



## First Presbyterian Church

General Assembly Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Minister: **The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**

Director of Music: **Kathleen Howard**

Leaders of Worship: **Members of the Session**

Guest Cellist: **Lea Wassink**

**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 & Youth 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: **Janice Walroth** Elevator: **Bob Walroth**  
Sound and Video Team – **Quentin Robinson, Kade LeBrun**  
**Michel LaBonte and Mark Leslie**

### **NEED A RIDE?**

#### **Call Executive Taxi!**

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your M.O.V.E. Committee



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<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.

*the people of God gather....*

The Organ Prelude

Rondo

*attributed to John Bull*

Welcome and Announcements

Brenda Fisk

Call to Worship God

Reverend Ian Johnston

Reverend Ian: Let every creature in heaven and on earth shout to God and sing with joy!

All: Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God for ever and ever!

Reverend Ian: Let us raise our prayers and praises to God in worship this day!

All: Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.

Opening Hymn # 269:

Your kingdom come, O God

*Words & Music: Public domain*

1. Your kingdom come, O God!

Your rule, O Christ, begin;

break with your iron rod the tyrannies of sin.

2. Where is your reign of peace and purity and love?

When shall all hatred cease as in the realms above?

3. When comes the promised time,

the end of strife and war,

when lust, oppression, crime and greed shall be no more?

4. O Lord our God, arise and come in your great might!

Revive our longing eyes which languish for your sight.

5. Some scorn your sacred name, and wolves devour your fold;

by many deeds of shame we learn that love grows cold.

6. On nations near and far thick darkness gathers yet:

arise, O Morning Star;

arise and never set!

Prayer As We Approach God

Reverend Ian Johnston

Reverend Ian: God of glory and majesty, God of mystery and mercy, in Christ Jesus you came to live among us, sharing in our joys and sorrows.

All: After he suffered and died for our sake, you raised him and took him up in glory so that he might fulfill all things.

Reverend Ian: As our ascended Lord, he gives hope to your people in all places, in every generation and every situation. So we claim that hope this day, for ourselves and for the world you love,

**All:** offering you our praise and worship in the name of Jesus Christ, who now lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### The Chancel Choir

### Seek Ye First

*Karen Lafferty, arr. Douglas E. Wagner*

### Prayer of Confession

Don Everson

Don: You desire us to share in the unity and be one as you are Three in One.

**All:** We confess that such unity often eludes us. We dwell on our differences and find reasons to criticize each other. The love you called us to offer to one another disappears when we disagree. Forgive us for making our opinions and preferences into dividing lines within the body of your Church. Call us again to honour the unity and love you cherish for your followers so we may be witnesses to your unity and love in this divided world. Amen.

### Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Don Everson

Don: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ – and Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given a ministry of reconciliation for his sake.

### The Children's Message

Janet LeBrun

It is good to see you this morning. The bible passage that Francis (also known as Poppy) is going to read later comes from the Gospel according to John, one of the books in the New Testament.

Chapter 17 is all about Jesus praying to his Father (Who is?). Jesus knew that his time on earth was almost done, and he was praying for himself, his disciples and all believers. He prays for the unity of his followers, asking that they may be one as he and God are one. He prays for his disciples, that they will be brave and strong and that the people they preach to will believe in their words and become followers. Jesus prays that the disciples all understand that God sent him, and if they accepted, believed and loved him, then God would accept and love them and be with them forever. Jesus wanted the whole world to believe and glorify God. It is the same with us. If we glorify God and believe, accept and love Jesus as God's son, then God will be with us all our lives and beyond.

Let us pray: Dear God, thank you for sending your son, Jesus, to us. Through him, we know that we are your people for all eternity. All praise be yours, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn # 774:

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name

*Words & Music: Carol Owens*

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1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again in Jesus' name,  
and in Jesus' name I come to you to share his love as he told me to.  
He said: "Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely, give.  
Go in my name and because you believe,  
others will know that I live."

2. All power is given in Jesus' name,  
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,  
and in Jesus' name I come to you to share his power as he told me to.  
He said: "Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely, give.  
Go in my name and because you believe,  
others will know that I live."

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

Prayer for Insight and Understanding

Francis LeBrun

Francis: O God, you are the beginning and the end of all things, the First and the Last. By the power of your Spirit, open our hearts and minds to your truth, so that we may find new beginnings in your Word, and make living your Word our purpose and end. Amen.

Psalm 97 (read responsively)

Francis LeBrun

Francis: The Lord reigns! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

People: Clouds and thick darkness surround the Lord; righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.

Francis: Fire goes before the Lord and consumes enemies on every side.

People: Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

Francis: Mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

People: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness; and all the peoples behold God's glory.

Francis: All who worship images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before the lord.

**People:** Zion hears and is glad; the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O God.

Francis: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;

**People:** you are exulted far above all gods.

Francis: The Lord loves those who hate evil, guards the lives of the faithful, and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

**People:** Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Francis: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,

**People:** and give thanks to God's holy name!

### The Scripture Lesson

### John 17: 20 - 26

*New International Version (NIV)*

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Francis: **Jesus Prays for All Believers**

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one - I in them and you in me - so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

“Father, I want those you have given me, to be with me, where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me, may be in them, and that I myself may be in them.”

Francis: 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:

### Send the Light

*Mark Hayes*

### The Meditation

### Jesus prays – for Us!

Tamara Chapman

written by the Reverend Marianne Emig Carr

We as elders (or clergy) are probably used to praying for others, especially if we are praying for someone before surgery or treatment, in times of trial, or in the wake of someone's passing.

You are praying to help give them comfort, to remind them that God is with them, as are their faith family. But have you ever experienced a moment when someone prayed **with** you and **for** you?

This is what is happening in our Gospel text for today. I will set the scene for you. It is Maundy Thursday evening, the night on which Jesus will be betrayed, handed over to his enemies, deserted by his friends, tried, convicted, and ultimately crucified. Jesus knows all this is going to happen. You would think he would be asking his friends to pray for him, to give him their comfort, their support, their love.

But Jesus is Jesus. And the disciples, human as they are, are not! Knowing all that is to come, Jesus gathers with his closest friends, his disciples, for food and fellowship. He shares with them words of comfort, of encouragement, of hope and then - Jesus **prays for them**. He prays that they may endure the challenges that come their way. He prays that they may discover strength in their unity. He prays that they will be drawn together as one, as Jesus and the heavenly Father are one. And then he prays not only for them, but for all for who will believe in Jesus because of their testimony.

And that is where we come in. Because we are now in church because someone told us about Jesus. Whether it was a parent, friend, grandparent, pastor or whomever, someone told us about the Good News - that in Jesus, we know that God loves us all and, inspired by this promise and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we came to believe. But here is the thing: someone else told the person who told us. And someone else told that person. And someone told that person as well...and so on and so on, all the way back to the testimony of these disciples who, despite their fear – both on that fateful evening and on Easter morning – nevertheless went out, trusting in the promise of resurrection, and began to share the good news of Jesus with others.

And so, when Jesus prays not only for these disciples but for those who believe because of them, he is praying for the writer of the Gospel of John's original audience and for all Christians ever since, **all the way** up to you and me. Here and now. In this text, we hear how Jesus, on this significant night, took time from everything else he was doing, all that he was facing, and prayed FOR US.

All too often, I think that Scripture can seem like a story told about people living so long ago that we may wonder what it has to say to us today. But this passage can be one of those scriptures that opens our eyes, and our hearts, to just how relevant the biblical text is to us today. In this scripture, and indeed in all of John Chapter 17, the disciples, at the end of the longest discourse in scripture, hear themselves being prayed for, and in the process hear prayers for those who were not there yet, but who will follow them in the future, as the message of the Good News is shared with others.

This passage affirms that whatever the disciples faced, they would not face it alone, because Jesus was praying for them and promises to be with them through the Holy Spirit. It

affirms that prayer is not something that happens in a moment in time but has its roots in past prayers and will blossom and grow in future prayers. We who live over 2,000 years later are a part of this prayer, and ought to hear Jesus praying this scripture for us. We are one. We are one with each other, with the faithful who have gone before us, and with those who will hear the Good News in generations to come. Jesus continues to pray for us now, even as we pray to Jesus.

So how will knowing that Jesus is praying for you impact your life as you deal with challenges at work, home or school; as you face setbacks in your professional or personal lives, or as you cope with stress and illness? What difference does it make, knowing Jesus is praying for us, when we look at our world, so full of discord, polarization, and anger, and wonder – what does the future look like for me? For our children? For our world?

I encourage you, as you reflect on this scripture, to hear Jesus praying not only for his disciples, not only for us here on this Sunday morning, but with - and for - the communion of saints in all times and in all places. Prayer is not a lonely activity occurring in a moment, but the activity of the Spirit all times and places, before creation, and after the fulfillment of history. On eve of his crucifixion, Jesus prayed for his disciples, and they heard him praying for them. In that prayer, Jesus affirmed that he would continue to walk with them, to accompany them through all that may come, to hold onto them through the highs and lows of life, even through death to new life. This is the promise of The Resurrection, and it is not just for those first disciples centuries ago. It is for us. Jesus prays – for us!!

### Blessing the Word in our Lives

Tamara Chapman

Tamara: As we hear the word of God read and proclaimed today, may we be prepared to respond as inspired prophets, humble servants, and faithful disciples today and every day. Amen.

### Hymn # 480:

### In Christ there is no east or west

*Words & Music: Public domain*

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



4. In Christ now meet both east and west;  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

*Responding in love with thanksgiving*

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

Debbie LaBonte

Debbie: Faithful God, we give you thanks for your steadfast love that provides courage and comfort for your people in every challenging time. Continue to surprise us with your grace, O God, and breathe your Spirit upon your church once more, to draw us together in worship and witness. Renew our faith so that we may serve you with courage and creativity, offering the hope we know in Christ Jesus to this struggling world. Devoted God,

People: hear our prayer.

Debbie: God of peace, thank you for sending Jesus into the world, to reconcile the world to you through the forgiveness of our sins. May the fruits of the reconciliation and peace Christ offers continue to work in places of hatred and hostility, praying especially for the people of Gaza, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Yemen, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Sudan. Today we name before you, in the silence of our hearts, the places on our minds and hearts these days, and relationships in need of your reconciling grace. (*silence*) O God, do not let us be resigned to injustice or indifference. Inspire us to build renewed relationships in these days of deepening divisions in our social and political discourse. Devoted God,

People: hear our prayer.

Debbie: God of fellowship, we praise you and pray for your church: renew our life together, correct us when we err and encourage us when we are most faithful. Inspire congregation with a fresh vision to continue Christ's ministry in the world you love. Bless your ministers with courage and compassion, your elders with insight and wisdom, and all your people with passion for you for the ministries to which you call us all. Devoted God,

People: hear our prayer.

Debbie: General Assembly is gathering today. We pray your blessing on the outgoing and incoming Moderators of the General Assembly as they serve your church. Move with your Spirit among the commissioners as they discern the mind of Christ for our denomination. Devoted God,

People: hear our prayer.

Debbie: God who calls us into our future, we pray for graduating students filled with anticipation and uncertainty about the future. Guide their choices. We remember the graduates from our theological colleges. May they always remember that you called them



into ministry, and that you will provide them with the wisdom, strength and grace needed to live out their calling in ever-changing contexts. Devoted God, **People: hear our prayer.**

Debbie: Comfort those who mourn the loss of dear ones, and support those who are sick, and those recovering from setbacks or failure. Give strength to people who are worn out or discouraged and calm the anxiety or anger that can keep us apart. Bless and encourage any who are struggling in their faith, and guide those with questions to your truth. Devoted God, **People: hear our prayer.**

Debbie: Faithful God, by your Spirit, fill us with the faith and courage to do the work Jesus commissioned his followers to undertake, wherever he leads us. For we are bold to pray together the words he taught us, saying:

**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

Quentin Robinson

### Invitation to the Offering

Quentin: Today the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada opens, drawing commissioners from across Canada together to discern God's leading. Our offering supports the ministries and mission we undertake together, in this country and around the world. Let us now receive our gifts and offering for God's work.

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

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

Quentin: God of grace and goodness, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all we receive from you, in Christ and in creation. Bless the ministries of our congregation and of the Presbyterian

Church in Canada in these challenging times. Surprise us with what you accomplish through us as we sow seeds of generosity in the gifts we bring. Amen.

Sending Hymn # 764:

There's a spirit in the air

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*Music: John W. Wilson ©1979 Hope Publishing Co. CCLI License # 20312607/20312614*

1. There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
"Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world!"
2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!
3. When believers break the bread,  
when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.
4. Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!
5. When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.
6. May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways.  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!
7. There's a spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

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

Copies of  
"Our Daily Bread"  
June, July and August

Copies of the  
**JUNE PRAYER  
CALENDAR**

The Benediction and Choral Amen

Quentin Robinson

Quentin: Go in the strength of the Spirit, to greet those you meet with gifts of understanding and friendship, serving gladly in Jesus' name. And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



At 23, Tamala developed a passion for banana farming, inspired by the small plot of banana plants behind her family's home in Malawi. However, her lack of knowledge and resources limited her efforts, making it difficult to expand beyond subsistence farming. Her circumstances changed when she was invited to join a training session on modern farming practices and how to work with banana seedlings. Motivated and equipped with new techniques, Tamala began expanding her farm, applying the practices she had learned to improve her yields. Reflecting on her journey with this project supported by PWS&D, Tamala explained, "The training opened my eyes to my potential as a banana farmer. It is now my pathway to securing a better life for me and my son. I will scale up my banana farming business to increase my income".

*A Mission Moment from The PCC*

## The 150<sup>th</sup> General Assembly June 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

The 2025 GA webpage provides info about the General Assembly. Reports and information will be added over the coming weeks. Please check the page regularly for updated information.

<https://presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2025/>



## Let's Stay Connected!

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<https://presbyterian.ca/>



### Office Hours – June 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10 am. to 11:10 & 1 pm. to 4:30 pm.**

**Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.**

**Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.**

**Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – 10 am. to 11:25 & 1 pm. to 4:30 pm.**

**Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – 10 am. to 1:30 pm.**

Happy Birthday to:  
(May June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup>)

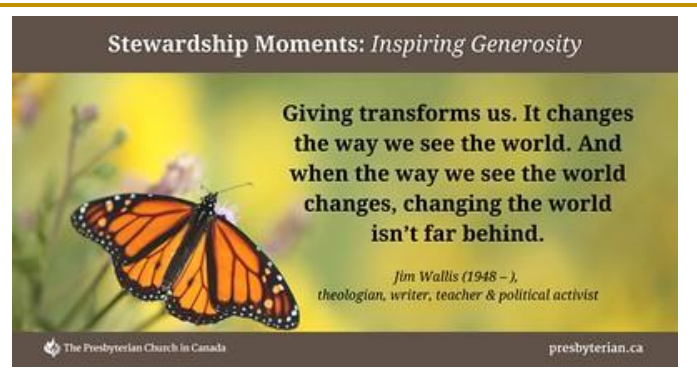
**MARRICK COLLINS** – June 1<sup>st</sup>

**MALLIC COLLINS** – June 1<sup>st</sup>

**JUNE JOHNSTON** – June 7<sup>th</sup>

Happy Anniversary to:

**MALCOLM & SUSAN CLARKE** – May 25<sup>th</sup>



# First Presbyterian Church

## JUNE 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** - Thursday Afternoons - 3 pm. Choir Rm; Sun. Mornings - 9:30 am. - Choir Rm

**SUNDAY SUPPER MINISTRY** - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month

**ONGOING PROJECTS:** Grocery Bags, Egg Cartons, Pop Cans (Maintenance), Breakfast Bags (Food Bank), Sunday Supper Ministry, Socks for Warm Feet.


### COMMUNITY GROUPS using the Church Building:

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

DSLGC Cooking Class - Thursday am & pm

DSLGC Cricut Group - Tuesday afternoons

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



# The Big Give

A NATIONAL MOVEMENT OF GENEROSITY

The First Saturday in June  
June 7, 2025

Participating Brockville Area Churches

- First Presbyterian & C\*Road Churches, 10 Church Street:  
Rummage and clothing giveaway & cookies - 9:30 am to noon.
- First Baptist Church, 5 Pine Street:  
Rummage giveaway, BBQ & prayer - 10:00 am to noon.
- Bethel Christian Reformed Church and Christ Church, Lyn,  
12 Perth Street, Lyn:  
Rummage giveaway and light breakfast - 8 am to noon.
- St. John's United Church & Youth Opportunities for the Arts, 32 Park Street:  
Rummage and clothing giveaway & popcorn - 9:00 am to noon.

**ALL WELCOME, and EVERYTHING IS FREE!!**

[thebiggive.ca](http://thebiggive.ca)

- June 1 **MORNING WORSHIP (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter) - General Assembly Sunday**  
Members of Session leading Worship - Loaves & Fishes Sunday  
11 am. in the Sanctuary - Coffee Hour follows worship (Church Hall)  
General Assembly begins at McMaster University in Hamilton – June 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>.
- June 7 **THE BIG GIVE** – See details below.
- June 8 **MORNING WORSHIP - Day of Pentecost - Guest leader in Worship.**  
11 am. in the Sanctuary - Coffee Hour follows worship (Church Hall)  
Christina Duncan leads afternoon worship at St. Lawrence Lodge
- June 10 The **M.O.V.E. COMMITTEE** meets in the Church Hall at 10 am.  
**CRAFT & CHAT POTLUCK LUNCH** at the home of Brenda Fisk
- June 11 The **SESSION** meets at the home of Brenda Fisk
- June 15 **MORNING WORSHIP - Trinity Sunday with Communion - Fathers' Day**  
11 am. in the Sanctuary - Coffee Hour follows worship (Church Hall)

First Presbyterian Church is taking part in the **BIG GIVE** (a nation-wide opportunity for congregations to bless their communities with extravagant giving) on **Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. The M.O.V.E. Committee is planning a garage/yard “sale” and will also be handing out snack bags of cookies. Please set aside gently used household items, books, games, puzzles, pots, pans, dishes, and clothing (clean and smoke-free). Volunteers will be needed to help with sorting, set-up, and cleanup. We are also looking for donations of packaged snack bags of homemade cookies (nut-free, please!) to give out on the day. Items can be dropped off at the church (just ring the bell) and left in the Lower Hall. Call Janet LeBrun for more information or to volunteer.





Today, SUNDAY, JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> is **LOAVES & FISHES Sunday**. Our Church supports the work of this restaurant with our donations of money and time. This ministry assists so many and we are thankful to be a part of it. Donations of food can be left in the basket at the rear of the Sanctuary or delivered to the Church Office (macaroni type pasta and coffee are great choices) during the week. Donations of money are welcome in your regular offering envelopes or online donations. Please mark all envelopes clearly. Thanks!



The summer issue of the **CHALLENGE** is almost right around the corner! It is time to write those stories about church life, find poems of inspiration, dream (in writing) about summer plans, find jokes and humorous articles and stories. Stories and pictures about recent travels would be really interesting! Please send your submissions to [firstkirk@truespeed.ca](mailto:firstkirk@truespeed.ca) or leave them at the Church Office.



Willy Stevenson of Aaron's Mill (Stinger's) has an organ and would like to give it a home. If interested, please contact Willy at 613-803-8766.



The annual **Community Celebration of Life** organized by the Brockville General Palliative Care Program will be held Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 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. In the event of inclement weather, the gathering will take place at First Presbyterian Church.

### **SERVICES of WORSHIP** in the Summer Months

**Sundays, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Minister: The Reverend John Wilderspin**  
**First Baptist Church**  
**at First Baptist Church - 10 am.**

**Sundays, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Minister: The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**at First Presbyterian Church - 11 am.**

**Rally Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**at St. Lawrence Park - 11 am.**

**Minister: The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**

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 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

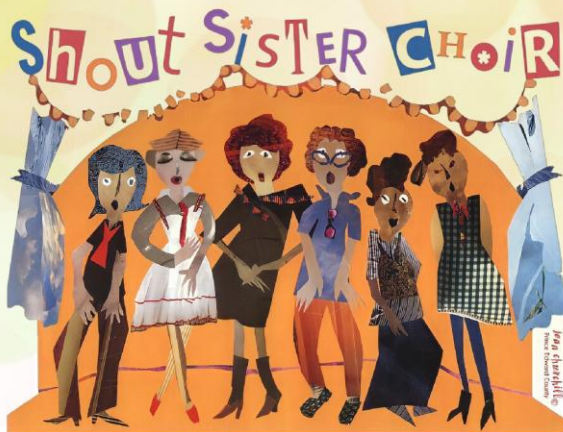
plates each Sunday morning. The envelopes will be collected at the end of each service and brought back to First Church for banking. The loose collection at services in July will remain with First Baptist Church. The loose collection in August will remain with First Presbyterian Church. Etransfers will be available as usual and envelopes can be left at the church office during the week.



## Performing live at

Wall Street United Church, Brockville  
**Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>/25 at 7 pm.**

directed by Georgette Fry



in support of the

*ST. LAWRENCE WRITERS FESTIVAL*

admission by cash donation at the door



## Singing the Century

**Sunday June 8th, 2pm  
on Courthouse Green in Brockville**

Join us for a celebration  
of songs from  
**10 decades of music of  
the United Church of  
Canada**



Presented by Christ United Church in Lyn, Wall  
Street United Church and other area United  
Churches



Bring a lawn chair. Rain  
venue will be Wall Street  
United Church



## Take a Deep Breath

A SPRING CONCERT

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

**Sunday, June 8, 7:00 pm**

St. Andrew's-Knox  
Presbyterian Church  
23 Bennett St. Spencerville

**Monday, June 9, 7:00 pm**

St. James Anglican Church  
20 High St. Morrisburg



M. Moore

Concert Admission: Goodwill offering in support of Palliative Care  
and Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan CW4WAfghan