



First Presbyterian Church

Father's Day and World Refugee Sunday, June 21st, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Minister: **The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**

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

Director of Music: **Kathleen Howard**

Leader in Music this Morning: **Abraham TeGrotenhuis**

Readers: **Max Chapman** and **Francis LeBrun**

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 a light luncheon 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: Mark Leslie
Sound and Video Team – Quentin Robinson, Michel LaBonte
Mark Leslie and Kade LeBrun



- * Our website and social media accounts:

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

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<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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the people of God gather....

Organ Prelude

Kyrie Eleison

Maxfield

Sacred Catholic Prayer for Mercy and Light

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship God

Minister: To you, O God, we lift our hearts.

All: Listen to our voices and answer.

Minister: The Lord is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

All: God does wondrous things with grace and mercy.

Minister: So let us glorify God's holy name together!

All: We come to worship God in love and faithfulness.

Opening Hymn # 324:

Great is thy faithfulness

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1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not; thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever will be.

Great is thy faithfulness; great is thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in eloquent witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness; great is thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness; great is thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Prayer As We Approach God

All: God of grace, you created our minds to grow in wisdom.

Minister: You created our hearts to expand with love for you and your world.

All: You created our voices to sing your praises forever.

Minister: Fill us to overflowing with your Holy Spirit, so we may worship you in spirit and in love,

All: faithfully seeking to follow Jesus, even when challenges confront us.

Minister: In this time of worship, assure us of your presence with us and reveal to us the path you open before us,

All: for we live to serve as your people, wherever you lead. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Minister: God who knows all people and all possibilities, you call us to follow you, yet we prefer familiar paths.

All: You offer us new understanding yet change makes us uncomfortable. You invite us into the fullness of life, yet we often resist when the invitation comes with challenge or disruption. Forgive us, O God, and make of us loving disciples ready to follow Jesus' example, especially to those who most need your grace and love. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Minister: In Christ, we can work to transform relationships and envision a new future, guided by the Spirit of God. We can become a new creation! Trust that God loves you and forgives you. Be strong and of good courage, for God is with you wherever you go.

A Message for our Children and Youth God Hears You and Me!

(*Walk up holding an empty water bottle and a backpack, looking tired.*) Have you ever been on a long trip and run out of something you really needed? Shake the empty bottle. Imagine you are walking out in the heat and there is no water anywhere. How would you feel? I would be scared!

Today's Bible story is about Hagar and her son Ishmael in Genesis 21. They had to leave home and walk into the desert. Soon... shake empty bottle again ...they ran out of water. Hagar was so scared she started to cry. She thought they would not make it. Ishmael was crying too. But God did not leave them alone. The Bible says, "God heard the boy crying." An angel told Hagar, "Do not be afraid. God has heard." Then God did something amazing - he opened Hagar's eyes and (pull out a full water bottle) she saw a well of water that was there the whole time! God promised to take care of Ishmael, and verse 20 says "God was with the boy as he grew up." Even in the desert, even when things looked hopeless, God heard Hagar and Ishmael. And God cared!

Today is Father's Day. We thank God for dads who protect us, provide for us, and help us when we are scared - just like how God helped Ishmael. But here is what is important for every kid here: God is the perfect Heavenly Father. Earthly dads try their best, but they are human. They cannot be everywhere. Some of you might have a dad who is gone a lot for work, or maybe you do not live with your dad. But God promises that God will always hear you, always see you, and always be with you.

Sometimes our problems feel like this empty bottle - we feel like we have nothing left. But God already has the answer, just like that well of water waiting for Hagar. We just need to trust God. He is a father who hears his kids. And here is something cool for the older kids here: notice that God heard Ishmael, not just Hagar. God cares about kids and teens! Your prayers matter to God just as much as grown-up prayers! So this week, if you feel scared, stuck, or alone, remember to talk to your Heavenly Father. God hears you. Say it with me: "God hears me. God sees me. God is with me."

Prayer with the Children & Youth:

Minister: Let us pray - Dear God, thank you for being our perfect Heavenly Father. Thank you that you heard Ishmael, and you hear us too. Amen.

Hymn # 474:

The love of God comes close

Words: John L. Bell, Graham Maule

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1. The love of God comes close
where stands an open door,
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor.
The love of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the love of God is here to stay.
2. The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,

forgoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn.

The peace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the peace of God is here to stay.

3. The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears.
The joy of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the joy of God is here to stay.

4. The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised and bent.
The grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the grace of God is here to stay.

5. The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared as when he came.
The Son of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the Son of God is here to stay.

to hear God's word...

Prayer for Insight and Understanding

Francis: Let us pray. God of wisdom, open our minds to your will, our hearts to your love, and our hands to serve you in the world, as we listen to the Scriptures. With your Holy Spirit, equip us to follow Jesus, who is your Living Word, and our example for showing love for you and for each other. Amen.

The Psalm (read responsively)

Psalm 86: 1-10 and 16-17

Francis: Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

All: You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

Francis: Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

All: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Francis: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble, I call on you, for you will answer me.

All: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

Francis: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

All: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Francis: Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your maid servant.

All: Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

The Scripture Lesson

Genesis 21: 8 - 21

New International Version (NIV)

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Max: **Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away**

The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned, Abraham held a great feast. But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, and she said to Abraham, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.” The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. But God said to him, “Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring.”

Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, “I cannot watch the boy die.” And as she sat there, she began to sob.

God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.”

Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

Max: 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.**

Ministry of Music

Voluntary

Wesley

The Message

A God Who Hears Us!

I came across a joke recently that seemed especially appropriate for Father's Day. Apparently, one of the most common ailments among men is something called **selective hearing**. Researchers have not actually discovered a cure for it yet! Perhaps you have experienced it in your own home. A spouse asks, "Could you please empty the dishwasher?" But nothing happens. A child says, "Dad, I asked you three times already." Still no response. Then someone quietly says from another room, "There is pie in the kitchen." Suddenly, hearing is fully restored!

Now, before all the men become defensive, let us be honest: this is not exclusively a male problem. All of us suffer from selective hearing from time to time. Sometimes we hear what we want to hear and tune out the rest. And if we are being truthful, many of us have experienced the frustration of not being heard ourselves. Whether it is in our families, our workplaces, our friendships, or even in society itself, there is something deeply painful about being unheard and "invisible". Sometimes all we really want is for someone to stop, pay attention, and say, "I hear you. I care". Perhaps that is why both of our scriptures today are so powerful.

Psalm 86 begins with a simple plea: "*Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.*" In other words: "God, please listen. God, please hear me." And then in Genesis 21, we encounter another story about being heard. It is not an easy story to listen to. Hagar and her son Ishmael find themselves cast out from Abraham's household and sent into an uncertain future. Soon the water runs out. Hagar places Ishmael beneath a bush because she cannot bear to watch him die. Can you imagine the scene? A frightened parent. A vulnerable child. A wilderness that stretches in every direction. What is Hagar supposed to do?

It is, in many ways, a refugee story. A vulnerable family displaced, wondering whether anyone sees them at all. Sadly, this is not merely an ancient story. Millions of people around the world today know exactly what Hagar and Ishmael experienced. They have fled war, persecution, violence, environmental disasters, or crushing poverty. They have left behind

homes, careers, schools, possessions, and loved ones. Many arrive in unfamiliar places carrying little more than hope and courage. Behind every statistic is a story. A family. A beloved child of God.

Yet what strikes me most in this story is not human failure, although there is plenty of that! Instead, what is remarkable is God's response. Verse 17 tells us, "*God heard the boy crying.*" God heard and responded. God did not say, "This is someone else's problem," or "there are too many needs in the world to worry about one child." God heard. Perhaps that is the central message of World Refugee Sunday. Because before we are called to solve every problem, we must first pay attention, to hear, to notice, to see people as God sees them.

The Canadian Council for Refugees has entitled its current advocacy campaign for refugees as "We're Better Together". We are better together. Those are not merely words to catch attention. They are deeply theological words. Because throughout the Bible, we hear stories of God is building community. God is always breaking down walls between stranger and neighbour, drawing people of different backgrounds together, and ensuring that their stories are heard. That, too, is part of the story of Hagar and Ishmael. God's response to their vulnerability was not abandonment but accompaniment: "*God was with the boy as he grew up.*"

On this Father's Day, that message feels especially meaningful. Father's Day is often a complicated day for families. For some, it is a joyful time. For others, it carries grief or painful memories, or a sense of absence for fathers they never had. Yet perhaps one of the gifts of this day is to remember that fatherhood at its best reflects something of God's own character. The best fathers listen, protect, and encourage the children in their care. Just like God. And the truth is that many people embody these gifts, whether they are fathers by biology, by adoption, by mentorship, by friendship, or simply by the way they care for others. The world needs more people like that - people who hear, who notice, who accompany others in difficult transitions or journeys.

Because the world today can feel very much like a trackless wilderness – filled with anxiety, loneliness and worry. Many feel as though they are wandering without a clear sense of direction. Which brings us back to Psalm 86. The psalmist is refreshingly honest, saying that life is difficult, and that our faith in God does not prevent troubles and hardship. Instead, the psalmist cries out: "*Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.*"

Faith is bringing our fears, worries, and vulnerabilities honestly before God, and trusting that God hears us. I love these words from the psalm: "*For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.*" Steadfast love. The kind of love that remains when life is difficult, when circumstances change, that stays with us when we feel forgotten. That is the love God offered Hagar and Ishmael. That is the love God offers refugees around the world. That is the love God offers each one of us. And that is the love we are called to share. Our congregation has shared that love by sponsoring refugees,

supporting ministries of welcome, advocating for just and compassionate government policies.

The Canadian Council for Refugees reminds us that we are better together. As Christians, we might say something even deeper. We are better together because God created us for one another. In a world that often divides people into categories of “us” and “them,” the gospel offers a different vision: simply “us”, God’s beloved children gathered from every nation, language, and culture, welcomed at one table, beloved by one God. The good news of Genesis 21 is not ultimately that Hagar found her way, but that God found Hagar and heard Ishmael’s cries. And the good news for us today is this: The God who heard Hagar and Ishmael still hears the cries of the world. The God who heard the psalmist still hears our prayers. And the God who hears us sends us into the world to help others know that they, too, are seen, heard, and loved. We know and worship a God who hears us - all of us. Amen.

Blessing the Word in our Lives

Minister: By hearing your Word today, listening and reaching out in faith, we touch the presence of God. May we share this touch and this grace with all those we meet. Amen.

Hymn # 759:

In loving partnership

Words: Jim Strathdee

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1. In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.
2. We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other’s need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful word and faithful deed.
3. Loving community we seek;
your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak
are brought together in your love.
4. In loving partnership, O God,
help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire,
we humbly pray in Jesus’ name.

Responding in love with thanksgiving

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

Minister: God of compassion and courage, in our weakness you are strength. In our sorrows you are comfort and peace. We thank you for your all-encompassing presence in our lives. Embrace each situation we lay before you today with your steadfast love. We thank you for moments of joy that break into our lives, for love given and received, for friends who furnish our life with meaning and happiness, and for family who welcome us with love and understanding. We pray for those who cannot feel joy today, for any estranged from family or friends, for those feeling stress as the costs of living rise, and for those who face any kind of loss. Embrace us all with your mercy, O God,

People: and give us grace to respond.

Minister: God of the world, we pray for people in our communities, both friend and stranger: draw us towards and deeper into relationships that open doors of connection, respect and understanding among neighbours. We give thanks for your abundant gifts, and for resources to support those facing difficulties in our communities, and in other parts of the world. Challenge those who govern to listen to, and respond to, the needs of those they serve. Challenge us to commit to international efforts to preserve the earth, work against the inhumanity of war, and advocate for peace with justice. On this World Refugee Sunday, we ask that you guide world leaders to set policies that welcome those fleeing violence and conflict, protect vulnerable people and respect every person's dignity. Embrace us all with your mercy, O God,

People: and give us grace to respond.

Minister: Creator God, June is Indigenous History Month. We give thanks for the opportunities we have to learn about the rich and diverse histories, languages and cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We give thanks for Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers and leaders who work for the wellbeing of Indigenous nations and communities and pray for their health and strength in this essential work. Eternal God, we thank you for your people in every age who have entered into your heavenly presence, especially our fathers and those who have been like fathers to us. Thank you for memories that inspire us, for love and laughter shared and lessons learned. Hear us now as we offer prayers in silence for the concerns on our hearts this day... We sum up our prayers, spoken and unspoken, in the words that 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: Around us, the blessings of God's good earth appear in fields and gardens, speaking of God's kindness to us. Our gifts also speak of God's goodness as we offer our gratitude for all we have received in Christ and in creation.

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: O God, we offer you our gifts in thanksgiving. Pour out your Spirit upon them and upon us. May the gifts we offer bear the fruit of your Spirit in every life we touch in Jesus' name. Amen.

to go out with joy and serve...

Sending Hymn # 740:

Make me a channel of your peace

*Words: Sebastian Temple, St. Francis of Assisi, © 1967 Franciscan Communications Centre Music:
Sebastian Temple © 1968 Franciscan Communications Centre*

1. Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt true faith in you.
2. Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
3. O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.



4. Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

The Benediction and Choral Amen

Minister: Go in faithfulness, ready to serve God, trusting that God counts your life as precious. And may the God who sees in our coming and going, the Son who guides us in our placing and displacing, and the Holy Spirit who sustains us in our hopes and dreams for a better future, be with us all today and every day. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Processional March

Merritt



No one chooses to be a refugee; however, today there are over 42 million refugees and many more who are internally displaced—forced to leave their homes due to conflicts or ethnic persecution. PWS&D's refugee ministry responds to Christ's call to serve and defend those who are persecuted. Churches continue to demonstrate their support by sponsoring refugee families, helping them rebuild their lives safely and with dignity. In 2025, 61 sponsored refugees arrived from 8 countries, including Iraq, Sudan, and Afghanistan. This ministry is not only about offering

hope but also about living out the biblical call to love and serve others, showing Christ's love to those who are experiencing persecution and suffering.

A Mission Moment from The PCC

First Presbyterian Church JUNE CALENDAR

LOAVES & FISHES SUNDAY

1st Sunday monthly

CRAFT & CHAT – On summer holidays

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 – Mon. Evenings 7 pm. in the Red Rm

EMBERS/GUIDES – Summer Break

BGH DAY HOSPICE - Every Wednesday Hall and Parlour

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

Happy Birthday to (June 21st – 27th):

JESSICA LEBRUN-COLLINS – June 24th

PETER OXTOBEE – June 27th

LEA WASSINK – June 28th

Happy Anniversary to:

ANDREW & KIM DUNCAN – June 21st

Would you share your birth date with us?

Email firstkirk@truespeed.ca with your name and date of birth. We would like to celebrate you!

Office Hours – June 22nd -26th

Monday, June 22nd – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Tuesday, June 23rd – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Wednesday, June 24th – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Thursday, June 25th – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Friday, June 26th – 10 am. to 1:30 pm.

- June 21 **FATHER'S DAY AND WORLD REFUGEE WORSHIP**
(Fourth Sunday after Pentecost) 11 am. in the Sanctuary
 - Church School - A light luncheon follows worship (Church Hall)
- June 27 **MEN'S BEAKFAST**
 8:15 am. at Stacked Restaurant
- June 28 **MORNING WORSHIP (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)**
 11 am. in the Sanctuary - - Church School - NO Coffee Hour
 Sunday Supper Ministry in Church Hall.
 Reverend Marianne leads afternoon worship at Half Moon Bay

SERVICES of WORSHIP
 in the Summer Months

Sundays, July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

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

Sundays, August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

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

Rally Sunday, September 6th

at St. Lawrence Park - 11 am.

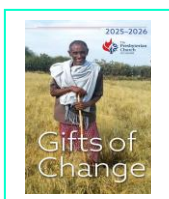
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During the month of July, the congregations of First Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church will come together to worship at First Baptist Church at 10 am. For this month, First Baptist will produce the order of service each Sunday morning, as 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 today Sunday, June 14th. 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.



HALF MOON BAY (Gananoque)

See the tallest cathedral ceiling at Historic Half Moon Bay during the **Sunday, June 28th Service of Worship.**
Minister: The Reverend MARIANNE EMIG CARR

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.



Habitat 1000 Islands On the Links Golf Tournament

Labour Day Monday, September 7th, 2026 at the Prescott Golf Club



Price per player \$125
Now taking registrations of 4-player groups
Please e-mail golf@habitat1000islands.org

Price includes:
Green Fee, Powered Cart, Bagged Lunch, Fajita Buffet, Fun
Also:
Silent Auction, 50/50, Longest Drive, Closest-to-the-Pin

Sign-in 11am Shotgun Start 1pm



Every swing of your club goes towards building 'Lockett Place' - 4 affordable homes in Prescott, Ontario through Habitat for Humanity Thousand Islands



Collective is a spirit-filled gathering for youth, young adults, and their leaders—a space to grow in faith, build community, and reflect on shared experiences. Throughout the event, there will be times for everyone to be together, as well each group has dedicated programming designed to inspire, challenge, and equip them. Every day is filled with worship, recreation, discipleship groups, interactive workshops, and of course, delicious meals. Rides to Brock University are being arranged from the St. Catharines train station and bus depot. Shuttles from the Toronto Airport are available at 12 noon and 3 pm on Wednesday. Go to <https://www.collective-gathering.ca/shuttles> for the form to register for a ride or shuttle.

Collective 2026, a gathering for youth, young adults, and their leaders, will be taking place this summer from August 12th – 15th <https://presbyterian.ca/ccm/collective/>

Funds are available through the Presbytery of Seaway-Glengarry and the Synod of Québec and Eastern Ontario for those registered for the event from a congregation within the presbytery. Registration: the presbytery

assistance is to help offset the cost of registration. Travel: the synod assistance is to help offset the cost of travel. The amount available to each person is dependent on the number of requests received.

- to request financial assistance from the presbytery and the synod, contact the presbytery clerk donnamicilveen79@gmail.com extended to **June 30th, 2026**.



Indigenous History Month National Indigenous Peoples Day

June is Indigenous History Month, and June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is an opportunity to celebrate and learn more about the diverse

cultures, traditions, governing systems, histories, spiritualities, and gifts of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. The best way to learn is directly from Indigenous people: read Indigenous authors, listen to Indigenous musicians and podcasters, view art and film made by Indigenous artists, seek opportunities to learn from Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers and teachers, attend events organized by Indigenous nations, organizations or Friendship Centres in your area. Centering Indigenous voices and experiences, honouring Indigenous identity and resilience contributes to building up a society that actively addresses anti-Indigenous racism, and where all people may flourish. Learn more about ministries with Indigenous people here - <https://presbyterian.ca/ccm/indigenous-ministries/>. Learn more about the church's work for Indigenous justice and healing and reconciliation here - <https://presbyterian.ca/justice/social-action/indigenous-justice/>



Call for Photos!

We are looking for photos (with captions) from congregations for

use in our 2026 resources to help tell the PCC's story. These resources include bulletin covers, videos, posters, our annual wall calendar, the website and more. We rely on photos from congregations to help us showcase their good work as they live out their faith in action. Learn more and submit photos to

<https://presbyterian.ca/2026/03/25/call-for-photos-2/>

