

# First Presbyterian Church

General Assembly Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Minister: **The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**

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

Director of Music: **Kathleen Howard**

Reader: **David Paul**

Musical Guests: **The First Presbyterian Church Hand Bell Choir**

**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: **Janice Walroth** Elevator: **Bob Walroth**

Sound and Video Team – **Quentin Robinson, Michel LaBonte**

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- \* **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.

*the people of God gather....*

The Handbell Choir

Holy Manna

*arr. Martha Lynn Thompson*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship God

Minister: Rejoice in God's goodness, people of God!

All: We will sing praises to our God.

Minister: God loves righteousness and justice.

All: We will serve God faithfully.

Minister: The earth is full of God's steadfast love.

All: We come to worship and offer our love and loyalty.

Opening Hymn # 194:

Come, let us to the Lord our God

*Words & Music: Public domain*

1. Come, let us to the Lord our God  
with contrite hearts return;  
our God is gracious, nor will leave  
the desolate to mourn.

4. Then let us know, let us press on  
to know our God the Lord,  
whose coming is as sure as dawn,  
whose name shall be adored.

5. As dew upon the tender grass  
diffusing fragrance round,  
as rain that ushers in the spring  
and cheers the thirsty ground,

6. so shall God's presence bless our souls  
and shed a joyful light,  
that hallowed morn shall chase away  
the sorrows of the night.

Prayer As We Approach God

Minister: Creator, Christ and Spirit, you are overflowing with love,

**All: infinite in kindness, incomparable in glory and the source of all wisdom and knowledge.**

Minister: In you, all things work together for good and are redeemed.

**All: Your presence breaks into our lives in transformative ways and you touch us with wonder.**

Minister: In response to your goodness and glory,

**All: we offer you thanks with our prayers,**

Minister: praise with our hearts, and honour with our lives,

**All: this day and every day, now and always.**

### The Handbell Choir

### Count Your Blessings

*arr. Patricia Cota*

### Prayer of Confession

Minister: In confidence of your grace and kindness, O God, and out of a desire to begin again with you and one another, we confess to you our sins:

**All: God of mercy, whose loving kindness endures forever, we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love; to care for others as we care for ourselves; to pardon and to accept pardon. We remember good intentions that were not put into actions; harsh words said in anger; selfish purposes that caused pain and persistent pride that would not yield. Forgive us, O Lord, and show us how to be your people in our thinking and in our living, today and every day. Amen.**

### Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Minister: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

### A Message for our Children and Youth      What Is On Your Name Tag?

Good morning, everyone! What is in the Gospel box today? Does anyone know what these are? That is right – they are name tags! Sometimes when we go to a camp, a meeting, or a new school, we wear name tags, so people know who we are. Let us imagine for a moment that instead of writing our names on these tags, people wrote something thing about us. What if someone gave you a tag that said, "Too small"? or "Not good at sports"? or "Too shy"? How would that make you feel? Not very good, right. Sometimes people look at others and decide

who they are based on only one thing. They put labels on people without really getting to know them.

In today's Bible story, Jesus meets a man named Matthew. Matthew was a tax collector. People did not like tax collectors. In fact, many people thought, "That is all Matthew is - a tax collector." But Jesus did not look at Matthew that way. Jesus did not see a label. Jesus saw a person. Jesus saw someone worth knowing, worth loving, and worth calling to follow him. So, Jesus simply said, "Follow me." And Matthew did! Later in the story, Jesus meets a woman who had been sick for a very long time. Many people only saw her sickness. But Jesus did not. He saw a person, someone precious to God. He even called her "Daughter."

Jesus had a special way of seeing people. He looked past the labels that others put on them. He looked past the things that made them different. He looked straight into their hearts. And do you know what? Jesus sees us that way too. When Jesus looks at you, he does not see just one thing about you. He does not see a label. He sees someone made in God's image. He sees someone loved by God. He sees someone who belongs.

So maybe the best name tag we could wear today would not say "good at soccer" or "good at math" or anything else. Maybe it would simply say: "**Beloved Child of God.**" because that is how Jesus sees every one of us.

### Prayer with the Children & Youth:

Minister: Dear God, thank you for loving us and for seeing us as we truly are. Help us to see other people the way Jesus sees them, and to remember that everyone is your beloved child. Amen.

### Hymn # 760:

### Where cross the crowded ways of life

*Words & Music: Public domain*

1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,  
above the noise of selfish strife,  
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of your tears.

3. From tender childhood's helplessness,  
from woman's grief, man's burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
your heart has never known recoil.

4. The cup of water given for you  
still holds the freshness of your grace;  
yet long these multitudes to view  
the sweet compassion of your face.

5. O Saviour, from the mountain side,  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide,  
oh tread the city's streets again;

6. Till human hearts shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heaven above,  
shall come the city of our God.

*to hear God's word...*

### Prayer for Insight and Understanding

David: Let us pray. God of wisdom, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The Psalm (read responsively)

Psalm 33:1-12

David: Rejoice in the Lord O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

**All: Praise the Lord with the lyre, make melody to the Lord with the harp of ten strings. Sing to the lord a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**

David: For upright is the word of the Lord, whose work is done in faithfulness.

**All: The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

David: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of God's mouth.

**All: The lord gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle, and out the deeps in storehouses.**

David: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe!

**All: For the Lord spoke, and it came to be; the Lord commanded, and it stood firm.**

David: The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing, and frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of God's heart to all generations.

**All: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the peoples chosen as God's heritage.**

The Scripture Lesson

**Matthew 9: 9-12 and 18-26**

*New International Version (NIV)*

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David:

**The Calling of Matthew**

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

**Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman**

While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples. Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

David: 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 Handbell Choir

**In the Garden**

*arr. Kevin McChesney*

The Message

**Desiring Mercy, Showing Justice**

June marks Pride Month, where we celebrate the gifts and accomplishments of the LGBTQIA + community. Likewise, it is also Indigenous Heritage month. And today is General Assembly Sunday. Believe it or not, the three themes are all linked in the Gospel text today. For those not familiar with Presbyterian governance, the General Assembly is the highest "court" of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. It meets once a year, and consists of delegates, known as "commissioners," from across Canada. The commissioners will gather from this

evening till this coming Thursday in Toronto to pray, discern, debate, and make decisions for the life of the church. It is easy to think of General Assembly as meetings, reports, motions, and votes. Yet beneath all that lies a much deeper question: What does faithfulness to Jesus Christ look like in our current context? That is not simply a question for the General Assembly commissioners. It is a question for us all as followers of Jesus. And today's Gospel reading helps us answer it. It presents us with a series of encounters that reveal the character of Jesus and the nature of God's reign. Again and again, Jesus crosses boundaries that others assume are fixed. He moves toward people who have been pushed to the edges of society. He restores dignity where respect has been denied.

The passage begins with Jesus calling Matthew, a tax collector. We know Matthew's story so well that we may miss how scandalous this moment was. Tax collectors were not merely unpopular. They were regarded as collaborators with the occupying Roman Empire, dishonest and morally compromised. Yet Jesus approaches Matthew and says, "Follow me." No criticism. No judgment of Matthew's worth. Just an invitation. And Matthew follows. Soon afterward, Jesus is eating with tax collectors and sinners. The religious leaders are disturbed and ask the disciples, "*Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?*" This is a question that reflects more than the underlying prejudices of those religious leaders. It is a question about belonging, determining who is worthy of being at the table. But Jesus refuses to draw such conclusions. "*I desire mercy, not sacrifice.*" Compassion, not exclusion. Relationship, not judgment. Jesus reminds his critics that God's desire is not for communities built upon suspicion and separation, but for ones shaped by justice and mercy.

We live in a time when public discourse often encourages division. Political debates often invite us to see one another as opponents rather than neighbours. Around the world, laws are being proposed and rewritten in ways that leave many vulnerable people wondering whether they truly belong. Immigrants and asylum seekers are often portrayed as problems rather than people. Racialized communities continue to experience barriers and discrimination. Indigenous communities plead for justice, healing, and the fulfillment of promises. Women and girls continue to face violence and inequality. LGBTQIA+ people continue to encounter exclusion and suspicion, sometimes even from communities that claim to follow Jesus. And in such moments, Christians may wonder what the church should say. The answer begins with Jesus. Because the church is not called to mirror the fears of the world. The church is called to reflect the love of Christ.

That does not mean the church becomes partisan. Despite what is going on south of our border, the church is **not** called to align itself with one political party or another. But it does mean that the church cannot remain silent when it sees injustice being perpetrated and people being denied their basic human dignity. The Gospel is **not** politically neutral when it comes to the value of human beings. Because, as I mentioned last week, every person bears the image of God.

On General Assembly Sunday, we celebrate not only the governance of the church, but also its witness. We give thanks that The Presbyterian Church in Canada continues to seek ways of living out Christ's call to justice, compassion, and reconciliation. Like every Christian community, our denomination has not always gotten things right. There are chapters in our history that require honesty, humility, and repentance. We acknowledge the PCC's participation in systems of colonialism and the harm caused through residential schools. We recognize that the church has often failed to speak clearly against racism, sexism, and discrimination, and that many people have experienced exclusion rather than welcome from Christian communities. Yet the story does not end there. While progress has not always been swift, the Presbyterian Church in Canada has continued to deepen its commitment to justice and inclusion.

The church has affirmed that racism is incompatible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The General Assembly has called on the PCC to confront racism in both personal and systemic forms and to become communities where people of every race, culture, and language are welcomed and valued. The church has also continued its commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, acknowledging past harms, repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery, supporting the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, and seeking renewed relationships rooted in respect and justice. Our denomination has consistently advocated for refugees, migrants, and displaced persons, recognizing that welcoming the stranger is not merely a political issue but a deeply biblical one. Throughout Scripture, God's people are repeatedly called to care for the stranger, the foreigner, and the vulnerable.

The church has also engaged in years of prayerful discernment regarding human sexuality and inclusion. Today, the Presbyterian Church in Canada recognizes that faithful Christians may hold differing understandings regarding marriage, while affirming that LGBTQIA+ people are beloved children of God who are called to participate fully in the life and ministry of the church. These commitments do not arise because the church is following cultural trends, because the church, at its very best, seeks to follow Jesus. And because when we read the Gospels, we find a Saviour who consistently moves toward those on the margins.

That brings us to the second story in today's reading. A woman who has suffered from bleeding for twelve years approaches Jesus from behind and touches the fringe of his cloak. For twelve years she has lived through physical, emotional, and spiritual suffering. Yet she reaches out in hope. And Jesus responds in a remarkable way. He turns and says, "*Take heart, daughter. Your faith has made you well.*" Jesus sees her, not a condition but a person. Not an outsider but a beloved child of God, to be embraced, not avoided. Her healing is important, but Jesus does more. He restores her place within the community and acknowledges her worth.

How many people today long to hear that same message? How many have been marginalized because of their race, their gender, their nationality, their economic

circumstances, their sexuality, or some other aspect of their identity? How many have been told, directly or indirectly, that they do not belong? The church cannot heal every wound in the world. But the church can bear witness to the One who heals. The church can make room at the table, welcoming the “outsider” and speaking against racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, xenophobia, and every form of discrimination that diminishes human dignity.

Together we seek to discern how Christ is calling us to live and witness in our own generation. We will not always agree on every issue. Faithful Christians often hold differing views. But our conversations must always begin with the truth that lies at the heart of the Gospel - that every human being is created in God’s image and worthy of respect, compassion, and love.

Jesus called Matthew by name. Jesus called the suffering woman “daughter.” Jesus welcomed those whom others rejected. And Jesus continues to call the church to do the same. Jesus desires mercy and justice. So let us follow Jesus wherever he leads - even when that path takes us beyond our “comfort zones” and into those places where mercy and justice are most needed. For that is where we so often find him. Amen.

### Blessing the Word in our Lives

Minister: God, you have spoken through your Living Word, Jesus Christ. Your Spirit speaks through the Scriptures. Grant us understanding through what we see in Jesus and hear in the Scriptures that we may know your will and follow your way. Amen.

Hymn # 680:                      Christ, of all my hopes the ground    *Words & Music: Public domain*

1. Christ, of all my hopes the ground,  
Christ, the spring of all my joy,  
still in thee may I be found;  
still for thee my powers employ.

2. Let thy love my heart inflame;  
keep thy face before my sight;  
be thy praise my highest aim;  
be thy smile my chief delight.

3. Fountain of o’erflowing grace,  
freely from thy fullness give;  
as I run this earthly race,  
may I prove it Christ to live.

4. Thus, O God, an entrance give  
to thy city, drawing nigh;

having known it Christ to live,  
let me know it gain to die.

*Responding in love with thanksgiving*

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

Minister: God of our past and our future, we come with grateful hearts, trusting that you walk with us through all the seasons of our lives. You create a future for us, calling each of us to use our individual abilities and opportunities to make a difference. We all have a place and a purpose in your world, and for that, we give you thanks. Guide all who are graduating this year to use their knowledge, learning and lives in service to you and your world. Let them hear your call and find the vocation that best uses the gifts and talents with which you have blessed them. Hear us now as we pray for the world in its deep and diverse needs. We pray today for those who face danger and despair in these times: We remember before you those living with hunger, and all those caught up in unrest and violence beyond their control, especially thinking of the people of Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Sudan, Yemen, and Lebanon. We pray for all those working to relieve suffering in these lives and bring hope and justice for all:  
**People: bring healing, bring peace.**

Minister: We pray for your church in this place, in this community and around the world. Guide it so that it is clear in its proclamation, gracious in its service, bold in its advocacy, and humble in its discernment. Especially, we pray for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada that begins its deliberations today in North York. Give its moderator, commissioners and all who serve the Assembly a strong sense of the Spirit's guidance. We pray for all those facing fear or frustration, wrestling with sorrow or discouragement in any area of their lives: for those who live with illness or pain; for those struggling with chronic conditions or disability; for those who know the grief and change of bereavement; and we pray for all those who work to bring healing and comfort and agencies that offer support and care to those who suffer:

**People: bring healing, bring peace.**

Minister: We pray for all who feel helpless or hopeless in this present time: for those around us facing unemployment and struggling to make ends meet; for those caught up in the pain of misunderstanding or broken relationship; and for those working through situations of conflict at home or at work. We pray for all who offer guidance and support in the midst of such difficulties and for those who have skills in reconciliation or mediation:

**People: bring healing, bring peace.**

Minister: God of healing and hope, guide our congregation to engage each day with faithfulness. Where we need correction, show us a new way. Where we need love and

encouragement, inspire us. Unite us as we travel into the future you are creating for us as followers of Jesus, as we pray the words he 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: God offers us a future in Christ Jesus, sometimes through comfort and sometimes through challenge. We present our gifts to God in gratitude for God's faithfulness to us in every situation.

You can give.....

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\* 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: God of healing and hope, you offer us what we need in Christ Jesus, not always what we want. Bless our gifts and use them to meet needs in lives touched by the outreach of our church. Give each of us courage to reach out in Jesus' name whenever you call. Amen.

*to go out with joy and serve...*

Sending Hymn # 651:      Guide me, O thou great Redeemer      *Words & Music Public domain*

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

feed me now and evermore;  
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

### The Benediction and Choral Amen

Minister: Go in faith into whatever the week ahead may hold, sure that Christ walks with you. And may the God who made us, the Christ who mends us, and the Spirit who gives us life bring you joy and peace, now and always. Amen.

### The Handbell Choir

### Regal Peal on "Thine Be the Glory"

*arr. Hurt Meyer*

Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

**The greatest lesson a soul has to learn is that God, and God alone, is enough for all its needs. This is the lesson that all God's dealings with us are meant to teach, and this is the crowning discovery of our entire Christian life. God is enough!**

*Hannah Whitall Smith, lay speaker & author*

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The Presbyterian Church in Ghana, through the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program, supports people living with disabilities as they use their gifts and pursue their goals. "I was really in a very challenging situation before I connected with the CBR. I could not move and was totally helpless. Besides, I had nothing to do to earn a living. I depended on the benevolence of some family members, but it was not possible for them to provide for me all the time. They equally had their lives to live. The CBR program and its partners came to my rescue. Today, I am mobile because of the tricycle

that I received from the CBR. I now own and run a business to earn a living," shares 41-year-old Awini Agnes. PWS&D helps to fund this program. *A Mission Moment from The PCC*

## First Presbyterian Church

### JUNE CALENDAR

**LOAVES & FISHES SUNDAY** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday monthly

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

**SUNDAY SUPPER** - 4<sup>th</sup> 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 - Mon. Evenings 7 pm. in the Red Rm  
EMBERS/GUIDES

- Mon. Evenings - 6 pm - Hall

BGH DAY HOSPICE - Every Wednesday

- Hall and Parlour

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

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)

\* General Assembly begins at York University (Keele Campus) - June 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>

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.

Reverend Marianne leads afternoon worship at Half Moon Bay

Happy Birthday to (June 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>):

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

**KEIRA COLLINS** - June 8<sup>th</sup>

**LIAM VILLENEUVE** - June 9<sup>th</sup>

Happy Anniversary to:

**DAVID & TAMARA CHAPMAN** - June 7<sup>th</sup>

**DAVID & JANICE PAUL** - June 8<sup>th</sup>

Office Hours - June 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - 10 am. to 11:30 am.; 1 pm. to 4:30 pm.**

**Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> - 10 am. to 4:30 pm.**

**Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> - 10 am. to noon; 1:15 pm. to 4:30 pm.**

**Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> - 10 am. to 4:30 pm.**

**Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> - Off for Appointment in Kingston**



TODAY, Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> is **LOAVES & FISHES SUNDAY** - Our Church supports the work of this restaurant with our donations of money and time. This ministry assists so many and we are thankful to be a part of it. Donations of food can be left in the basket at the

rear of the Sanctuary or delivered to the Church Office (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.



**The 151<sup>st</sup> General Assembly will meet at York University (Keele Campus) from this Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> until Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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The Plowboys, playing traditional Country Music in Rhinestone splendour as nature intended. This five-piece band will leave you hurtin', drinkin' and possibly in jail before it's all over.

100 St. Lawrence Street, Merrickville

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](mailto:firstkirk@truespeed.ca) or leave them at the Church Office. Thanks!

### SERVICES of WORSHIP in the Summer Months

**Sundays, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Minister: The Reverend John Wilderspin  
First Baptist Church**

**at First Baptist Church - 10 am.**

**Sundays, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Minister: The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr  
First Presbyterian Church**

**at First Presbyterian Church - 11 am.**

**Rally Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

## CHURCH SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT!

The Church School Children will be selling crafts (hand-made by the children) for a donation, at Coffee Hours beginning Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. The money raised will be used to support a project of the children's choosing from the PWS&D's Gifts of Change Catalogue including: \* **Sowing the seeds of Food Security** \* **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene** \* **Education for Every Child** \* **Planting Trees** \* **Sending Sick Children to Camp** \* **Empowered to Prosper**. By giving a Gift of Change, the children will be helping to make a difference in the lives of people in Canada and around the world. Please support the children to raise \$400.00 for their PWS&D project.



The 2025–2026 Gifts of Change catalogue is now online, and hard copies are available in the church office. Giving a Gift of Change makes a difference in the lives of people in Canada and around the world.

No matter what you choose to support, you can be sure your funds will be used effectively and efficiently to carry out life-changing programs that are responding to the needs of people affected by poverty, hunger, discrimination and conflict.

## HALF MOON BAY (Gananoque)

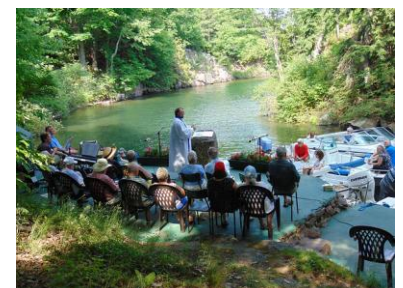
See the tallest cathedral ceiling at Historic Half Moon Bay during the **Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> Service of Worship**.  
**Minister: The Reverend MARIANNE EMIG CARR**  
 Everyone is Welcome!

### About Half Moon Bay

Half Moon Bay is a natural rock bay formation on Bostwick Island that has been transformed into a summer place of worship for all. Half Moon Bay is at the southeast end of Bostwick Island about three km. southwest of Gananoque. On Sunday afternoons during the



summer, worshippers who come to Half Moon Bay, remain in their boats to sing hymns, listen to guest speakers and participate in a non-denominational Christian service. The "Cathedral" is inspirational, humbling and natural. Services are at 4 p.m. and there is pick up by our **free ferry service** at the PUC docks at 3 p.m. Schedule of Ministers visit: <https://www.halfmoonbay.site/> In the event of inclement weather, the services are held at the Thousand Island Boat Museum.



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

