

First Presbyterian Church

Indigenous Peoples' Sunday, June 9th, 2024

Minister: The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr

Director of Music: Kathleen Howard

Reader: Persephone Antoniou

Cellist: Lea Wassink

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 Baptism 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** – You are invited to join us for coffee and fellowship in the Church Hall this morning following worship. To access the Hall, go through the doors behind the choir loft (or use the lift) and down the stairs. Just follow your nose to delicious treats, stimulating conversation and great fellowship. To volunteer to host, bake, or bring food to any coffee hour call Tamara Chapman.

ASSISTING YOU THIS MORNING

Greeters – Doris Hallett Elevator – Bob Walroth

Sound and Video Team – Quentin Robinson and Michel LaBonte

- * Our website and social media accounts:

<https://pccweb.ca/firstchurch-brockville/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Firstkirk/>

www.instagram.com/firstpresbrockville/

<https://twitter.com/firstkirk>

- * YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@firstpresbyterianchurchbro482/streams>

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

- * For pastoral care or assistance, please call the Church Office at 613-345-5014 or 613-340-3310. You may also call or text Reverend Marianne at 613-449-5042.

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your M.O.V.E. Committee



the people of God gather....

The Organ Prelude

Andante in G Major

George Berg

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship God

Minister: Let us give thanks to God with our whole hearts.

People: We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Minister: Call upon God to increase our strength of soul.

People: In the midst of troubling times, God reaches out to us.

Minister: So, we gather to worship God, trusting in God's goodness and guidance.

People: We come to offer our prayers and praise, seeking God's renewing love day by day.

Opening Hymn # 100

I'll praise you, Lord

Words: Michael Perry

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1. I'll praise you, Lord, with heart content and joyful.

Before the world, I'll tell your righteous ways.

I will bow down towards your holy temple,
exalt your name and sing your worthy praise.

2. Beyond the skies you set your timeless kingdom.

Your word shall last; your throne shall never fall.

The lords of earth shall marvel at your wisdom
and kneel before the mighty Lord of all.

3. Though set on high, you look upon the lowly –
the proud you see with sorrow from afar.

In all my troubles you are swift to save me,
and with your arm restrain the threat of war.

4. Forever you will keep your face towards us.

Your mercy and your love will never cease.

The come fulfill in us your mighty purpose,
and grant to your creation perfect peace.

Prayer As We Approach God

Minister: God of all creation, we marvel at all the detail and grandeur you call into being.

People: You tend the fragile beauty and balance in the world, receiving praise from the depths of the sea to the tops of the mountains.

Minister: You have seen your Church grow from tiny beginnings into a worldwide community, full of diversity in voice and vocation.

People: Open our eyes to your purposes for each of us and all of us, and for the Church in every location.

Minister: Awaken us with insights from your Holy Spirit,

People: and show us how to fulfill your will in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

[The Chancel Choir](#)

[Alleluia, Praise His Name](#)

Ruth Elaine Schram

[Prayer of Confession](#)

Minister: God of purpose and possibility, you give us work to do & the skills we need to do it.

People: Yet we prefer to follow our own ways. We think we know better. Forgive our stubborn natures. By the power of your Holy Spirit, create in us a teachable spirit so we can learn new ways to serve you.

[Assurance of God's Forgiveness](#)

Minister: The prophet Micah reminds us that God requires three things of us: to do justice, to love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. To all who turn away from self-interest and seek reconciliation with God and neighbour in kindness and humility, God offers forgiveness and peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

[Children's Message:](#)

[A Tent Home](#)

Good morning! How many of you have ever gone camping? Do you like camping? It is fun to camp from time to time, but I would not want to live in a tent all year long, would you? Tents get hot in the summer and cold in the winter. They do not keep the bugs out too well sometimes. They sometimes do not keep the rain out either! Tents are fine for a few days, but almost none of us live in tents all the time because we would rather live in houses. I especially think of people who have been forced to leave their homes because of war and violence, or people who are unhoused here in Brockville, and they live in tents. I am sure they would rather live in houses, too. The homes where we live, and this church building, are made of concrete, bricks, stone, and wood. They are made of solid materials that hold up under all kinds of weather and conditions. What if all your life long you lived in a tent? What would

that be like? I guess you would get used to it and think that living in a tent is normal. But what if one day you saw that people could live in homes like we live in? I think I would want to live in such a home. I would want to leave my tent and hope that someday I could live in a big house.

The apostle Paul wrote a letter to the Corinthians and told them that is what heaven is like. It is like living in a tent now, but someday moving to a solid home. We call that "hope" - that desire to live in a better place. As Christians we know that this earth is not our "forever" home. Someday we will go to heaven to live with God. It will be a time of great happiness as we move from this tent to a solid, "forever" home. I am so thankful Jesus made us a place in heaven. I like this earth just fine and want to live here as long as I can, but I am really looking forward to my place in heaven someday, too. And I am grateful that, because of Jesus, we can look forward to that home in heaven!

Children's Prayer:

Dearest Jesus: Thank you for the promise of heaven. Help us to care for people who live in tents now, and remind us to be grateful for your promises now and forever. Amen.

Hymn:

My life flows on in endless song *Words & Music: Public Domain*

1. **My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing:
It finds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?**
2. **What though the tempest 'round me roar, I hear the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging,
Since Love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**
3. **I lift mine eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his; how can I keep from singing?**

to hear God's word...

Prayer for Insight and Understanding

Persephone: Loving God, our souls wait for you, more than those who watch for the morning. Send your Spirit to open your Word for us, so that we will hear your voice and follow Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

[Psalm 138](#) (read responsively)

Persephone: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart. Before the gods I sing your praises.

People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness. You have exalted your name and your word above everything.

Persephone: On the day I called, you answered me. You increased my strength of soul.

People: All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

Persephone: For though the Lord is high, God regards the lowly, but perceives the haughty from afar.

People: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies.

Persephone: You stretch out your hand and your right hand delivers me.

People: O Lord, fulfill your purpose for me. Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

[The Scripture Lesson](#)

2 Corinthians 4: 13 to 5: 1

New International Version (NIV)

Persephone: It is written: "I believed; therefore, I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus, and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

Persephone: 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](#)

Sanctuary

John Thompson et al. – arr. Lloyd Larson

The Meditation:

Do not lose heart!

Last week's text from 2 Corinthians and this week's passage overlap with each other, which is rather unusual in the Lectionary! As I was looking at today's text in the context of last week's message, I thought to myself, oh boy, I need to find something new to share with you! I know some of you might have dozed through last week's message, but it is not like I can preach the same message again this week. I am sure some of you will remember what I said! But I do want to pick up on a theme that I touched on in last week's message about the global Church continuing over the centuries despite everything this world has done to oppress and marginalize it. As I mentioned, despite all that the Church has withstood, "it continues to provide love, affirmation, and community to so many."

In our text today, Paul writes *"[s]o we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal."*

I referenced in last week's message some of the things that the Church, both locally and globally has done to speak out for the voiceless, the outsider, the "widows and orphans" around us. But this work, the pursuit of truth and justice, is onerous and taxing. Change seems to happen so slowly. The incremental gains that we make, as the Church and in partnership with other organizations, appear to pale in comparison to the size of the problems that face our world. The quest to address poverty, climate change, to reform racist and unjust judicial and political systems, and empower communities often look like a dead-end street. But it was in thinking about this that the beginning of verse 16 jumped out at me: *"So we do not lose heart"*. It is easy to lose heart! I look at my news feed at what is going on in the world, from crises in Gaza and Sudan and Syria, to the impact of climate change, where parts of the world are suffering with temperatures of +50C. I see what is happening within our own country, where people of colour, LGBTQ2S+ people, and Indigenous people fear going out in their communities because of discrimination and violence. I think of people who cannot find affordable housing, of families facing intimate partner violence, of seniors who cannot pay their bills and put food on the table. It is so easy to lose heart, to think that nothing can be done. But our text today reminds us that we are not alone, that our labours in facing these obstacles are not hopeless. We have hope! And that hope comes from knowing that truth is on our side, and that through our efforts, we witness to the love and power of a crucified and risen Saviour. Reminding ourselves of this hope can overcome even our greatest fears and discouragement.

The Apostle Paul was also threatened by disillusionment, anxiety, and weariness. He spent much time in prison, he suffered at the hands of his opponents and evil rulers, and he was frequently alone and without friends. But Paul contrasts life and death in today's passage

to show the Corinthians (and us!) that the trials and challenges that we fear will overwhelm us can also produce life in those who are transformed by our faithful witness. We do not have to look any further than the overthrow of the apartheid regime in South Africa, led by Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu. Tutu led the South African Council of Churches, which actively supported the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa. Unlike Mandela, Tutu was not imprisoned for his opposition to the apartheid government, but many in the Church were subjected to beatings, imprisonments, and other forms of violence for taking a stand against apartheid. While these trials certainly drained these participants emotionally, mentally, and physically, they produced a transformation of the South African political system that has inspired peaceful, nonviolent political change around the world.

Paul encouraged the Church in Corinth to hold on and to not "lose heart." I think the call for us as the modern-day Church in North America is to look and to listen to where and how God may already be using "our light and momentary troubles" to gain for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all! Paul tells the Corinthians not to 'lose heart.' We need to do the same! It keeps us from the discouragement that creeps up on us as we seek to be and do all that we are called to be and do as the Church. While many of us wish for the "good old days" of the Church, when the pews and the Church Schools were full, God is even now 'renewing' you and I and the Church and this suffering world. We just need to do what we are called to do: get out there and begin to see how God is keeping this promise even now.

Let all of us who work in ways small and large to make life better, often without seeing many tangible results, join with Paul in proclaiming the Good News. It is easy to want to stop and ask, "Why are we doing this anyway?" or "What is the purpose of this when we are not getting anywhere?" But Paul, at his most pastoral, encourages us to not lose heart! The world's present reality is seen with our human eyes and is temporary. The unseen world of God's rule and reign is seen through faith in Christ and is eternal. Amen.

[Blessing the Word in our Lives](#)

Minister: When the things of this world are wasting away, when we face division, war, and destruction, when our family on earth scatters to the winds, do not lose heart! Come to God's temple and rest in Christ's grace, for as we hear the Word read and proclaimed, we are reminded that God's love endures forever, and Christ's grace is sufficient for all.

[Hymn # 648](#)

I'm gonna live so God can use me

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- 1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**
- 2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Responding in love with thanksgiving

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

Minister: God of grace and compassion, we offer you our thanks for the communities in which we share, for our friends and families, our neighbours and fellow citizens, and we pray for the widening circles of our lives. We lift up those nearest and dearest to us, naming them before you with affection and gratitude, knowing that your love touches the depths of their needs and celebrates the joys of their journeys..... God of grace and compassion,

People: Embrace the world you love.

Minister: We celebrate the life of this church community whose worship and witness strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ and challenge us to live what we believe. Awaken us to opportunities to serve you in the friendship and fellowship we share. Grant us courage to reach out in Jesus' name into the midst of any crisis or situation of deep human need. God of grace and compassion,

People: Embrace the world you love.

Minister: We remember before you nations and neighbourhoods facing ongoing conflict and violence, thinking especially of Gaza, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, and Sudan; those who crowd together in refugee compounds and homeless encampments or who face the consequences of nature's unpredictable forces. We join our prayers with the desperate wherever they find themselves. Grant us courage and resilience to meet the steepest challenges with compassion and hope. God of grace and compassion,

People: Embrace the world you love.

Minister: As summer approaches, we give you thanks for beauty throughout your creation, and for the refreshment and recreation it provides. Yet we are all too keenly aware of how creation suffers when we overlook the cost of our lifestyle on creation's fragile balance. Show us how to act for justice with compassion so that nothing precious, no one precious is overlooked. God of grace and compassion,

People: Embrace the world you love.

Minister: We know in our hearts the tug of your grace and compassion, so we offer these and all our unspoken prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to say together:

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 growth around us in field and garden speak of God's abundant love. What we offer to God this day spreads that abundance to those in need, for Christ's sake.

You can give.....

* by pre-authorized remittance (P.A.R.) (<https://presbyterian.ca/plannedgiving/pre-authorized-remittance-par-program/>). Contact the Church Office.

* by **mail** to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 885, 10 Church Street, Brockville, Ont., K6V 5W1

* by **e-transfer** to firstkirk@truespeed.ca

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: God of growing gardens and growing hope, receive our gifts and our gratitude this day. Bless what we bring and what we do, so that we become expressions of your abundant love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending Hymn # 477

Your hand, O God, has guided

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1. Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age.
The wondrous tale is written full clear on every page.
Our forebears knew your goodness, and we their deeds record,
and both of this bear witness, "One church, one faith, one Lord".
2. Your heralds brought glad tidings to greatest, as to least.
They summoned all to hasten to share the great King's feast.
And this was all their teaching, in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming, "One church, one faith, one Lord".
3. And we, shall we be faithless? Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict, and cast away our crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels some better thing is stored.
We will maintain, unflinching, "One church, one faith, one Lord".
4. Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone.

With your right hand to help us, the victory shall be won.
And then by earth and heaven your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem, “One church, one faith, one Lord”.

The Benediction and Choral Amen

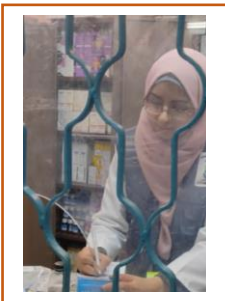
Minister: Keep your eyes open as you walk in God’s world, alert for occasions to share God’s love. And may the God who made us, the Christ who mends us, and the Spirit who gives us life walk with you each day. Amen.

The Organ Postlude

Allegro in G Major

George Berg

The summer issue of the CHALLENGE is 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, summer recipes, and stories. Send your submissions to rev.marianne@myhighspeed.ca by Friday, June 14th.



Persistent airstrikes in Gaza have caused extensive destruction, resulting in numerous casualties and displacements. Through the ACT Alliance, PWS&D supports the Middle East Council of Churches Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees. Their staff in the south of Gaza provide psychosocial interventions, psychological first-aid training, hygiene kits, and cash distributions to address trauma, limited water access and financial needs. The Rafah Clinic ensures access to essential health care services, while shelters in churches receive support with food and basic supplies. The overwhelming need for ongoing support remains critical as the conflict continues to inflict damage on lives, infrastructure, and homes, depriving communities of essential resources like water, medical supplies and food.

A Mission Moment from The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Happy Anniversary to: (June 2nd to June 8th)

QUENTIN ROBINSON & KATHLEEN HOWARD – June 14th

Available this morning on the tables at the rear of the Sanctuary

Copies of the June Prayer Calendar

Copies of “Our Daily Bread” June, July and August

Copies of the “PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTION” Summer Edition

You are welcome to take either or both of them with you – no charge!

GRACEFIELD CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

<https://gracefieldcamp.ca/files/2023/02/2023-Winter.pdf>

Summer registration for camp is now open! First Presbyterian Church will sponsor campers again this summer for a wonderful experience in God’s great outdoors. **Would you like to sponsor a child to camp?** Would you like to donate to the sponsorship fund? Please contact the Church Office for more information and ways to donate.

Happy Birthday to: (June 9th to June 15th)

LIAM VILLENEUVE – June 9th



First Presbyterian Church

JUNE CALENDAR

LOAVES & FISHES SUNDAY - 1st Sunday of each month

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

FPC HAND BELL CHOIR – Rehearsals finished for the summer months.

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

SUNDAY SUPPER MINISTRY – 4th 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.

- 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 22 **Men's Breakfast – 8:15 am. in the Church Hall.**
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

The annual **Community Celebration of Life** organized by the Brockville General Palliative Care Program will be held Thursday, June 20th starting at 7 p.m. at Hardy Park. The event is open for anyone to attend, regardless of whether someone close was in the palliative care



service. It is an opportunity for people who have lost someone over the past year to come and reflect. The event is scheduled to last roughly 40 minutes, with local musicians slated to play, as well as spoken-word performances or poems to be read. The celebration of life will be non-denominational. People are asked to bring their own lawn chairs, and in the event of inclement weather, the gathering will take place at First Presbyterian Church.



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



During the month of July, the congregations of First Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church will come together to worship at First Baptist Church at 10 am. For this month, First Baptist will produce the order of service each Sunday morning, as well as provide music and musical guests, readers and greeters. This provides the many volunteers from First Church, who provide this support each Sunday morning during the year, with the opportunity to have a break and worship with their families. In August, First Church will provide the volunteers and produce the bulletin, outreach mailings (or deliveries), and the prayer calendar. During July, you are encouraged to pray for the health and safety of friends and family and for the care and well-being of all those in need in our community and around the world. A note about givings: During July, envelopes from First Church folks should be placed on the offering plates each Sunday morning. The envelopes will be collected at the end of each service and brought back to First Church for banking. The loose collection at services in July will remain with First Baptist Church. The loose collection in August will remain with First Presbyterian Church. Etransfer will be available as usual and envelopes can be left at the church office during the week.

SERVICES of WORSHIP
in the Summer Months

Sundays, July 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Minister: The Reverend John Wilderspin
First Baptist Church
at First Baptist Church - 10 am.

Sundays, August 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Minister: The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr
First Presbyterian Church
at First Presbyterian Church - 11 am.

Sunday, September 1st
Minister: The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr
First Presbyterian Church
at First Presbyterian Church - 11 am.

Sunday, September 8th
at St. Lawrence Park - 11 am.

The COOPERATIVE CARE CENTER
An UPDATED NEED LIST

 <p>The Centre The Cooperative Care Centre An Outreach Program of the Brockville Housing Partnership</p>	<p>1805 Oxford Ave Brockville, ON 613-499-1988 infobrockvilleccc@gmail.com</p>	
<p>The Cooperative Care Centre is dedicated to providing a safe, nonjudgmental environment for individuals who are unhoused. We are open daily from 4pm-8am where guests have access to a shower, receive a warm meal, snacks, drinks, and clothing/hygiene supplies while staying with us.</p>		
<p>URGENT Clothing Items Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mens running shoes/sandals (9-12), spring jackets (M-2XL) - mens jeans (sizes 30-34) & jogging pants (M-2XL) - ladies leggings (S -3XL), running shoes & sandals (7-9) - mens & ladies t-shirts, hoodies & pj pants (S-3XL) 	<p>Guest Items Needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - deodorant, hair brushes/combs - razors, nail clippers, cue tips - rain ponchos, backpacks, ball caps - bug spray, blankets 	
<p>Unfortunately, our storage capacity has been reduced and we are unable to accept/store any other items at this time. If you have any questions, please contact us at the Centre.</p>		
<p>We have staff on-site 24 hrs/day, therefore you can call and arrange a drop off time for donations and we will ensure a staff is there to greet you! We want to thank the community for all of your support.</p>		

Conflict, Hunger and Humanitarian Access webinar

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

Time: 7 p.m. Cost: Free Location: [Zoom Webinar](#)



Join us this World Refugee Day as we learn about how people impacted by humanitarian crises can be forced to flee and struggle to access food. We'll hear from organizations working on the ground about the challenges of delivering emergency food assistance in these complex situations. And you'll get a first look at our new Forced to Flee learning resource to help you gain a better understanding of what people face in situations where their home is no longer a safe place for them to be. Follow the link below to register through Zoom.

TO REGISTER visit and for more information visit:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B1qpOb3STGajGlugBWkvvQ#/registration



Ministries with Indigenous Peoples in Canada

Since 1994, the Presbyterian Church in Canada has been intentional about supporting efforts of confession, truth and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and communities. As a result, **Presbyterians Sharing** provides funding for eight ministries that operate in and for Indigenous communities in Canada. These eight ministries comprise the National Indigenous Ministries Council. Each ministry operates under a minister, director, or representative who meets with the Council for mutual care, encouragement and discussion. Though the relationship between the Presbyterian Church in Canada and Indigenous peoples is wrought with history and pain, in part as a result of the Residential Schools, the church is committed to the ongoing process of healing and reconciliation. This is one of several efforts to recognize wrongdoing and prayerfully restore right relationships. The National Indigenous Ministries Council operates to uphold ministries engaging in this important work of sharing the reconciliatory action of Jesus in word and deed.



Cedar Tree Ministries (CTM) – Duncan, BC

Cedar Tree Ministries is an outreach ministry for Indigenous People on Vancouver Island. The mission is to bring healing and reconciliation between the church and the First Nations, as well as to worship God. The ministry includes multiple First Nations worship services on the island, as well as a food bank, Sunday school, prayer meeting, youth group, children's after-school program, and counselling services for youth and adults dealing with mental health issues and addictions. Cedar Tree Ministries shares the good news of Jesus in Indigenous communities as an outreach effort. The Malahat, Chemainus, Huu-Ay-Aht, and Pacheedaht First Nations are presently included in this outreach ministry. The Cowichan Tribe currently houses much of the ministry programs within Cedar Tree Ministries.



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 center rows. Thanks for your cooperation!