



First Presbyterian Church

Pentecost Sunday, June 8th, 2025

Minister: **The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**

Leader of Worship: **Christina Duncan**

Director of Music: **Kathleen Howard**

Reader: **Karen Mahon**

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: Margriet Westendorp Elevator: Brenda Fisk

Sound and Video Team – Quentin Robinson, Kade LeBrun

Michel LaBonte and Mark Leslie



* Our website and social media accounts:

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

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* YouTube Channel: [https://www.youtube.com/](https://www.youtube.com/@firstpresbyterianchurchbro482/streams)

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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.

NEED A RIDE?

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your M.O.V.E. Committee



the people of God gather....

The Organ Prelude

Variations on “Veni Creator”

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship God

Christina: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

All: Praise and glory to you, Spirit of God, our comfort and strength.

Christina: Let us sing praises to God as long as we live.

All: Praise and glory to you, Spirit of God, our comfort and strength.

Christina: May our worship be pleasing to God, ever Three and ever One.

All: Let us praise the Lord!

Opening Hymn # 386:

Come down, O Love divine

Words & Music: Public domain

1. Come down, O Love divine, seek now this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

2. Oh let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heart consuming,
and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illumining.

3. Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing,
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
and pride in earthly glory scorns with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling,
for none can guess its grace, till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Prayer As We Approach God

Christina: Holy God, from our scattered lives, we gather to praise you, for you are great and wonderful; wise and compassionate.

All: With joyful hearts, we celebrate the gifts and guidance of your Spirit. At the dawn of creation, you sent your Spirit to bring life.

Christina: Over the centuries, your Spirit equipped your people to proclaim your love and justice.

All: Through the flames of Pentecost, your Spirit gave birth to the church with energy and wonder.

Christina: Today, your Spirit is at work in the world, bringing renewal and hope here and everywhere.

All: Transform us by your Spirit to become more faithful followers of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Chancel Choir

Hush, Somebody's Callin' My Name

arr. Brazeal W. Dennard

Prayer of Confession

Christina: Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit to guide your disciples and empower your church with gifts for ministry.

All: We confess we often resist the Spirit's guidance. The challenge to change makes us uncomfortable. We overlook the gifts others can offer and fail to live out Christ's love for the world. Forgive us, O God. Send your Holy Spirit to us again, to open our minds and hearts to the challenges in ministry you set before us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Christina: Hear and believe this promise of the good news: if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old life has passed away and new life has begun. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! You are set free to live life anew in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

The Children's Message

God's Spirit

Today is Pentecost Sunday We will hear the story of Jesus' followers gathering in Jerusalem where the Holy Spirit descended upon them, gifting them the ability to speak in different languages. This event, which happened 50 days after Easter, is celebrated as the "birthday of the church".

Can you imagine Jesus' friends, the disciples, waiting in a room in Jerusalem. There was excitement, because Jesus had promised them the Holy Spirit, which would give them power to share his message. How could that be? Suddenly, a powerful rushing wind filled the room, and they saw something like flames of fire resting on each of their heads.

The Holy Spirit had come! And then, something amazing happened. They began to speak in different languages - languages they had never learned before! At the same time, people from all over the world were in Jerusalem for a festival, and they spoke different languages. When they heard the disciples speaking, they were amazed! They could hear the disciples speaking their own languages.

This was a miracle, showing the power of the Holy Spirit, and how God's love could connect people from all different places. The disciples went out and shared the good news about Jesus in all the languages they had suddenly learned.

What is Pentecost?

- **Pentecost is about God's Spirit!**

The Holy Spirit gave the disciples the power to speak in many languages.

- **It is a celebration!**

Christians remember the Holy Spirit coming and celebrating the start of the church.

- **God's love is for everyone!**

The Holy Spirit helped the disciples share the good news with people from all over the world.

Let us pray: Dear God, help my eyes to see all the good you send to me. Help my ears to hear calls for help from far and near. Help me to always remember that you are with me and that you will guide my path. Amen.

Hymn # 400:

Spirit of the living God

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1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me!

2. Spirit of the living God move among us all;

make us one in heart and mind; make us one in love:

humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

to hear God's word....

Prayer for Insight and Understanding

Karen: Spirit of God, at Pentecost you created new understanding among the followers of Jesus. Move among us this day and fill us with new understanding of your living Word. Energize us to bear witness to the world you love, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Psalm 104: 24-35b (read responsively)

Karen: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

People: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Karen: Yonder is the sea, great and wide,

People: creeping things innumerable are there, living things both great and small.

Karen: There go the ships and Leviathan, that you formed to sport in it.

People: These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

Karen: When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

People: when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

Karen: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

People: may the Lord rejoice in all these works -

Karen: who looks on the earth and it trembles,

People: who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

Karen: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

People: May my meditation be pleasing to the Lord, in whom I rejoice.

Karen: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

All: Praise the Lord!

The Scripture Lesson

John 14: 8-17 and 25-27

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Karen: Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Do you not know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you, I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I

am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Karen: 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

Spirit's Comin'

Herb Frombach, arr. Joel Raney

The Meditation

New Beginnings!

Today is the 50th day after Easter and is the Christian holiday of Pentecost. On this day, we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his ascension. Pentecost celebrates when the Holy spirit was given to the apostles, empowering them to preach the Gospel and start the church. Pentecost is when we remember the beginning of the Christian church, when we claimed Jesus as our Lord and Saviour..... when we received new life, a new beginning through the Holy Spirit.

There are a few contrasting texts for Pentecost, and it was very difficult for me to decide what I wanted to focus on today. I chose a very “gentle” passage from John this morning. It has no flash or flair, “*Lord show us the Father, and we will be satisfied*”. Our Psalm is a hymn of praise to God our Creator, it is beautiful ...**powerful**.... but gentle “*who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being*”. (32-33) We can feel the Spirit renew and empower the church and call to each one of us in a quiet, subtle way to be responsible stewards of creation, respecting and cherishing God’s gift, without a hint of controversy.

Now some people need a little push to get the point with words that paint a picture for them. I know the old saying “a picture is worth a thousand words” but Acts tells this story very differently. It is a huge contrast to what we have already heard, and I think, if we close our eyes and listen, we can paint our own picture with these words and envision this powerful message.

This story of Pentecost in Acts definitely has flash and flair: “*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them*

ability." Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Why are they talking about different languages? Many were gathered from all around to this one spot, each had been speaking their own language: "in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, because it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

After we read this passage and picture what happened, knowing everyone is able to understand and to be understood no matter what their native language, it gives us a feeling of being united, regardless of our language and diverse backgrounds..... that we can break down barriers and share God's word with everyone. So what happened that forced everyone to different parts of the world and to start speaking different languages?

For that answer we turn to the Old Testament, to the Book of Genesis, and the message is very direct. It is an important message because it establishes God as the creator of all things and sets up the story of God, his people, and his purpose for all humanity. This story takes place after the flood when everyone still spoke one language and were all together in the same place, which was an issue. God had commanded them to spread and populate the Earth, but they remained in the same city, trying to do whatever they could to stay together. The people were building a city and a tower, the Tower of Babel, and they were going to build it high enough to reach the heavens. It was seen as their rebellion **against** God's command to spread and populate the earth.

The Tower represented that the people were getting too powerful. They were building the Tower to stay together in one place and make a name for themselves, which was in direct defiance to God's command, "*God blessed them, and God said to them. "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth"*". Because of this, God destroyed the Tower of Babel and made them speak different languages so that they would not be able to collaborate any longer.

This was done not because God was against unity, but because he was against people who unite for the wrong reasons. Sinful pride and rebellion to his purposes is why he made them speak different languages, to teach them a lesson.

Today we may not gather to build a tower to the heavens in rebellion, but we do rebel. The newspapers are filled with reports of murder, theft and other unspeakable crimes. In our own lives ...I am sure we have done something to go against a few of the commandments, a white lie, stretching the truth just a little maybe...and in today's world it is hard to keep the Sabbath Holy, difficult to set one day aside for rest, worship and spiritual reflection. Every Sunday we speak out loud a prayer of confession and acknowledge the reality that we do sin. We recognize that....and we are expressing the desire for forgiveness....we know what God's grace and mercy is and we want to receive forgiveness and experience his grace and mercy. We want to continue to build our relationship with God as we receive his forgiveness.

Today is a day of new beginnings, a reminder that our primary purpose is to share the love of God with everyone, fulfilling the message of salvation and unity, breaking down barriers that separate us. Amen.

Blessing the Word in our Lives

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

Hymn # 380:

Spirit, come, dispel our sadness

Words & Music: Public domain

1. Spirit, come, dispel our sadness; pierce the clouds of sinful night;
come, thou source of sweetest gladness, breathe thy life and spread thy light.

Loving Spirit, God of peace, great distributor of grace,
Rest upon this congregation; hear, oh hear our supplication.

2. From that height which knows no measure, as a gracious shower descend,
bringing down the richest treasure we can wish or God can send,
O thou glory, shining down from the Father and the Son,
grant us thine illumination; rest upon this congregation.

3. Come, O best of all donations God can give, or we implore;
having thy sweet consolations we need wish for nothing more.
Come, anoint us now with power; on our souls thy graces shower;
author of the new creation, make our hearts thy habitation.

Responding in love with thanksgiving

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

Christina: God of all places, people and times, hear us as we speak to you of our gratitude and our concerns in the world. Let us hear your voice calling us to help build your commonwealth of grace and reconciliation in the world you love. We thank you for the Spirit's presence among us, for the gifts you bless us with and for the ways people use the gifts you give to bring life and joy to the world. Blow through us on this day of Pentecost and renew our faith. Re-awaken in us love for God, strengthen our fellowship with one another and nurture our care for one another and your creation. Let your Pentecostal flames warm our hearts, with trust in Jesus Christ and hope for the future being created among us. Nurture us to do great things in your name. Wind of the Spirit,

People: enliven and renew our faith.

Christina: Blow through us and renew our energy to serve you in Christ's church. Open our eyes to recognize the need for ministry and mission in changing times. Open our hearts to welcome newcomers and meet those we do not yet know. Open our hands to share in the tasks that need doing and open our lips in prayer and praise. Wind of the Spirit,

People: enliven and renew our faith.

Christina: Blow through us and give us new understanding for those whose lives seem so different from ours, and for those facing situations we have never encountered: for those with whom we have disagreed and for those whose values challenge our expectations: for the problems and challenges we face at home or at work and for the complex issues we face in your world. Wind of the Spirit,

People: enliven and renew our faith.

Christina: Blow through us and bring healing and peace to all who face pain or illness, discouragement or disappointment. Bring comfort to all who know sorrow, sadness or grief. Bring healing for those who face stress and pressure. Bring healing to places in the world facing conflict, praying especially for the innocents in Gaza, Ukraine, Yemen, and for your creation, struggling for life itself. Wind of the Spirit,

People: enliven and renew our faith.

Christina: Blow through us and bring us the wisdom and compassion we see in Christ Jesus. Blow through us and equip us to serve the world you love in his name. Blow through our whole church and refresh us as your faithful people as together we say the words 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

Christina: Pentecost celebrates the gifts of the Spirit poured out on the Church, preparing Christ's followers to serve him. Our offering today will build up the ministry and mission of Christ's church here, and everywhere, in his name.

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

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

Christina: Spirit of grace and power, bless the gifts we offer today so that they may accomplish surprising things in Jesus' name. Equip each of us, and all of us together, to proclaim the Good News with grace and power in ways we have not yet dreamed possible. Amen.

Sending Hymn # 376: **Lord, the light of your love is shining** *Words & Music: Graham Kendrick*
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1. Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness, shining.

Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.

Set us free by the truth you now bring us.

Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance.
By your blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me. Shine on me.
Shine, Jesus shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me. Shine on me.
Shine, Jesus shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

The Benediction and Choral Amen

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

The Organ Postlude

Sound the Trumpet

Henry Purcell



We extend our love and sympathy to Hugh Bates on the death of his wife **GLORIA ANN (BIRD) BATES**, a long time and much-loved member of First Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025, in the Brockville General Hospital. The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr will conduct the funeral service for Gloria Bates in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, June 11th at 11 am. A reception will follow in the Church Hall. Arrangements are entrusted to Barclay Funeral Home & Chapel. Please remember Hugh, their daughters Julie, Lisa and Shelley and their families, and the Bates family in your prayers.

We also extend our love and sympathy to the family of **the Reverend ROSS MACDONALD**. Reverend MacDonald died on Tuesday, June 3rd in the New Glasgow Hospital, at the age of 97 years. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Please keep the MacDonald family in your prayers.



Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, we participate in the PCC's mission and ministry locally, nationally and internationally. Together we help congregations navigate and thrive through challenging times, equip leaders to serve and lead the church in Canada and around the world, and work with international partners to share the good news of Christ. We address causes and consequences of poverty, racism and discrimination. We advocate for and act to protect and restore God's creation. We provide spaces for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to work together on healing and reconciliation. Our gifts also help share stories and experiences of Presbyterians

through the Connection newspaper, website, social media and e-newsletters. And so much more! When we put our gifts into God's hands, God does remarkable things.

A Mission Moment from The PCC

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

Copies of the
Summer Edition of the
PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTION

Look especially at pages 20-23 & 34 for pictures of events in the life of our congregation! Thanks to Reverend Marianne for sending the pictures and articles to the Connection.

You are welcome to take either or all with you – no charge!



Happy Birthday to:

(June 8th to June 14th)

LIAM VILLENEUVE – June 8th

Happy Anniversary to:

DAVD & TAMARA CHAPMAN – June 7th

DAVID & JANICE PAUL – June 8th

QUENTIN ROBINSON & KATHLEEN HOWARD

June 14th

First Presbyterian Church **JUNE CALENDAR**

LOAVES & FISHES SUNDAY - 1st Sunday of each month

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

FPC HAND BELL CHOIR - on summer break

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

SUNDAY SUPPER MINISTRY - 4th 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

DSLQ Cooking Class - Thursday am & pm

DSLQ Cricut Group - Tuesday afternoons

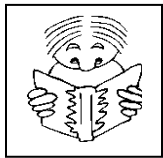
BGH DAY HOSPICE – Wednesday Mornings & Afternoons in the Parlour and Church Hall.

June 8 **MORNING WORSHIP - Day of Pentecost**

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.
- June 15 **MORNING WORSHIP - Trinity Sunday with Communion - Fathers' Day**
11 am. in the Sanctuary - Coffee Hour follows worship (Church Hall)
- June 22 **MORNING WORSHIP - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost**
11 am. in the Sanctuary - No Coffee Hour - Sunday Supper Ministry
Reverend Marianne leads afternoon worship at the Wedgewood.
- June 23 Reverend Marianne leads worship at Rosedale and Sherwood Park Manor.
- June 24 **CRAFT & CHAT POTLUCK LUNCH** at the home of Brenda Fisk
- June 25 The **SESSION** meets at the home of Brenda Fisk
- June 29 **MORNING WORSHIP - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**
Reverend Marianne leads afternoon worship at Half Moon Bay.



The summer issue of the **CHALLENGE** is almost right around the corner! Distribution date: June 22nd!

It is time to finish 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 or leave them at the Church Office.

Office Hours – June 9th to 13th

Monday, June 9th – 10 am. to 11:10 & 1 pm. to 4:30 pm.

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

Wednesday, June 11th – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Thursday, June 12th – 10 am to 11:25 & 1 pm. to 4:30 pm.

Friday, June 13th – 10 am. to 1:30 pm.



The annual **Community Celebration of Life** organized by the Brockville General Palliative Care Program will be held Thursday, June 19th 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 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

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

Sundays, August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

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

Rally Sunday, September 7th

at St. Lawrence Park - 11 am.

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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.



Water Tanks Improve Communities in Guatemala

“During the last few years, the water pressure in my community has decreased by a large percentage. I feel physically tired from carrying water from the well ten minutes from the house for my family’s consumption, animals and the family garden,” Hilda Velásquez Gómez, a resident of the municipality of Comitancillo in

Guatemala, shares. The municipality is characterized by its mountainous climate and dependence on subsistence agriculture. Climate irregularity and limited access to clean drinking water pose significant challenges for local communities. The municipality is provided with water through aquifers in neighbouring municipalities, with only 15% coming from sources in their communities. Additionally, only 23% of the population has access to water in their homes through the supply of pipes, whose installation costs must be covered by individual homeowners.

To address these issues, PWS&D supported a project through our local partner, AMMID, to implement rainwater harvesting tanks as a sustainable and efficient solution in rural communities.

“Now that they have given me a water storage tank, they will be of great help to me for my activities at home. I know that I will no longer be carrying water every day, and I will have more time to do other things at home. I will take more care of my family garden, which is one of my priorities with the water tank. I chose this change because water is life; without water, we cannot live,” Hilda expresses. With the installation of water tanks, Hilda and her family will finally have clean water close to home.

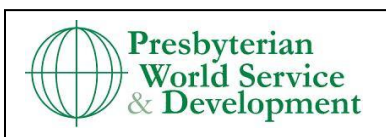


Water is Life

The implementation of the water tanks means Hilda and other families in the communities will be able to drastically improve their quality of life, and in particular, women, who are often the ones fetching water, will no longer be required to walk miles to do so. Families now have improved access to safe drinking water, reducing the chances of waterborne diseases and improving hygiene practices. Livelihoods will also be significantly improved through increased crop production and diversity by irrigation and collected water, mainly in dry seasons or summer.

“[Water] is also a fundamental right that we have as human beings. Imagine what our life would be like without water?” Hilda inquires. “I share AMMID’s philosophy that we must take care of mother earth and the natural resources. If we take care of water, we take care of our lives.”

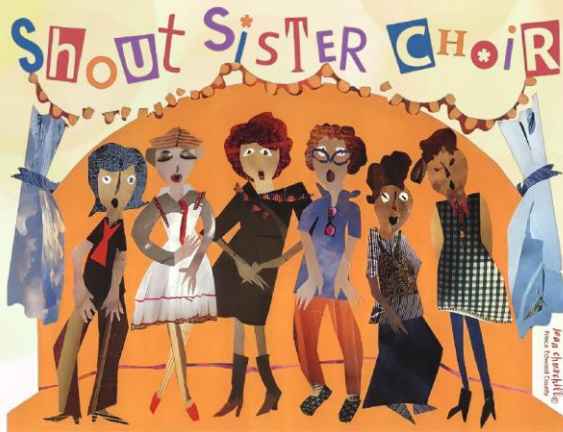
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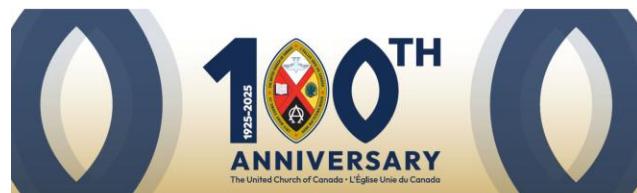
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