

First Presbyterian Church

Trinity and Healing & Recognition Sunday, May 31st, 2026

Minister: **The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**

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

Director of Music: **Kathleen Howard**

Reader: **Linda Osmond**

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** – Following the message for our Children & Youth, 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.
- * **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** – 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.
- * **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: Pam Dewar Elevator: Lloyd Osmond

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



the people of God gather....

The Organ Prelude

Voluntary in A

Henry Heron

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship God

Minister: It is good to give God thanks, to sing praises to the Most High!

All: We will sing for joy to God who has made us glad.

Minister: Let us declare God's steadfast love in the morning,

All: and God's faithfulness by night.

Minister: So come to worship God with thankful, joyful hearts!

All: Let us praise God's holy name together.

Opening Hymn # 299:

Holy, holy, holy

Words & Music: Public domain

1. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert and art and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though our eyes in sinfulness thy glory may not see
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayer As We Approach God

Minister: God of Wind and Fire, we have experienced your love and grace. We have received peace deep within our beings.

All: We marvel at the mystery of hope while our world is full of despair.

Minister: Thank you for your dependable presence among us and through the universe.

All: During this hour, we give you our undivided attention as we sing and pray, listen and speak.

The Chancel Choir Introit Lord, Can You Hear Us Praying? *Nancy Price & Don Besig*

Prayer of Confession

Minister: Lover of our Souls: everyone and everything clamors for our attention! We long to quiet the noise and hear your clear voice.

All: We yearn for the Spirit's unmistakable presence. From your wholeness, make us whole. Reveal truth for our daily living. Manifest love and mercy through us. Create wisdom and harmony with the skills assembled in this place. Set us free from the past and empower us for today and tomorrow. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

A Message for our Children and Youth Created In God's Image

Prayer with the Children & Youth

Hymn # 333: I sing the almighty power of God *Words & Music: Public domain*

1. I sing the almighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eyes,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies!

3. There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that I could be, thou, God, art present there.

to hear God's word....

Prayer for Insight and Understanding

The Psalm (read responsively)

Psalm 8

Linda: O Lord, our God,

All: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Linda: Your splendor is chanted above the heavens by the mouths of babes and infants,

All: you have set up a defense against your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

Linda: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars
that you have established;

All: what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Linda: Yet you have made them a little lower than the angels,

All: and crowned them with glory and honour.

Linda: You have given them dominion over the work of your hands;

All: you have put all things under their feet,

Linda: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

All: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the path of the seas.

Linda: O Lord, our God,

All: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1: 1-4, 20-27 and 31

New International Version (NIV)

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Linda: 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 Anthem

We Believe

Ryan, Hooper & Fike, arr. Heather Sorenson

The Message

Relationship and Reconciliation

Blessing the Word in our Lives

Hymn # 677:

My faith looks up to thee

Words & Music: Public domain

1. My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine:
now hear me when I pray;
take all my guilt away;
oh let me from this day be wholly thine.
2. May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart;
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh may my love to thee
pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire.
3. While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
4. When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Saviour, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
oh bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

Responding in love with thanksgiving

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

Minister: Holy One, we have gathered in this place again, to enjoy you and one another. Thank you for your Word and your love. Thank you for the wholeness you demonstrate for us and offer us: Mind, Body, and Spirit.

People: Three-in-one God, hear our prayer.

Minister: Creating God, we imagine that you grieve as you look at Creation and see how it is being mutilated and destroyed due to human carelessness and apathy. Show us how to care for your beautiful earth and how we can reduce our own use of the earth's resources.

People: Three-in-one God, hear our prayer.

Minister: Like so many before us, we pray for peace in our homes, in our country, and in all the world. We hold before you and one another the reality of war and its destruction. Today, we urgently pray for diplomacy to alleviate conflict and threat among nations, especially holding before you, praying especially for a just and lasting peace in Ukraine, Gaza, Yemen, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar and Haiti.

People: Three-in-one God, hear our prayer.

Minister: Healing God, we name before you in the silence of our hearts those who seek your healing and sustaining touch (silence). Grant them fresh awareness of your blessing. For all of us as we move from the cradle to the grave, keep us in your care, faithful and thankful all our days.

People: Three-in-one God, hear our prayer.

Minister: On this Healing and Reconciliation Sunday, we pray for the work of our church and our government in pursuing reconciliation with Canada's indigenous peoples. We pray for indigenous communities which lack clean water to drink and health care close at hand, and for all those mourning the loss of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Guide decision makers to act with timely courage and compassion for justice to be done. Awaken understanding in those who feel no empathy for the struggles of others. Plant seeds of your kingdom in our midst, O God.

People: May we bear the fruits of new life.

Minister: We pray for families who face financial hardship and worry for the well-being of their children. And we pray for any who feel empty or lonely on this day, who fear for the future, or mourn the past. As summer holidays draw closer, guide families to find meaningful opportunities to enjoy each other and the world on their doorsteps. Plant seeds of your kingdom in our midst, O God.

People: May we bear the fruits of new life.

Minister: Gracious God, you hold all things in your hand, including us. Be with all those who carry on despite loss or grief, and with those who face pain or uncertainty about their future. Keep us open to your Spirit's leading. In all that we do with and for each other, help us embody the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, 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

Invitation to the Offering

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

to go out with joy and serve...

Sending Hymn # 670:

Amazing grace

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1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found

was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear

and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear

the hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,

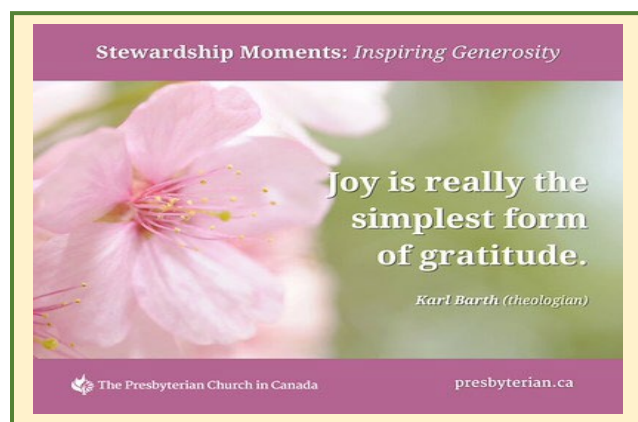
I have already come;

'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,

and grace shall lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me:

this word my hope secures;



God will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

5. What thanks I owe you, and what love
- a boundless, endless store -
shall echo through the realms above
when time shall be no more.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

The Benediction and Choral Amen

The Organ Postlude

The Trumpet of Faith

Lani Smith



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

3) **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.



Ruth Chatelera and Ndindase Jere, ordained ministers of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) in Malawi, are in the first cohort of women in the MTh (Master's in Contextual Theology) program at Zomba Theological University (ZTU). Recently, they successfully defended their dissertations. This four-year program is intended to raise women scholars. Presently, The Reverend Dr. Gertrude Kapuma is ZTU's only female regular faculty member. Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing provide full support for 10 women in the program and are

building up women leaders in Malawi.

A Mission Moment from The PCC

First Presbyterian Church

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.

Office Hours - June 1st - 5th

Monday, June 1st - 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Tuesday, June 2nd - 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Wednesday, June 3rd - 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Thursday, June 4th - 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Friday, June 5th - 10 am. to 1:30 pm.

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

Happy Birthday to (May 31st to June 6th):
MARRIK COLLINS – June 1st
MALLIC COLLINS – June 1st

- May 31 **TRINITY SUNDAY - Healing & Recognition**
11 am. in the Sanctuary
Church School, Coffee Hour, in the Church Hall.
- June 2 The **M.O.V.E. COMMITTEE** meets in the Outer Office – 10 am.
CRAFT & CHAT POTLUCK LUNCH in the Church Hall – 11 am.
- 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
- June 21 **MORNING WORSHIP (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)**
11 am. in the Sanctuary - Coffee Hour follows worship (Church Hall)
- June 28 **MORNING WORSHIP (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)**
11 am. in the Sanctuary – NO Coffee Hour – Sunday Supper Ministry in Church Hall.



Next Sunday, June 7th 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 (white and chocolate cake mixes and coffee, pasta and pasta sauce, are great choices) during the week. Donations of money are welcome in your regular offering envelopes or online donations. Please mark all envelopes clearly.

Copies of the [JUNE PRAYER CALENDAR](#) and [OUR DAILY BREAD \(June-July-August\)](#) are available – free of charge – on the table at the rear of the Sanctuary.



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 and set-up on Friday, June 5th, and cleanup following the event. 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/>



Please accept my sincere thanks to all of you for the many cards, calls, support and prayers I have received as I continue my battle with cancer. It is good to feel such a part of the church family.
Brian Barnes

Spring Tonic

A CHORAL CONCERT

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



Painted by Jennifer Anjali

Sunday, May 31, 3:00 pm **Monday, June 1, 7:00 pm**

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

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

AGAPE BROCKVILLE REFUGEE MINISTRY
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WITH

GUEST SPEAKER - BISHOP WILLIAM CLIFF

SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2026

12:30 PM

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MAY 30
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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!

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



Promoting Food Security in Quetzaltenango

“I learned how to prepare nutritious foods to eat healthier, taking advantage of the food produced in my community.” Margarita carries a lot of responsibility in her home. A single mother, she also cares for a half-sister with a developmental disorder, as well as her two nephews. “There are quite a few of us in the house and we do not have much land to cultivate,” she shares.

In the Quetzaltenango region of Guatemala, where Margarita lives, many Indigenous farmers experience food insecurity. Households seek to grow their own food on farms that are too small to meet their daily needs. Even where space is available to plant their usual varieties of corn, beans, squash and herbs, often the soil is degraded

due to overuse and the effects of climate change and does not produce good yields. Like many of her neighbours, Margarita must travel to access enough productive land to grow food for her family. “What we harvest is not enough for the whole year. For this reason, we have to go out to look for work with the neighbours and we also go to the coast to plant corn on land that we pay to rent.”

Her peer Regina Delgado Vásquez also takes part in seasonal migration, leaving her home to go to the coast and plant corn. A wife and mother of adult children, all members of her family of five engage in agriculture on their one-hectare plot of land.

Both Margarita and Regina were selected to lead their communities towards food security, through a PWS&D program with partner Fraternidad de Presbiteriales Mayas. The agriculture and livelihoods project, which will begin a new phase in September, trains women ecological promoters in sustainable agriculture techniques. Margarita is an ecological promoter in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. By passing on what she has learned about caring for her small farm, she is increasing the food security of her community.



For Margarita, participating in PWS&D’s food security project resulted in having consistent food for her family, and sharing her newly learned techniques with others. “Now I plant my vegetables, even if it is only a few, because Fraternidad is training me. The technician and the educator have taught me how to grow vegetables. I planted my fruit trees that the project gave me, and now I can vaccinate my chickens.” Regina explains the difference being involved in the project made in her life: “With the little land I have around the house I have been able to plant some vegetables and herbs for my consumption. I have learned to take care of my chickens that are useful for my consumption.” Through the program, both Margarita and Regina also learned about food safety. Now, they boil the water their families consume to avoid diseases. Margarita also grows medicinal plants in her vegetable garden which her family consumes to stay healthy. Regina likes to sell what she produces, especially her surplus herbs. She is also engaged in other productive activities to improve her financial situation, with the dream of one day owning her own house.



Both Margarita and Regina have passed what they have learned about soil conservation, sustainable agriculture, livestock rearing and forestry techniques to others. This program is just one example of the work being done in local communities, that multiplies impact manifold.