 am. - Blessing of the Graduates - No Coffee Hour

\* Sunday Supper Ministry

\* Reverend Marianne leads worship at the Wedgewood in the afternoon.

Jun 29 Saturday Lunch Ministry at the Brockville Public Library.

Jun 30 **Sunday Morning Worship with Communion** – 11 am. - Coffee Hour



There will be a meeting of the congregation next Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 12:15 pm. The meeting is to consider motions to enable the Future Capital Project to move forward. Information is on the web site under "*What's going on at First Church*", and proposed motions, will be available on May 26<sup>th</sup>.



Next Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> is **LOAVES & FISHES Sunday** - Our Church supports the work of this restaurant with our donations of money and time. This ministry assists so many and we are thankful to be a part of it. Donations of food can be left in the basket at the rear of the Sanctuary or delivered to the Church Office (white and chocolate cake mixes and coffee are great choices) during the week. Donations of money are welcome in your regular offering envelopes or online donations. Please mark all envelopes clearly. Thanks.



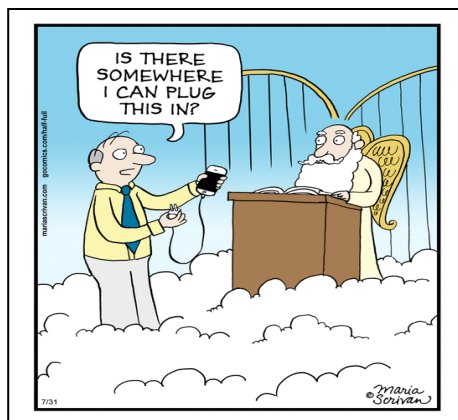
### **P. A. DAY CAMP – MAY 31<sup>st</sup>**

The Mission Project for this Camp is in support of [First Presbyterian Church's Breakfast Bags](#) program. First Presbyterian Church regularly makes up individual bags of nutritious breakfast items (that do not require cutlery) for clients of the Brockville and Area Food Bank, particularly those who are unhoused. The Camp will be collecting items for the Breakfast Bags, including juice boxes, prepackaged muffins, protein bars/shakes, dried fruit, and treats (such as small candy bars or small prepackaged bags of cookies). **If you would prefer to make a financial donation, please make**

**out your cheque payable** to First Presbyterian Church or etransfer to [firstkirk@truespeed.ca](mailto:firstkirk@truespeed.ca). Please mark your donations "Breakfast Bags" and provide a full name and address so the church can issue you a tax receipt for your donation. Thank you! Registration forms are available on the church website or from the church office.



First Presbyterian Church is taking part in the **BIG GIVE** (a nation-wide opportunity for congregations to bless their communities with extravagant giving) on next Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The M.O.V.E. Committee is planning a garage/yard "sale" and will also be handing out snack bags of cookies. Please set aside gently used household items, books, games, puzzles, pots, pans, dishes, and clothing. Volunteers will be needed to help with sorting, set-up, and cleanup. We are also looking for donations of packaged snack bags of homemade cookies (nut-free, please!) to give out on the day. Items can be dropped off at the church (just ring the bell) and left on the table under the picture board in the church hall.



## The Brockville Community Choir

Madelyn Mensen *Artistic Director*  
Donna Matheson *Collaborative Artist*



## Harmonies of Hope A Spectrum in Sound



Eve Rachel McLeod Matthew Larkin  
Foxwood String Quartet  
David Miles James MacKenzie

**Sunday May 26th 3:00pm**

St. Lawrence Anglican Church 80 Pine St. Brockville

Admission \$25 Adult \$10 Student FREE Children 12 & Under

 TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM A LIMITED NUMBER OF MEMBERS & ONLINE  
**TODAY!**  
www.brockvillechoir.ca 

Tickets available from:

**KAREN MAHON  
REVEREND MARIANNE**

## THE BROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND



# SUMMER CONCERT

Sunday June 23, 2024  
Brockville Arts Centre

at 2 pm. – Admission is free.  
Come & enjoy the music!



# We are Song

SPRING  
CONCERT

Spencerville's Village Voyces Chamber Choir  
& Malala Women's Choir 



**Sunday, June 2, 7:00 pm**  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
23 Bennett St, Spencerville

**Monday, June 3, 7:00 pm**  
St. Paul's Anglican Church  
12 Pine St., Brockville

Concert Admission ... Goodwill offering in support of Palliative Care and Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan, CW4WAFGHAN



**Home hardware building centre**

# 2024 ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

 Prescott Golf Club 

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH - 1:00PM SHOTGUN START  
@PRESCOTT GOLF CLUB**

Take Advantage of Early Bird Pricing Until May 15

Includes: Golf and Cart, Scotch Tasting, Wine & Cheese, Food stations, Auctions, Tax and Gratuity.

Prescott Golf Club Members \$110 Non-PGC Member \$150

After May 15, \$135/\$175 Respectively - Dinner only - \$60

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### **A Reminder!**

In the church parking lot, spots along the fence (north side) are assigned to specific people. Spots 2 through 8 are reserved weekdays (Monday to Friday), 6 am. to 6 pm. These spots may be used by others on the weekends and evenings. Spots 1, 9 and 10 are reserved 24/7 for staff and tenants. Parking is always open in the centre rows. Thanks for your cooperation!



## **The Path to Healing Native Ministries – Hope at Hummingbird**

Mary Fontaine had been preparing for her Hummingbird Ministries since she was a little girl. Growing up on the Mistawasis reserve in Saskatchewan, her late parents instilled in her a love for the church, as well as respect for traditional native ways. “My passion for the political and social healing of my people came from my dad who told me about the oppression and suffering of our people,” said Fontaine. “He believed in me and my God-given ability to learn. He said I could become educated and travel so that one day, I could help my people in some way. Hummingbird Ministries has become the way.”

It was her mother, a devoted Presbyterian (the Mistawasis reserve was first visited by Reverend John MacKay back in 1879), who taught Fontaine about the church. “My passion for spiritual and emotional healing comes from my mother, who loved Jesus but who also honored the culture to which the Lord had sent her to,” she began. “For my mother, the Lord was as present at the Sun dance as he was at the church she loved.”

Fontaine fulfilled her father's wishes when she received her Master of Divinity from the Vancouver School of Theology, and began Hummingbird in 2004, thanks to a group from the Women's Missionary Society who believed her work was “too important not to do.” The ministry was formalized by the PCC in 2005, when it was first funded for a six-month pilot project through Canada Ministries, the Synod of British Columbia and the Presbytery of Westminster. The goal of the ministry is to encourage healing, build bridges between aboriginal and non-aboriginal people, and to instill sacred values of the First Nations culture in the hearts and minds of all people.

“The PCC has an opportunity to demonstrate genuine love, trust and acceptance of aboriginal people,” said Fontaine. “The various healing circle ministries offer aboriginals an opportunity to identify their own healing needs, and the church has an opportunity to respond to those needs.” Fontaine conducts healing circles on various First Nations reserves, in churches and with community organizations. She hopes to work more closely with young people, and is currently on the Pathways Advisory Committee in Richmond, B.C., which is seeking out aboriginal athletes for the Native American Indigenous Games in Duncan, B.C. in 2008. She hopes to encourage young people to rediscover and reclaim their cultural heritage as well as be open to the church.

“I can tell people are being helped by the things that are shared at circles, and what people say that the circle is doing for them,” she said. “It's also the tears that are shed and the joy that is shared. “I hope the fear and confusion about aboriginal cultures will diminish for both the church and aboriginal people.”

