

## First Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Minister: **The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**

Director of Music: **Kathleen Howard**

Reader: **Max Chapman**

**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 Church School Room off the Church Hall, for a time of fun and faith-centered activities, following the Children and Youth presentation 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 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: Margriet Westendorp      Elevator: Kade LeBrun  
Sound and Video Team – Quentin Robinson, Kade LeBrun  
Michel LaBonte and Mark Leslie

- \* Our website and social media accounts:

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

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

[www.instagram.com/firstpresbrockville/](https://www.instagram.com/firstpresbrockville/)

<https://twitter.com/firstkirk>

- \* YouTube Channel:

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

- \* **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.

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ZONE**

Help us keep the air we share  
healthy and fragrance-free

*the people of God gather....*

The Organ Prelude

Alleluia

*W. A. Mozart*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship God

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

Minister: Words of faith's story help celebrate this day of resurrection.

**All:** God creates a new heaven and a new earth. Be glad and rejoice!

Minister: God's steadfast love endures forever; the Lord has become our salvation.

**All:** The stone was rolled away – he is not here, he is risen.

Minister: We say with joy: Christ is risen!

**All:** He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!



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 # 243:

Jesus Christ is risen today

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1. Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah!

Our triumphant holy day! hallelujah!

Who did once upon the cross, hallelujah!

suffer to redeem our loss, hallelujah!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, hallelujah!

unto Christ our heavenly king, hallelujah!

who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah!

Sinners to redeem and save, hallelujah!

3. But the pains which he endured, hallelujah!

our salvation have procured, hallelujah!

now above the sky he's King, hallelujah!

where the angels ever sing, hallelujah!

4. Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!

praise eternal as his love; hallelujah!

praise him, all ye heavenly host, hallelujah!

Father, Son and Holy Ghost, hallelujah!

### Prayer As We Approach God

Minister: Gracious, life-giving God, maker of all things visible and invisible, on the first day of the world, you spoke and out of chaos came creation, out of confusion, order and out of nothingness came all creation.

All: On the first day of the week, Christ was resurrected by your grace, and out of death came life. You come to us through the Holy Spirit, to shine light on our way forward, offering your gift of new life in Christ Jesus.

Minister: Praise and honour and blessing be to you, O God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,

All: this day and every day, now and always! Amen.

### The Chancel Choir

### Run Mary, Run

*Joseph M. Martin*

### Prayer of Confession

Minister: Loving and life-giving God, you raised Jesus from the grave and shattered the powers of sin and death.

All: But we confess that we remain captive to fear, resisting the hope that new life is possible for us. We hide in tombs of indifference, seeking comfort rather than justice in this world.

Minister: We cling to resentment and disappointment, refusing the freedom that comes with forgiveness.

All: Forgive us, O God, and restore us to joy and wholeness through your great mercy. Amen.

### Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Minister: This Easter Day, God has turned our mourning into dancing! God has taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy! We are God's forgiven people. Let us be at peace with God, with one another, and with ourselves, through the undying mercy of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### An Easter Presentation by our Children and Youth

### Easter Egg-citement!

### Hymn # 256: Now the green blade rises

*Words: Public domain - Music: French Carol*

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
love is come again like wheat new-springing green.

2. In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain  
sure that he would never, never wake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
love is come again like wheat new-springing green.

3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for these three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead my living Lord is seen,  
love is come again like wheat new-springing green.

4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,  
then your touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
love is come again like wheat new-springing green.

*to hear God's word....*

### Prayer for Insight and Understanding

Max: Let us pray. God of the Living Word, by the power of your Holy Spirit moving in us and around us, open our minds to understand, our hearts to love, and our wills to carry out your mission in the strength of our Risen Lord, your Word made flesh. Amen.

### Psalms 118: 1-2 and 14-24 (read responsively)

Max: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,

All: "God's steadfast love endures forever!"

Max: The Lord is my strength and my might and has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

All: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted: the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

Max: I shall not die. But I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord. The Lord has punished me severely but has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

All: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

Max: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Max: This is the Lord's doing;

All: it is marvelous in our eyes.

Max: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Reading from Scripture:**

**John 20: 1 - 18**

*New International Version (NIV)*

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**Max: The Empty Tomb**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. She came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I do not know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Max: 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:**

**Hallelujah!**

*Anna Laura Page & Jean Anne Shafferman*

**The Meditation**

**The Women of Easter Morning**

*Mary Magdalene – Tamara Chapman*

*Joanna - Christina Duncan*

(Adapted from Carol Penner - **Leading in Worship** [www.leadinginworship.com](http://www.leadinginworship.com).)

**Mary Magdalene:**

We were weighed down walking to the tomb. We knew the way. We had walked it two days before. We had followed Joseph of Arimathea and his servant down the hill from Golgatha. Their arms were straining with the dead weight of Jesus' body. We saw where they laid him in that new tomb, how they wrapped him in linen. We saw their shoulders pushing that stone in place, the sound of it grinding shut. And though our eyes streamed tears we marked the place, for we knew we would come back.

**Joanna:**

On the first day of the week, we came, arms full of aromatic oil and spices; cinnamon, cassia, and myrrh. All our resources were pooled in a fragrant offering, one last service for Jesus. We walked the dark path, the sky just beginning to lighten. What we saw in the semi-darkness was not the closed tomb we had expected, but a gaping hole!

Alarmed, we looked inside and saw that Jesus' body was gone. Someone had been there before us. How could this be? Grave robbers? Some final act of blasphemy against our Saviour? Had Pilate changed his mind, and was Jesus' body now hanging somewhere for all to see? Mary Magdalene dropped everything and ran to find the disciples. Peter and John came racing back, entering the tomb: Jesus was not there. I stood with them, our hands on the giant stone, confusion written on our faces. The disciples and I left, but Mary Magdalene remained, gathering up all those spices.

**Mary Magdalene**

As I picked up the spices we had prepared, my tears dropped on the ground. Would this grief and suffering never end? But as I wiped away my tears and turned to again look in the tomb, there was not darkness, but light! Two angels were sitting where Jesus' body should be; and they asked me why I was weeping! Why was I weeping? I was weeping for my Lord, whom I had seen crucified only two days ago!

And then another man, the gardener (or so I thought), was suddenly there behind me, also asking about my tears. All I wanted was Jesus' body, so I could do what I came here for, mourn properly, anoint him with these spices in my arms. "Where is Jesus, tell me if you

know!” I cried. And then he said my name, and I suddenly recognized him. I cried out “Rabboni”, Teacher!!

It was Jesus! **Not** dead, **not** cold, **not** lifeless, **not** gone forever! Jesus, alive, before me, talking, looking in my eyes! My heart nearly stopped as I reached out to hold him, to see if he was real, touchable, Jesus in the flesh. He talked of my God and your God, and suddenly it was real to me. It was **not** God far away, **not** God not listening, but God present, God doing impossible things, God making morning miracles out of death’s darkness!!

Jesus told me to go and tell the others. So, I threw the spices on the ground, (no need of them now!) and I started running, my feet moving faster than they had ever moved before, flying with joy as I ran to share the good news:

**I have seen the Lord! I have seen the Lord!**

### Blessing the Word in our Lives

Minister: Dance, celebrate, sing, and shout for joy! Christ is Risen and He goes before us, into this world of fear and pain. Through the Word heard today, Christ calls us to bring the Good News of healing and hope, of redemption and peace for all. Amen.

### Hymn # 254:

### Jesus is risen from the grave

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1. Jesus is risen from the grave.  
Jesus is risen from the grave.  
Jesus is risen from the grave. Hallelujah!
2. Jesus was seen by Mary.
3. Peter will soon be smiling.
5. Jesus will meet his people.
7. Jesus will live forever.

### Responding in love with thanksgiving

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

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, come, be among us, that we might see you by our side, that we might hear you call our names, that we might, on this joyful, glorious day, be still, right now, and know that you are God. We give you heartfelt thanks from our full hearts, gracious and loving God, for the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. We have seen the Lord, and in him, we see our own salvation. We bring to you our prayers on this day, confident that you

are listening, and anticipating your grace outpoured anew in a world needing Easter. Gracious God, hear our prayer,

**All: and in your love, answer.**

Minister: Sovereign God, this is the world that you love, and it is the world for which Christ gave his life; guide its leaders and all who strive for peace and justice. Teach all international leaders to look with your mercy upon the powerless, the homeless, the hungry, the vulnerable and the oppressed. We especially pray for the innocents of Afghanistan, Gaza, Ukraine, Yemen, Venezuela Democratic Republic of Congo, and Sudan, who suffer the most due to war and persecution. We pray also for our nation. Direct those who govern our life in Canada and shape the minds and actions of the people of Canada. We especially ask for your wisdom and guidance as we consider for whom we will vote in the upcoming federal election. Wherever there is need, help us to be your servants there – working in partnership with one another and with you to love and to care for those who are the most vulnerable in our society. Gracious God, hear our prayer,

**All: and in your love, answer.**

Minister: Loving and faithful God, we pray for your Church in all its breadth and variety, gathered out of every nation, people, and language to be a holy and royal priesthood for you. We pray for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and we pray for our own congregation. Whatever challenges we may face, whatever the future may hold, we ask for ourselves and for all your churches. Revive us, O God, and make us strong so that we can fearlessly share your truth and good news with a lost and hurting world. Gracious God, hear our prayer,

**All: and in your love, answer.**

Minister: Compassionate and healing God, your Son came to heal hearts, bodies, and minds; to restore and renew all creation. We pray that healing may come to those places and lives most in need: those who are ill or recovering from illness; those who are struggling with financial, emotional, or spiritual burdens; those who live surrounded by violence, for whom home is not a safe place; those who are affected by natural disasters and the devastating impacts of climate change; those who mourn loss in their lives. In this moment of silence, Lord, we name in our hearts the people and situations we worry about today. Show us, we pray, how to be your hands and feet and compassionate heart for those who are in need. Gracious God, hear our prayer,

**All: and in your love, answer.**

Minister: Gathering our prayers & praises into one, we pray together as Jesus 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: We celebrate God's most precious gift to us in Christ's dying and his rising. As we present our gifts to God this day, may our generosity reflect God's goodness to us and the hope we have to offer the world in Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord.

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](mailto:firstkirk@truespeed.ca)

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

#### Offering Praise Song # 79

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: Generous God, we come before you with grateful hearts, recognizing how much you have given us in Christ Jesus. Bless these gifts so that they may spread the hope and joy we feel on this day to those who have not yet tasted your kindness. With our gifts, we offer ourselves to you in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

#### Sending Hymn # 250:

#### I danced in the morning

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1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

#### Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came with me and the dance went on.

Refrain

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
and they left me there on a cross to die.

Refrain

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body, and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance, and I still go on.

Refrain

5. They cut me down and I leap up high;  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.    Refrain

Benediction and Choral Amen

Minister: Go now, with wonder at the empty tomb to amaze you, with Mary's joy in the garden to lift your hearts, and the disciples' hope at the news that Jesus has risen to encourage you. And may God's resurrecting love open the future for you, may the Spirit empower and inspire you and may you be embraced by the hope of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, today and always! Amen.

The Organ Postlude

Jubilation

*Georg Friderich Handel*

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The beautiful plants in the Chancel this morning  
are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of

**GREG MOREAU**

by Annis and Spencer Moreau.

&

**KEVIN MUNRO**

by Marianne, Patrick and Elizabeth.

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The beautiful bouquet of flowers in the Chancel this morning is placed to the glory of God and in honour of the 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday of

**ISABEL CAMERON**

today, Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

with love from Bruce & Maureen Cameron in Calgary Alberta.

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Mengesha Kebede lives with his 10 family members on a small plot of land in Tigray, Ethiopia. During the Tigray conflict, soldiers looted Mengesha's property, stealing farm tools, clothes and household utensils and destroying his home. This devastating experience left Mengesha traumatized and deeply worried. His concerns were alleviated when he was provided with seeds, farm tools and goats, helping him replace some of the assets lost during the war. Mengesha is grateful for the support he has received from this Canadian Foodgrains Bank project, supported by PWS&D, but he recognizes that the road to fully recovering from the conflict remains long and that continued support is vital.

*A Mission Moment from The PCC*

## First Presbyterian Church

### APRIL CALENDAR

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

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

**FPC HAND BELL CHOIR** - Thursday Afternoons at 4:30

**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, Pop Cans** (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

**DSLQ Cooking Class** - Thursday mornings - Thursday afternoons; **DSLQ Cricut Group** - Tuesday afternoons

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

April 20 **EASTER SUNDAY** - 11 am. in the Sanctuary

Coffee Hour, following worship, in the Church Hall.

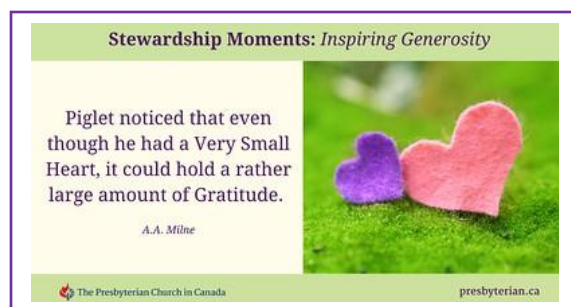
April 26 **Brockville Community Cleanup** - 9 am. at George Street Park

Hot Chocolate and Cookies following the cleanup, in the Church Hall.

April 27 **MORNING WORSHIP (Mission Awareness Sunday)** - 11 am. in the Sanctuary - Baptism

Coffee Hour, following worship, in the Church Hall.

Reverend Marianne leads worship at the Wedgewood.



*Highly populated WiFi environments: Isn't that an interesting phrase? Guess what, with all the "wireless" mics, page turners, tablets and other equipment in the sanctuary, this has become a "highly populated WIFI environment". Add to that everyone who walks in with a cell phone, and we have a problem maintaining connections. You can help by turning off any cell phone, Bluetooth or other WiFi device you have in the sanctuary if possible. (Not just muting but actually turning off). Thank you.*

## A Special Opportunity to Give this Easter

Each box of Church Envelopes contains a special one marked "Easter Offering". This year, donations received in that special envelope will be given in support of **PRESBYTERIAN WORLD SERVICE & DEVELOPMENT (PWS&D)**. Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. PWS&D's key values are: **Compassion** - walking with distressed and marginalized people, listening carefully to their stories and responding effectively. **Justice** - PWS&D works for equality, empowerment, human dignity, peace and stewardship of creation. In solidarity, PWS&D affirms that all people are entitled to know their rights, to receive equal protection, and to have access to and control over resources. **Partnership** - PWS&D believes in dynamic relationships that involve mutual learning, trust and shared vision. Healthy partnerships are accountable, ethical, equitable, flexible and respectful.

For those of you who do not have envelopes, please use a Visitor's Envelope found in your pew if you are attending a service of worship in-person OR give using any of our online options. However you choose to give, please include your full name and address and clearly write "My Easter Offering". If you prefer your Easter gift be used to support the ongoing expenses of the Church, include your gift in your regular givings.

### **Office Hours – April 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Office closed**

**Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1 pm. to 4:30 pm.**

**Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.**

**Thurs., April 24<sup>th</sup> – 10 am. to 11:45 and 1:15 pm. to 4:30 pm**

**Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.**

## **Brockville Community – Wide Clean Up**

First Presbyterian Church has registered to clean up **GEORGE STREET PARK** on **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 9 am. to 12 noon** and we are looking for VOLUNTEERS to help with the clean up.

Gloves, garbage bags, recycling bags and paper bags are supplied. Rakes are needed. If you can volunteer, please meet at the park (on George Street) at 9 am. with your rake if you have one. There are lots of jobs to do even without a rake! Cookies and hot chocolate will be served afterwards at the church. Please join in the fun if you have a few hours to spare. Thanks.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**to FRANKIE CHAPMAN!!!**

Frankie participated in the Shooting Stars Dance Competition in Belleville from April 11-13. She dances for the Boldt Dance Academy. Frankie won a platinum medal for her solo dance and a high gold and another platinum medal for her group dances. Proud grandparents are Janet & Francis LeBrun!

## **MUSIC FESTIVAL ENTRIES**

### **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Brockville Arts Hub @ St. John's Church

7:30 pm – Marianne Emig Carr – Folk Songs

7:55 pm – Marianne Emig Carr – Sacred Music

8:30 pm – Marianne Emig Carr – Stage & Film

### **Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Band Workshop**

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

280 Ormond Street

7 pm – Brockville Concert Band

*(Michel LaBonte is part of the band!)*

### **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Brockville Arts Hub @ St. John's Church

10:35 am – Zoey Burke – Baroque Repertoire

*(Zoey is a student of Kathleen Howard!)*

*She is also granddaughter of Roger & Bonnie Burke.)*

**Please attend their classes  
and support our musicians!**

## The Brockville Community Choir

Madelyn Mensen Artistic Director  
Abe TeGrotenhuis Collaborative Artist

# This Day



Featuring Stroope's **Hodie** and works by  
Willan Barber Forrest Whittaker Vaughan-Williams

The Herald Brass Ensemble Heather Istead Oboe  
Ange-Gabriel Treble Chorus  
Wendy Schmidt Fiddle James MacKenzie Percussion

**Sunday May 4th 2:00pm**

St. Lawrence Anglican Church 80 Pine Street Brockville

ADMISSION Adult \$25 Student \$10 Children Under 12 FREE



TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CHOIR MEMBERS &  
A LIMITED NUMBER AT THE DOOR OR ONLINE

BrockvilleChoir.ca



### THINGS WE NEED!!

#### 1) A NEW CANE

One of our members needs a new cane. She would be most grateful to anyone who has one they are not using and would be willing to give away.

#### 1) SOCKS

At our Sunday Suppers, one of the items most requested is socks for men & women.

If you have any of these items, donations can be left at the Church Office or call the Office 613-345-5014 to arrange for a

### GRACEFIELD CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

<https://gracefieldcamp.ca/beavertales-newsletter/>

Check out the latest edition of the Camp Newsletter – BEAVERTAILS. It is full of information about the 2025 season. Summer registration for camp is now open! More information about Gracefield and the summer camping schedule is available in the CHALLENGE or visit <https://gracefieldcamp.ca/>. 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.*

### TO BE GIVEN AWAY!!

(Owners moving to a new home)

**IKEA Captain's Bed with base,  
drawers and a new mattress**

**Side Tables**

**Ceiling, table and desk Lighting Units**

**Rugs**

**Kitchen Accessories (including a bread maker)**

If you are interested in any of these items,  
please call the Church Office 613-345-5014.

### Christ Is Risen!!

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the power of God's love and mercy. Every day, we witness the transformative effect of responding to the needs of the hungry, marginalized and displaced.

Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, our church is committed to serving those in need with compassion, justice and love. Your faithful support through Presbyterian World Service & Development is making a transformative impact in communities worldwide.

Together, we are restoring human dignity, alleviating suffering and fostering community cooperation. We are providing critical food assistance, access to health care, sanitation services, and other emergency relief to those affected by crisis and disaster. Our partners also work to address inequalities by strengthening communities through education, community health, sustainable agriculture practices, and skills training while supporting the rights and needs of refugees.

Faithful to our calling, we respond together.

**This Easter, please support PWS&D. WeRespond.ca**



**Every Day is Earth Day**  
 Learning about the impacts of environmental change on Indigenous people and all our relations.

**Register today!**

**Tuesday, April 23**  
**1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (Eastern)**

Presenter: Dr. Leora Gansworth



This one-hour webinar will explore insights about how ongoing land and water changes uniquely impact Indigenous peoples' inter-generational lives and "all our relations," including birds, fish, plants and others. Questions of climate justice are about living well together, and Dr. Leora Gansworth will share some examples of how faith and action might work together to pursue *mino-bimadiziwin*. This Anishinabe concept talks about seeking a good and

balanced life. Dr. Gansworth is Anishinabe-kwe, a community-engaged scholar and Anishinabe geographer. Her professional work draws from Anishinabe legal traditions, including relationships and water-related responsibilities.

To register visit - <https://presbyterian.ca/webinars/every-day-is-earth-day/>



### **Myanmar Earthquake Response**

On March 28<sup>th</sup>, Myanmar and Thailand were struck by a devastating earthquake measuring 7.7 in magnitude. While the current death toll is already over 1,700, the final number is projected to be well over 10,000. More than 3,400 people are injured, and over 300 individuals are still

reported missing. Entire communities have been destroyed, leaving thousands of people homeless. Exacerbating the issue in Myanmar, communities hit by the earthquake were already hosting over 1.6 million people displaced from elsewhere in the country. PWS&D is able to respond through our ecumenical networks and coalitions, including ACT Alliance.

**Please keep the people of Myanmar and Thailand in your prayers and support our response by clicking the link below, calling the office at 1-800-619-7301 x291 or donating through your congregation. Indicate the gift is for "Myanmar Relief."**



### **Justice and Hope for All** **A 2025 Federal Election Resource**

Canada's next federal election is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>. Democratic institutions rely on informed citizens' engagement. This resource contains questions about issues that *The Presbyterian Church in Canada* has spoken on. Grounded in our understanding that the church's role in society is to pursue love and justice for all of God's creation, this resource is intended to support personal reflection, conversation within congregations and advocacy with candidates. While this resource focuses on issues that are national in scope, local issues also have a place in our advocacy with candidates and elected officials. If there is a topic not included in this resource that you would like to learn more about, you may be able to find out more about it on the Social Action Hub: [presbyterian.ca/justice/social-action/](https://presbyterian.ca/justice/social-action/).

Visit: <https://presbyterian.ca/2025/03/27/justice-and-hope-for-all-a-2025-federal-election-resource/?bblinkid=284202294&bbemailid=58278982&bbejrid=-1090553810>

for discussion questions concerning the following topics:

***Affordable Housing Safe - Climate Change - Indigenous Rights and Reconciliation***  
***International Aid - International Relations - Poverty Reduction Strategies Poverty***  
***Refugee Sponsorship and Immigration - Rights for 2SLGBTQI+ People***