



First Presbyterian Church

Pentecost Sunday, May 24th, 2026 with Communion

Minister: **The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**

Minister in Association: **The Reverend Ian Johnston**

Director of Music: **Kathleen Howard**

Reader: **Karen Mahon**

Welcome to worship!

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 (Church School Coordinator) and Max Chapman (Church School Assistant) for a time of fun, games, and faith-centered activities in the Lower Hall before the service begins. The children will return to the Sanctuary in time to receive communion with their families.
- * **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, please speak with our Sound Technician.
- * **COFFEE HOUR** – There is NO Coffee Hour this morning due to the Sunday Supper being prepared and served in the Church Hall. You are invited to join us for coffee, treats, and great conversation on Sunday, May 31st following the Service of Worship. To volunteer to host, bake, or bring food to any coffee hour, sign the sheet in the Church Hall or call Tamara Chapman.
- * **PLEASE NOTE – DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?** If you do, the Greeters are the appropriate people to go to for ALL questions and assistance with the elevator, water, washrooms, bulletins, etc.

ASSISTING YOU THIS MORNING

Greeter: Janet LeBrun Elevator: Francis LeBrun

Sound and Video Team – Quentin Robinson, Michel LaBonte
Mark Leslie and Kade LeBrun



- * Our website and social media accounts:

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

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

www.instagram.com/firstpresbrockville/

<https://twitter.com/firstkirk>

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

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

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

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your M.O.V.E. Committee

**SCENT
FREE
ZONE**
Help us keep the air we share
healthy and fragrance-free

the people of God gather....

The Organ Prelude

Toccata

Jan Pieterszoon

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship God

Minister: 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.

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

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

Minister: 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 heat consuming,
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
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 out pass 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

Minister: 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.

Minister: 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.

Minister: 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 Introit

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Allen Pote

Prayer of Confession

Minister: 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

Minister: 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.

Hymn # 271:

Let all the world in every corner sing

Words: Public domain

Music: Basil Harwood ©Estate of the late Dr. Basil Harwood

1. Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!

2. Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout;
no door can keep them out,
but, above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
my God and King!

to hear God's word...

Prayer for Insight and Understanding

Karen: Let us pray. God of Wisdom, send your Holy Spirit to give us fresh understanding of your Word in Scripture. Inspire us to respond with renewed commitment to follow Christ Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.

The Psalm (read responsively)

Psalm 93

Karen: The Lord reigns and is robed in majesty;

All: the Lord is robed and is girded with strength.

Karen: The Lord has established the world; it shall never be moved;

All: your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

Karen: The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

All: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

Karen: Your decrees are very sure;

All: holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore.

Karen:

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem, God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs - we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It is only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

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.**

There are so many layers in our text for today – the tongues of fire, the violent wind, Peter’s inspired preaching. But I want to focus today on the reaction of the God-fearing Jews from “every nation under heaven”. As the writer of Acts tells us, there was bewilderment, for sure.

But for them (and for us too) there was something deeply moving about hearing someone speak to us in our own language. Maybe you have travelled somewhere unfamiliar and suddenly heard your native language spoken nearby. Maybe you have struggled to explain yourself, only to meet someone who finally understood. Maybe you have sat beside a child, an elder, or a grieving friend and realized that true communication is not only about words - it is about connection. It is about being known.

When the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples like wind and fire, the miracle was not simply that many languages were spoken. The miracle was that people understood. A whole tapestry of cultures, histories, accents, and experiences filled the streets of Jerusalem on that Pentecost day. And when the disciples began speaking, each person heard “about God’s deeds of power” in their own native language. Not one language. Not one culture. Not one preferred group. Each person heard the good news in the language of their own heart and understanding.

Pentecost reminds us that God does not expect everyone to become the same. As we talked about a couple of weeks ago, we are all part of God’s big family. And, as part of the family, God meets us where we are. God speaks in ways we can understand. And what the people heard that day is important: “God’s deeds of power.” They hear about the mighty acts of God - the saving, healing, liberating love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. The Gospel is not merely information. It is the announcement that God loves the world. And that love sounds different in different ears. Some hear hope. Some hear mercy. Some hear justice. Some hear forgiveness. Some hear welcome. Some hear peace. But it is the same Spirit speaking through them all.

You may have heard or read about the concept of “love languages.” Some people experience love most deeply through words of affirmation. Others through acts of service. Others through gifts, quality time, or physical touch. Whether or not we embrace that theory fully, most of us recognize the truth behind it: people receive love differently. One person feels loved through conversation. Another through a meal dropped at the door. Another through a handwritten card. Another through simply sitting quietly beside them when life falls apart.

Pentecost teaches us something similar about the love of God - God’s love has many languages. Sometimes it is spoken aloud in scripture and prayer. Sometimes it is spoken through music; sometimes through justice and advocacy; sometimes through food banks, shelters, and acts of compassion; sometimes through forgiveness offered when resentment would be easier; sometimes through presence - the quiet reminder: “You are not alone.”

The Holy Spirit is always translating divine love into forms people can receive. And perhaps that is important for the church to remember. Because churches sometimes assume everyone should experience faith in identical ways. We become attached to one language of worship, one style of prayer, one way of serving, one kind of spirituality. But Pentecost pushes

against that narrowness. The Spirit explodes outward in diversity. The Gospel becomes multilingual. The church is born not in uniformity, but in beautiful, holy difference.

And maybe that matters now more than ever. We live in a world where people are divided by language, politics, culture, generation, identity, and experience. Too often difference becomes something to fear. We sort ourselves into groups. We stop listening. We assume people unlike us could never understand us. But Pentecost tells another story. The Spirit creates connection where division once lived.

Notice what does not happen in Acts 2. The crowd does not suddenly begin speaking one single heavenly language. Instead, the disciples speak many languages. The miracle is not erased diversity - it is Spirit-filled understanding within diversity. That is a very different vision. God's kingdom is not about eliminating difference. It is about creating communion while welcoming differences. And that takes love. Real love always involves translation. To love someone well means learning how to speak in ways they can hear. Parents learn this with children. Spouses learn this over years together. Friends learn this through listening. Congregations learn this through patience and compassion. You cannot simply speak your own language louder and expect deeper understanding. Love asks: How can I meet this person where they are? How can I listen before speaking? How can I communicate grace in ways they can receive?

That is exactly what God does at Pentecost. God does not stand far away demanding everyone climb upward toward heaven. Instead, the Spirit comes down into ordinary human life - into crowded streets, unfamiliar accents, complicated cultures, and human differences. God enters the chaos and begins speaking the language of love. And maybe that is the challenge for us as followers of Christ. What language of love is the Spirit calling us to speak today? For some people, it may be the language of encouragement. There are weary people all around us who need hope spoken gently into their lives. For others, it may be the language of justice. There are people longing to know that God sees suffering and calls us to compassion and action. For others, it may be the language of hospitality, a welcome at the door, a place at the table, a reminder that they belong. For others, it may simply be the language of presence. It may be sitting beside someone in grief or listening without rushing to fix things. It may be remaining faithful in difficult moments. The Spirit still speaks through ordinary people willing to share extraordinary love.

And here is perhaps the most beautiful part of Pentecost: the disciples themselves were not experts. Just weeks earlier, many had been fearful, uncertain, hiding behind locked doors. Yet the Spirit used them anyway. Pentecost is not about human perfection. It is about divine possibilities. God takes ordinary voices and fills them with grace. God takes hesitant hearts and fills them with courage. God takes scattered people and creates community. God takes the simplicity of bread and wine and creates a feast to which all are invited. And suddenly strangers begin hearing good news in the language they understand best.

That is still the church's calling. Not simply speaking loudly, but more lovingly. Not simply to preserve tradition, but to communicate grace. Not simply to gather people who are alike, but to become a Spirit-filled community where all can hear and know they are loved by God. Many languages - one love. Many people - one Spirit. Many voices - one Gospel. And the good news of Pentecost is this: no matter who we are or where we come from, the Spirit conveys God's love in a way that our hearts can hear. Many languages; one love. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Blessing the Word in our Lives

Minister: Holy Creator, as we hear your Word proclaimed today, fill us with the power of your love, that we may carry your Good News into the world and work for your justice, love and peace for all. Amen.

Hymn # 400: **Spirit of the living God** *Words: Daniel Iverson/Michael Baughen*
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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!

Responding in love with thanksgiving

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

Minister: 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. Reawaken 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.

Minister: 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 don't 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 energy.

Minister: 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 hope.

Minister: Blow through us and bring us healing and peace for all who face pain or illness, discouragement or disappointment. Bring comfort for 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, Iran, Lebanon, Yemen, and for your creation, struggling for life itself. Wind of the Spirit:

People: enliven us and bring us peace.

Minister: 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](#)

Minister: 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 drop off through the mail slot in the Church Street Door.
- * by mail to: First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 885, Brockville, Ontario, 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: 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.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Minister: Here is the table of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are gathered at his invitation to join him for this meal, a foretaste of things eternal. Come, all of you, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: It is right, our duty and our joy, to give you thanks and praise, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. In the beginning, your Spirit moved over the face of the waters; you formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we wandered from your ways, your love remained steadfast. Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, who called your people to return to your ways of faithfulness. In every age, your Spirit inspired us to seek after you. Therefore, with your people from all places and times, and with the whole creation, we proclaim your greatness and sing your praises:

People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: Holy God, blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ. At his baptism in the Jordan, your Spirit descended upon him, declaring him your Beloved. With your Spirit upon him, he turned away from temptation. You anointed him to preach good news to the poor, and announced that the time had come when you would save your people. Through his suffering, death and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church and welcomed us in by water and the Spirit. When Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always. Remembering your history with us throughout all generations, we take this bread and this cup, and proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine. May they be for us the communion in the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Receiving them in faith, may we be made one with him and he with us. Nourish us with his love, so that we may proclaim your goodness and serve you faithfully. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Minister: Spirit of God, blow through this world and our lives like the wind, to surround us with your presence and give us the energy to go where you need us to be. Push us to move like the wind and make a difference in the lives we touch. Spirit of God, surround all your people with love and courage to face tomorrow, and make us good friends in Christ, offering our support to each other in Jesus' name. Amen.

to go out with joy and serve...

Sending Hymn # 376:

Lord, the light of your love

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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](#)

Minister: As you go from here into the coming week, may God open your mind to his presence, so that you may truly come to know him. May he open the eyes of your heart so that you can experience the hope he offers to all who follow him, and may you come to understand the full extent of God's power at work in your life - the very same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead, and seated him at the right hand of God, so that we know more fully the grace, peace and hope of God, Parent, Son and Spirit today and always. Amen.

[The Organ Postlude](#)

[Rondo a la Gigue](#)

Lani Smith



Your **M.O.V.E. Committee** needs your support with the following projects.

1) Cakes are needed for the Sunday Supper on Sunday, May 24th. First Church is responsible to prepare the meal that will be served on that day. Cakes can be dropped off at the church during the week (including Saturday) and left in the main kitchen.

2) Volunteering:

* at the P. A. Day Camp on Friday, May 29th.

* at the Big Give on Friday, June 5th to sort and set up; then at the event on Saturday, June 6th.

Any time you can give would be most appreciated. Call Janet LeBrun for more information and to volunteer at 613-342-3137.



Yemen has been devastated by over a decade of conflict, disrupting food systems and causing hunger. Yahya, a father of four with a disability that makes walking difficult, worries about his malnourished daughter. “We strive to obtain food, but the situation remains tough,” he shares. “When you entered our village with the food basket distribution, it changed my life significantly. Thanks to your support, my situation began to improve. I was able to save some money through the food

basket and decided to buy a water tank. This step was important for my family, as we finally have clean water.” PWS&D works together with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and local partners to deliver vital food assistance to families like Yahya’s who are facing worsening food insecurity.

A Mission Moment from The PCC

First Presbyterian Church

MAY/JUNE CALENDAR

LOAVES & FISHES SUNDAY - 1st Sunday monthly

CRAFT & CHAT - Each Tuesday - 1 pm. in the Parlour

HAND BELL CHOIR – Thursday Afternoons @ 4:30

CHANCEL CHOIR - Thurs. Afternoons - 3 pm. - Choir

Room; Sun. Mornings - 9:30 am. - Choir Rm

SUNDAY SUPPER – 4th Sunday of each month.

ONGOING PROJECTS: **Grocery Bags** (Food Bank), **Egg Cartons, Survival Kits** (Food Bank), **Pop Cans for Maintenance, Breakfast Bags** (Food Bank), **Sunday Supper Ministry, Socks-Hats-Gloves/Mittens – Spring Coats** for distribution at Sunday Suppers.

COMMUNITY GROUPS using the Church Building:

AA – Monday Evenings 7 pm. in the Red Room

EMBERS/GUIDES - Mon. Evenings - 6 pm - Hall

BGH DAY HOSPICE - Every Wed. - Hall and Parlour

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES COOKING CLASSES – Thurs. mornings and afternoons in the Kitchen/Hall

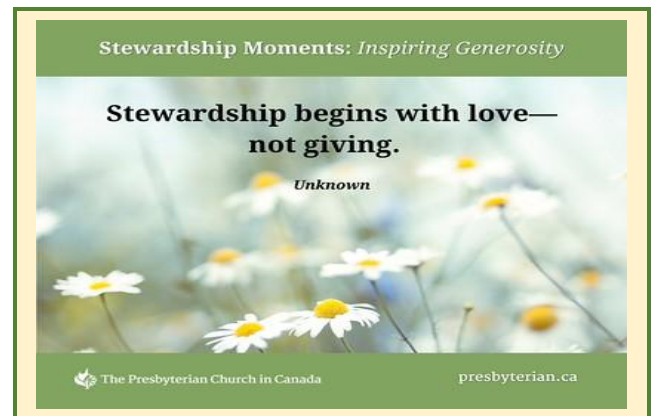
May 24 **PENTECOST SUNDAY** with Communion

11 am. in the Sanctuary - Church School
NO Coffee Hour, Sunday Supper Ministry

May 29 **P. A. Day Camp** - 9 am. to 3 pm. in the Hall.

May 30 **Men’s Breakfast** - 8:15 am. at Stacked
Restaurant.

May 31 **TRINITY SUNDAY** – Healing & Recognition



Happy Birthday to (May 24th to 30th):

ABBY VILLENEUVE – May 29th

Happy Anniversary to:

MALCOLM & SUSAN CLARKE

May 25th

Office Hours – May 25th to 29th

Monday, May 25th – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Tuesday, May 26th – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Wednesday, May 27th – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Thursday, May 28th – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Friday, May 29th – 10 am. to 1:30 pm.

- 11 am. in the Sanctuary
Church School, Coffee Hour, in the Church Hall.
- June 2 **CRAFT & CHAT POTLUCK LUNCH** in the Church Hall.
- June 4 The **SESSION** meets in the Red Room - 7 pm.
- June 6 **THE BIG GIVE** - See details below.
- June 7 * **MORNING WORSHIP (Second Sunday after Pentecost) - General Assembly Sunday**
Musical Guests - **The FPC Hand Bell Choir - Loaves & Fishes Sunday**
11 am. in the Sanctuary - Coffee Hour follows worship (Church Hall)
* Christina Duncan leads worship at St. Lawrence Lodge
* General Assembly begins at York University (Keele Campus) - June 8th to 11th
- June 14 **MORNING WORSHIP (Third Sunday after Pentecost)**
11 am. in the Sanctuary - Coffee Hour follows worship (Church Hall)
Reverend Marianne leads afternoon worship at the Wedgewood

Copies of **OUR DAILY BREAD (June-July-August)** are available - free of charge - on the table at the rear of the Sanctuary.



First Church is hosting the last P.A. Day Camp of the 2025-26 school year on May 29th in the Church Hall. 20 + children will be joining us for a day of fun, games, crafts, and activities. Our Mission Project for this P.A. Day Camp is in support of the Brockville & Area Food Bank. Summer is a difficult time for the Food Bank. Donations decline but the need continues to grow. The Food Bank is especially in need of the following staples:

* Cereal (any kind) and oatmeal * Kraft dinner/macaroni & cheese * Stove Top stuffing mix and instant pasta side dishes * Canned tomatoes (any kind) * Evaporated milk and * Crackers and cookies (any kind). If you would prefer to make a financial donation, make out your cheque to First Presbyterian Church (or include cash donations in an envelope). Please mark your donations "Brockville & Area Food Bank" and provide a full name and address so the Church may issue you a tax receipt for your donation. Thank you!



First Presbyterian Church is taking part in the **BIG GIVE** (a nation-wide opportunity for congregations to bless their communities with extravagant giving) on next Saturday, June 6th, 2026. 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.



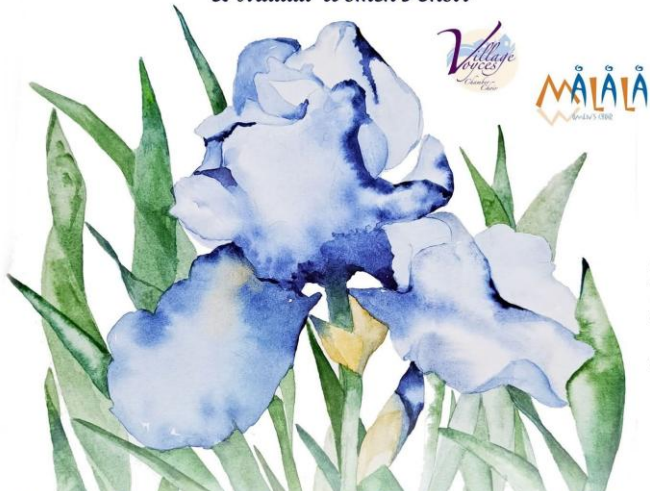
The 151st General Assembly will meet at York University (Keele Campus) from Sunday, June 7th until Thursday, June 11th, 2026 in the main conference room in the Second Student Centre at York University. Reverend Marianne will be attending all sessions as a commissioner from Seaway/Glengarry Presbytery. The General Assembly is the highest decision-making body of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, attended by an equal number of ministers and elders who are commissioned by presbyteries. The Assembly votes on matters of theology and polity that affect the whole denomination. It receives, discusses, and makes decisions on reports from committees, petitions, overtures, references, and appeals. Its decisions are made carefully. Some issues require study over several years. The General Assembly elects a moderator - a minister or elder - who presides over the Assembly and continues in an inspirational and ceremonial role for a year, until the next General Assembly.

Info visit - <https://presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2026/>

Spring Tonic

A CHORAL CONCERT

with Spencerville's Village Voices Chamber Choir
& Malala Women's Choir



Poster by Doris/Arndt

Sunday, May 31, 3:00 pm

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

Monday, June 1, 7:00 pm

St. John's United Church
400 Prescott St, Kemptville

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

St. Paul's Church Caintown

14 Caintown Rd north of Mallorytown

Saturday, May 30th - 9 am to Noon

Garage, Plant & Bake

SALE



Perennials, herbs, house plants,
kitchen items, dishes,
toys, children's and adult books,
homemade pies, tarts, cookies, etc.

Poster by C.A.T.

MEN'S BREAKFAST!

Saturday, May 30th, 2026

at Stacked Restaurant

Email Quentin at

thesession@truespeed.ca



LOAVES & FISHES
MORE THAN JUST A MEAL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
(AGM) & VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION EVENT

DATE: May 27, 2026

TIME: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: The Pier Church,
806 Chelsea St

Refreshments will be served,
featuring a special secret ingredient.

Voices Up!

Songs of Canada

SUNDAY MAY 24, 2026 2 P.M.

MADELYN MENSEN

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

ABE TeGROTENHUIS

COLLABORATIVE ARTIST

with: JESSICA WILLIAMS - acoustic guitar JOHN REVELL - bass guitar
JAMES MACKENZIE - percussion WENDY SCHMIDT - violin/fiddle

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May 29, 2026

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First Presbyterian Church
9 am. to 3 pm.

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GUEST SPEAKER - BISHOP WILLIAM CLIFF

SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2026

12:30 PM

St. Lawrence Anglican Church
80 Pine Street - Brockville

TICKETS \$25

available at

St. Lawrence Church Office 613.345.5717

St. Paul's Church Office 613.342.5865

SATURDAY
13TH
JUNE

BROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND



Featuring Guest Conductor
John Kraus

Along with Musical Directors
Judy Quick & Chris Coyea

Wall St. United Church
Brockville, ON

Concert begins @
7:00 PM

Free Admission
Donations to the Band
Welcome



ONTARIO HEALTH AT
HOME PRESENTS:

PLACEMENT IN LONG-TERM CARE HOMES

Wall Street United Church
Monday June 1st, 2026

1.30-2.30PM in the Living Room

Moving from your family home to a long-term care setting can be a challenging transition for anyone. Ontario Health at Home is committed to making the process as easy as possible by helping you and your family understand the available options and make the right decisions.

To register for this event, click on the QR code below. A sign up link will also be provided in the newsletter from next week. Contact Karen or Mandy in the church office if you need assistance to sign up.



Organised by your Parish Nurse, Anne-Marie Mohler. Contact Anne-Marie at: (613) 342 5401 ext. 40 or parishnurse@wallstreetchurch.com

The summer issue of the **CHALLENGE** is almost right around the corner! Along with our regular articles, this issue will focus on your TRAVELS within Ontario, Canada, and wherever in the world you have travelled! Please send your stories and pictures to firstkirk@truespeed.ca or leave them at the Church Office. Thanks!