



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 16th, 2025

The Second Sunday in Lent

Minister: **The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**

Director of Music: **Kathleen Howard**

Reader: **Andrew Cameron**

Welcome to worship! Thank you for joining us from wherever you are! In-person services of worship continue, with online options available 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 volunteers, 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.
- * **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 sign the sheet in the Church Hall or call Tamara Chapman.

ASSISTING YOU THIS MORNING

Greeter: Pam Dewar Elevator: Mark Leslie
Sound and Video Team - Quentin Robinson, Kade LeBrun
Michel LaBonte and Mark Leslie



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- * **Cogeco/Channel 10/700 Services** every Sunday at 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.

the people of God gather....

The liturgical colour for this Sunday is Purple.

Purple marks the seasons of penitence and preparation (Advent and Lent).

The Organ Prelude

Prelude in E Minor

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship God

This liturgy was written by the Reverend Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls.

Minister: As we seek your face, O God, on our Lenten journey,

All: may we remember your covenant of grace with your people.

Minister: Give us eyes to see your compassion and glory in Christ Jesus,

All: that we may be astounded by your greatness.

Minister: Help our hearts to take courage as we wait for you, O God,

All: so that together we can sing and make melody.



When we respond to poverty, hunger and conflict in our global village, we discover God's resurrecting power. The hungry are fed, the vulnerable are cared for, the sick are healed, and the poor are raised up. **This Lenten season, let us faithfully respond to Christ's call to serve those in need.**

Opening Hymn # 209:

O love that wilt not let me go

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1. O love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.
2. O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze, its day may brighter, fairer be.
3. O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.
4. O cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be.

Prayer As We Approach God

Minister: Creating God, Loving Christ, Guiding Spirit, with the promise of spring and new life awakening, you rouse us from our slumbers.

All: You are faithful to us through every season of the year and every season of life.

Minister: The hope you offer in Jesus Christ draws us together, as your Spirit rises within our hearts.

All: Even as the cross looms on the horizon, we praise you for Jesus' courage and compassion, bringing renewal to us in the midst of all our challenges. We praise you, O God, for such love that will never let us go. Amen.

The Chancel Choir What Does the Lord Require *Words: Albert F. Bayly Music: Eric Routley*

Prayer of Confession

Minister: Gracious and Loving God, as we draw closer to the Cross, we recognize ways we fall short of your hope for us.

All: We get lost in our own concerns and neglect to show love, even to those right beside us. We find some people too difficult to care for. We think others unworthy of your love and ours. Forgive us and renew a right spirit within us, so that we find the courage to go on and the compassion to reach out in your name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Minister: Jesus said, come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Friends, trust that peace and forgiveness are God's gifts to you this day. Be renewed by the power of the Spirit that moves with you into each new day.

The Children's Message St. Patrick's Day – part of the family!

Minister: What day are we celebrating tomorrow? That's right, it is St. Patrick's Day! St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. We celebrate all things "Irish" on St. Patrick's Day. We might wear green, grownups drink "green beer", and we might eat "Irish foods" like corned beef and potatoes. On St. Patrick's Day, everyone is part of the Irish family!

But there is a family that we can be part of **every** day, not just on a particular day. And that is God's family! Family is not just about being related by blood. We are called children of God, and God loves us no matter who we might be related here. And because we are part of that family, we are brothers and sisters to one another! We are united through the bond of Christ, and Jesus wants us to love one another. You (hopefully) would not want to mistreat

your brothers and sisters and parents, right? So, we should care for all of those around us, recognizing that we are welcomed into a heavenly family, when we love and trust God. Whether you have a lot of siblings at home or none, you are surrounded by family through Jesus! We are all in Jesus' family, and we know that will always be so. What a beautiful blessing, that we are part of God's family, not just on a day like St. Patrick's Day, but every day!

Why not thank God for that now? Let us pray: Dear God, thank you for letting us be part of your family. Help us to do your will, and to care for one another as brothers and sisters. We love you, God! In Jesus name. Amen.

Children's Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for all of the wonderful experiences you allow us to enjoy as we walk each day with Jesus. Help us to follow Jesus wherever he leads us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn # 637: Take my life, and let it be consecrated

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1. Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold:
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

to hear God's word....

Prayer for Insight and Understanding

Andrew: Let us pray. Loving God, by the power of your Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word, speaking through the Scriptures. Reveal your truth for our lives and our times, through Jesus Christ, the Living Word. Amen.

Psalm 27 (read responsively) **Triumphant Song of Confidence**

Andrew: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

All: whom shall I fear?

Andrew: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

All: of whom shall I be afraid?

Andrew: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh - my adversaries and foes - they shall stumble and fall.

All: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

Andrew: One thing I asked of the Lord; that will I seek after:

All: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

Andrew: For you, Lord, will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; you will conceal me under the cover of your tent; you will set me high on a rock.

All: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer sacrifices in the Lord's tent with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Andrew: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

All: "Come," my heart says, "seek the Lord's face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.

Andrew: Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

All: Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

Andrew: Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

All: Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

Andrew: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

All: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Andrew: **Jesus Heals a Demon-Possessed Boy**

The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met Jesus. A man in the crowd called out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.”

“You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.”

Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

While everyone was marveling at all that Jesus did, he said to his disciples, “Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.” But they did not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it.

Andrew: 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:

Hymn

Frank Pooler & Stan DeWitt

The Meditation

Don't Hide! But Seek!

Minister: Do you remember playing hide-and-seek as a kid? Was it fun? 10...9...8... I remember bolting off to hide, fretfully searching for the perfect spot while the seeker counted down. In the bathtub behind the shower curtain? The corner of the musty closet? Or the narrow, dust-bunnied space under the bed? I could hear my heart beating wildly while I tried to control my nervous breathing so as not to make a sound. And then the anticipation of waiting for the seeker to find and root me out felt like I was in that uncomfortable location forever. Why is this fun?

Psalms 27 has been called a “*Triumphant Song of Confidence*,” but its references to hiding might make us doubt this title. In the first six verses, the psalmist speaks of a trust and confidence in the God who is his “light” and “salvation.” But the **writer** is not confident in the current circumstances, asking God to hide him (v. 5) from evildoers and enemies and the trouble being faced. In verse 7, the psalm shifts: the speaker has lost confidence in God, believing God has gone missing, crying out, “Do not hide your face from me” (v. 9).

The Psalms honestly portray our full spectrum of human emotions, the way we lurch between faith and doubt depending on the day, the hour or the minute! The ways we hide in

anxiety and fear and the ways we fail to trust God, are particularly relevant in Lent, in this season of “self-examination and penitence” — because following Jesus is particularly difficult if you are cowering behind the shower curtain in your empty bathtub or under the bed with the dust bunnies! How and why do we hide?

- * We hide to protect ourselves from difficult people, difficult emotions, difficult situations.
- * We hide from hard things — gloomy truths, complicated problems, people or concepts or cultures that are difficult to understand, anything requiring more energy, more commitment, or more self-awareness than we might be willing to give.
- * We hide from opportunities — from God’s call to step forward on the stage of life, to be and become more, to risk speaking up for the voiceless, to accept new challenges and responsibilities.
- * We hide and we pray like the psalmist, “Conceal me, O God. Hide me under the cover of your tent.” And then we wonder why God, too, feels lost from our lives.

Psalm 27 is a breathtaking affirmation of faith and trust in God, even in the face of dangerous enemies. But the questions of “Whom shall I fear?” and “Of whom shall I be afraid?” are not just hypothetical. Verse 2 names “evildoers,” “adversaries,” and “foes,” while verse 3 identifies entire armies or groups of people arrayed against the psalmist, ready to fight. By verse 7, the bravado of these initial verses is gone, and the psalmist pleads with God: “Hear me... when I cry aloud” (v. 7). The psalmist implores God: “answer me!” (v. 7), “Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger.... Do not cast me off, do not forsake me” (v. 9), and “Do not give me up” (v. 12). The tension between verses 1 and 12 feels palpable. Real fear lives alongside honest faith.

But a visible shift occurs at the end of Psalm 27. The psalmist has once again changed tune, lurching from fearful hiding to faithful courage. Perhaps a good night’s sleep brought about renewed faith and energy. Or there was a recognition of how small life is under the bed with all those dust bunnies. Whatever the inspiration, here the psalmist is at the end, now seeking out the rest of us still in hiding, singing “Come out, come out, wherever you are!,” encouraging us to step out, together, and professing faith in the God who steps out with us; the God whose “goodness” is seen in the “land of the living,” **not** the land of the hiding. Even in times of trouble, God is worth the wait.

Bona fide doubt and fear, the desire to hide from trouble, holds hands with genuine trust. In this psalm, as in life, both are unavoidable. Perhaps unexpectedly, both are also essential. Vigorous faith and animated doubt both insist that we take God seriously, ask God real questions, and depend upon God in tangible ways. We are also encouraged **NOT** to hide from or ignore our real doubts and fears but bring them to God in prayer. Faith is not simply about believing or not believing. It is about the truth of what we have known. Our life of faith is grounded in our lived experience; it is about the **real** mystery, awe, pain, and grace that we know, often seen and realized after times of trial, pain, and discouragement.

Last week, I talked about filling in the blank with intentionality and receptivity to God's grace during Lent as a way of drawing closer to God. The author of Psalm 27 is encouraging us to do the same: intentionally looking for and then sharing our experience of God (vv. 1–6, 13–14) and praying raw, sometimes gut-wrenching prayer that may not seem respectful or theologically correct, but is honest (vv. 7–12) and opens us up to God's grace in times of fear, when we would really rather be hiding.

I am not saying that this is an easy or quick process. Learning to hold doubt and faith in together, takes patience, which is why the last verse of the psalm - "Wait for the Lord" - holds all fourteen verses together. Patient seeking, patient searching, patient development of spiritual practices that make both faith and doubt meaningful - these give us the time and skills we need to navigate pain, learn lessons, gain perspective, and perhaps even experience the world differently, rather than hiding from it. Be strong. Take courage. Wait for the Lord. Do not hide! Rather, seek and be receptive to God's grace and faithfulness. Amen.

[Blessing the Word in our Lives](#)

Minister: God writes the ways of life on our hearts. Look inside and trust what is written there. Live as those whose hearts are pure. Love as those whose love is sure.

[Hymn # 688:](#)

[Like water to the thirsty](#)

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1. As water to the thirsty, as beauty to the eyes,
as strength that follows weakness, as truth instead of lies,
as songtime and springtime and summertime to be,
so is my Lord, my living Lord, so is my Lord to me.
2. Like calm in place of clamour, like peace that follows pain,
like meeting after parting, like sunshine after rain,
like moonlight and starlight and sunlight on the sea,
so is my Lord, my living Lord, so is my Lord to me.
3. As sleep that follows fever; as gold instead of grey,
as freedom after bondage, as sunrise to the day,
as home to the traveler and all we long to see,
so is my Lord, my living Lord, so is my Lord to me.

[Responding in love with thanksgiving](#)

[Prayers of the People, the Lord's Prayer and Choral Amen](#)

Minister: God of strength and comfort, in the peace and calm of your presence, we pause in the whirlwind of concerns around us and set aside our own interests and distractions to pray for the world you love. Today we remember before you all people in their daily life and work - our families, friends and neighbours, those with whom we work, and those whose faces we recognize regularly but do not know. Be with all who find these times stressful or exhausting. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Minister: We remember before you this congregation, our presbytery, and congregations of other traditions near us, as well as those who serve in church leadership and who nurture faith in others. Help us support each other and look to the future with hope. God of Grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Minister: We pray for this community, our country, and governments throughout the world. We especially remember before you today those in our community who are hungry, who are struggling with mental health, and who are unhoused. We also remember our indigenous sisters and brothers, people of colour, LGBTQ2S+ people, and all those who are marginalized. Send your Spirit, the Advocate, to speak for the voiceless and challenge injustice, and encourage all those who work for justice, freedom and peace. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Minister: We pray for victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression, for all who struggle to rebuild their communities after natural disaster or social upheaval, and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, praying today for the people of Ukraine, Gaza, Afghanistan, Sudan, Yemen and Haiti. Bring them comfort and courage, and the support of their neighbours and international peace and relief organizations like PWS&D. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Minister: And we pray for those people and situations on our own hearts and minds this day. All hearing and all-seeing God, hear us now as we pray in the words that your Son 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](#)

[Invitation to the Offering](#)

Minister: God has given us life and breath and created a world of beauty and order. In Christ we know God's generous mercy. Our gifts are tokens of gratitude for all that we have received in Christ and in creation. May our gifts speak for our thankful hearts this day.

You can give.....

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

* by e-transfer to firstkirk@truespeed.ca

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

Offering Praise Song # 830

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: Loving God, accept these, our gifts, we pray. Bless them and use them to inspire peace in places of unrest, love in places of resentment, joy in places of fear, and hope in places of loss, all for the sake of Jesus Christ, our friend and Saviour. Amen.

Sending Hymn # 412: **Come, let us sing to the Lord our song** *Words & Music: Jim Strathdee*
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1. Come, let us sing to the Lord our song:
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.
2. O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
3. You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.
4. Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low;
let your praises endlessly flow.



The Benediction

Minister: As you go forth from here, may you go forth with the heart of the Christ, in humility, seeking the will of the Lord in all you do, and in confidence, knowing that the Lord is our rock and redeemer. And may the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and forevermore. Amen.

Choral Amen

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**Tender Shepherd, gently lead us, guide us as we go our way.
Gentle Lamb, protect and keep us safe within your heart to stay. Amen.**

The Organ Postlude

Mercy

Georg Philip Telemann

In Memoriam

We extend our love and sympathy to Sharron Jackson on the death of her brother **JOE CONWAY** on Tuesday, March 4th, 2025 at the Belleville General Hospital. We also extend our love and sympathy to Kim and Andrew Duncan on the death of Kim's grandmother **MARY ALMA GRECCO** on Thursday, March 6th, 2025 in Ottawa. Arrangements are incomplete at this time but we ask that you remember Sharron and her family and Kim, Andrew and the Grecco family in your prayers.



With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre in Montreal, QC offers a March Break Camp and Summer Day Camps that are more than just fun and games; they are vital avenues for learning, growth, and community connection. These programs provide a safe and engaging environment where children not only enjoy exciting activities and real-life skills, but also enhance their literacy skills through initiatives like the Literacy Camp in the summer. Beyond the immediate joy, these camps play a crucial role in fostering social and skills development, teamwork, and personal confidence.

A Mission Moment from The PCC

Happy Birthday to:

(Mar. 16th to 22nd)

CLIFF LEAN – March 17th

GLORIA BATES – March 22nd

CHEESE!

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Caintown is again offering delicious cheese (Wilton Cheese Factory) as a fundraiser. Orders must be received by March 16th and can be sent directly to Shannon Morrison.

shannonmorrison1976@gmail.com

Full details are available from the Church Office.

Dates for Your Calendar

The Season of Lent begins this Sunday, March 9th

The Season of Lent continues for five Sundays.

Then Holy Week begins.

Palm Sunday with Communion – April 13th

Maundy Thursday with Communion – April 17th – 7 pm.

Good Friday Walk of the Cross – April 18th

starting at First Baptist Church at 9:30 am.

Ecumenical Good Friday Worship – April 18th

at Wall Street United Church at 11 am.

Easter Sunday – April 20th

First Presbyterian Church

MARCH CALENDAR

LOAVES & FISHES SUNDAY

1st Sunday of each month

CRAFT & CHAT

Tues. afternoons - Parlour – 1 to 4 pm.

FPC HAND BELL CHOIR

Thursday Afternoons at 4:30 – Red Room

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, Survival Kits (Food Bank), Pop Cans for Maintenance, Breakfast Bags (Food Bank), Sunday Supper Ministry

COMMUNITY GROUPS using the Church Building:

EMBERS/GUIDES – Monday Evenings at 6 pm. in the Church Hall

DSL G Cooking Class - Thursday mornings – Thursday afternoons; DSL G Cricut Group - Tuesday afternoons

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

Mar 16 **MORNING WORSHIP (Second Sunday in Lent)** - 11 am. in the Sanctuary

Coffee Hour, following worship, in the Church Hall.

Mar 18 **Meeting of SEAWAY/GLENGARRY PRESBYTERY** – via zoom.

Mar 23 **MORNING WORSHIP (Third Sunday in Lent)** - 11 am. in the Sanctuary

No Coffee Hour – Sunday Supper Ministry in the Church Hall.

* Reverend Marianne leads worship at the Wedgewood.

Mar 30 **MORNING WORSHIP (Fourth Sunday in Lent)** - 11 am. in the Sanctuary

Coffee Hour, following worship, in the Church Hall.

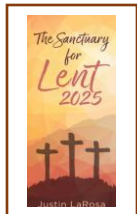


IT'S ALMOST TIME for ANOTHER EDITION! The next edition of "THE CHALLENGE" is planned for distribution mid-March! Your stories

and pictures of family times shared, friendship get-togethers, Lenten and Easter traditions, recipes, travels, and history anecdotes are such

an important part of each publication! Also, stories and pictures of favourite memories of church events, projects, activities, and special services etc. are interesting. PICTURES ARE GREAT!!! Whatever you think might interest our readers. Email your stories and pictures to firstkirk@truespeed.ca or leave them at the Office!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS TODAY, MARCH 16th! Thanks.



The Sanctuary for Lent 2025 contains brief readings for each day in Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Easter Day, including a suggested Scripture, a short devotion, and a short prayer or practice - all based on the Revised Common Lectionary. This annual

favourite will help you faithfully journey through Lent as you prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection. Copies available on the table at the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Church Office.

Office Hours – March 17th to 21st

Monday, March 17th – 10 am. to 11:30 & 1 pm. to 4:30 pm.

Tuesday, March 18th – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Wednesday, March 19th – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Thurs., March 20th – 10 am. to 11:30 & 1 pm. to 4:30 pm

Friday, March 21st – 10 am. to 1:30 pm.

MEN' BREAKFAST!

Saturday, APRIL 5th, 2025

at Stacked Restaurant

Email Quentin at

thesession@truespeed.ca

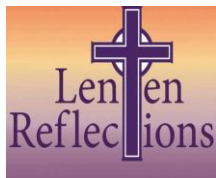
if you will attend.



Journey through Lent with Reverend Marianne

Reverend Marianne will be and posting short Lenten services weekly through Lent. The services can be accessed on the Church YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@firstpresbyterianchurchbro482>



Lenten Noon Hour Mid-Week Services 2025 at Wall Street United Church

Meeting weekly on successive Wednesdays at 12 noon until April 16th. Services are followed by a light soup lunch at 12:30 pm. Services will be in-person and on Facebook live.

Mar. 19th – Reverend Daniel Hayward Mar. 26th – Dr. Catherine Cavanaugh
Apr. 2nd – Rev. Donald Wachenschwanz Apr. 9th – Reverend Wendy McLean

Apr. 16th – Reverend Catherine Oxenford-Grant



Presbyterians Read Book Study:
The Niebuhr Brothers for
Armchair Theologians
by Scott R. Paeth



Presbyterians Read

In this Presbyterians Read Book *"The Niebuhr Brothers for Armchair Theologians"*, Dr. Scott R. Paeth offers an accessible introduction to the life, thought and influence of Richard and Reinhold Niebuhr. While they were from the same family and social background and graduates of the same school, their understanding and approaches to theology and politics were different. Both brothers were committed to applying Christian faith and ethics to such topics as war, pride, democracy, fascism, economy, greed, the relationship between rights and freedom, social justice, and race. These topics are significant themes for our age, and their wisdom has something to say about our times. They write from an American perspective but speak to Canadians, as our culture and politics are deeply influenced by American politics and religious expression. The study guide will include prayers, background, questions and suggestions for

broader reading to support those who engage with the book. In addition, it will contain an introduction, four study modules and a conclusion. You can register now for this Presbyterians Read Online Discussion. You will join the Reverend Dr. Emily Bisset online to discuss this timely Presbyterians Read book, *"The Niebuhr Brothers for Armchair Theologians"* by Scott R. Paeth. The first online discussion session takes place on Wednesday, March 12th from 6-7 p.m. The group will continue to meet online on Wednesdays through to April 16. To download copies of the study guide, go to <https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/presbyterians-read/> To learn more and register for the online discussion visit: <https://presbyterian.ca/webinars/presbyterians-read-lent-book-study-the-niebuhr-brothers-for-armchair-theologians-by-scott-r-paeth/>



THE BROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAL OF THE WMS 2024 AGM

Tuesday, 1st April, 2025
9.30 am to 3 pm

SIGNS OF HOPE IN NEPAL

Knox Morrisburg Presbyterian Church
10 First Street
Morrisburg, ON

Guest Speakers: Rev. Sarah Kim, Cathy Reid, Janet Brewer and
Deb Stimphil

Lunch \$12.00

Worship * Prayer * Guest Speakers * Study

Please preregister by 25th March with
Janet Jones at 1-613-803-8663 or janet.l.jones@outlook.com

We welcome all!

SYNODICAL OF QUEBEC AND EASTERN ONTARIO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY APRIL
25TH 9:30-3pm
ST PAULS
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
KEMPTVILLE
(319 Prescott Street)



LUNCH \$15

THEME: RESILIENCE

SPEAKER DIANA KEMP ON CUBA

To Register: email Judy Messenger
jamessenger93@gmail.com
or

Call: 613-258-5538 by April 17th
(to book lunch)



Meeting of the Congregation

On Sunday, April 6th, following the Service of Worship there will be a **Meeting of the Congregation**. It will be a meeting to bring people up to date on the Capital Project. AND there may be some motions to consider!

From Student to Teacher

Jessica is an inspiration at Francisco Coll School in Guatemala, where she teaches Grade 6. Her journey with Francisco Coll began when she was just 11 years old, attending elementary school there. With a scholarship supported by PWS&D, she continued her studies beyond elementary school— through middle school, high school, and even teacher training.

Now, after 13 years of teaching at Francisco Coll, Jessica exemplifies the school's holistic approach to education. She does not just teach subjects like math, language, science and social studies, she instills values of productivity, citizenship and character development - reflecting the community. Jessica believes in walking alongside her students and helping them apply what they have learned to the real world. For Jessica, Francisco Coll is more than a school. It is her second home, a place where success and achievement are not just ideals but lived experiences shared with her students and community. "What I love is to be a teacher, to be here with my students," she shares.

This Lenten season, faithfully respond to Christ's call to open classroom doors and provide necessary supplies to help children reach their full potential.



Dhane's Journey to Recovery



Dhane BK, now in his senior years, lives with his close-knit family in Nepal. Seven years ago, Dhane completed treatment for leprosy, marking a significant milestone in his journey to overcome the disease. However, his struggle did not end there. Recently, he faced a new challenge when he developed a foot ulcer. Recognizing the severity of the situation, he was admitted to the Shining Hospital for specialized care, supported by PWS&D.

With the support of his family and Shining Hospital, Dhane BK's journey to healing is filled with hope and resilience. Throughout his stay at Shining Hospital, Dhane BK demonstrated remarkable resilience and a positive attitude, which inspired both the medical staff and his family. His dedication to following medical advice and maintaining his treatment regimen played a pivotal role in his steady progress. His treatment regimen included daily ulcer dressings and comprehensive education on self-care practices. He learned the importance of inspecting, cleansing, protecting and caring for the ulcer - practices that not only promote healing but also empower him to take an active role in his recovery.

Today, Dhane continues to improve, with the ulcer showing significant signs of healing. His story is a reminder that with determination, support and access to quality health care, individuals like Dhane can overcome even the most challenging health conditions.

**In 2023/24, a total of 76 cases related to complicated ulcers were admitted to Shining Hospital, where they were treated with proper medication, care and support.*