

"Your kingdom come,
your will be done"



First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 9th, 2026

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Minister: **The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**

Director of Music: **Kathleen Howard**

Reader: **Andrew Cameron**

Welcome to worship! Thank you for joining us from wherever you are! In-person services of worship continue, with online options available for those who are more comfortable worshipping from home.

Information for In-Person Worship

- * **ACCESSIBLE WASHROOM FACILITIES** for all people are available **on the Sanctuary level**. These washrooms are found through the doors behind the Choir Loft - right turn - straight ahead. Please feel free to use these washrooms whenever necessary!
- * **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** – There is no Children's Ministry in August. Church School will resume on Sunday, September 13th.
- * **HEARING IN THE SANCTUARY** - First Church has available a system of FM RECEIVERS and HEADSETS. They are for use by those who find it difficult to hear in the Sanctuary. If you would like to use one this morning, visit our Sound Technician.
- * **COFFEE HOUR** – There is no Coffee Hour on Sundays in August. Coffee hour will resume on Sunday, September 13th, 2026. To volunteer to host, bake or bring food to any coffee hour sign the sheet in the Church Hall or call Tamara Chapman.

ASSISTING YOU THIS MORNING

Greeter: Kathy Loughrey Elevator: Mark Leslie

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



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- * 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 Organ Prelude

Fughetta

Johann Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship God

Minister: God's realm is a realm of justice and peace.

People: We long for God's reign to come among us.

Minister: God lifts up the poor and hears the cries of the oppressed.

People: We gather to seek God's hope and healing.

Minister: Let us worship the God of justice and mercy.

People: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn # 746: What a friend we have in Jesus

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1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear;
what a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer.
Oh what peace we often forfeit,
oh what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge:
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

Prayer As We Approach God

Minister: Loving God in heaven, in your goodness you pour out on your people all that they need, and satisfy those who persist in prayer.

People: Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving, tireless in seeking, and joyful in finding,

Minister: that we may always proclaim your coming kingdom

People: and do your will on earth as in heaven. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Minister: God of justice and compassion, your dream for the world is peace, dignity, and abundant life for all people.

People: Yet we confess that we often resist your kingdom ways. We cling to privilege instead of generosity, fear instead of trust, division instead of reconciliation. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to seek your realm of peace and just now and always. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Minister: The kingdom of God is built on mercy, not perfection. In Christ, we are forgiven and invited to begin again. Thanks be to God.

The Children's Message Little Things Can Make a Big Difference

Good morning! I brought something very small with me today. (Hold up a tiny seed.) It is a seed! It is so tiny that you can hardly see it. What happens if we plant a seed like this? That is right! It grows. A tiny seed can become a beautiful flower, a vegetable, or even a big tree. Amazing – yes!? Jesus once said that God's kingdom is like a tiny mustard seed. At first, it seems so small, but it keeps growing and growing until it becomes something wonderful. Today in church we are talking about these words from the Lord's Prayer:

"Your kingdom come." What do you think that means? Does it mean God is building a castle?... No! God's kingdom is wherever people live the way Jesus taught us to live. Every time we are kind, we share, or we help someone, it is like planting one little seed. Those little things may not seem very important, but they grow. Maybe someone who was having a bad day smiles because you were kind. Maybe someone who felt left out feels welcome because

you invited them to play. Maybe someone who was sad feels happier because you shared your lunch or gave them a hug. One small act can make a big difference. That is how God's kingdom grows. Not all at once, but step by step, one kind word. One helping hand. One loving action at a time.

So, this week, I would like each of you to think about planting one "kingdom seed." Maybe you can help set the table or help out your parents at home. Maybe share your toys with your brothers and sisters or friends. Maybe you can include someone who is alone at school or daycare. Those little things are "seeds" that help God's love grow in the world.

Prayer:

Minister: Dear God, thank you for showing us that our small acts of love can make a big difference. Help us to plant seeds of kindness wherever we go. May your kingdom grow in our hearts, in our homes, in our church, and in our community. Amen.

Hymn # 751:

Forgive our sins as we forgive

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1. "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart,
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew;
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

to hear God's word

Prayer for Insight and Understanding

Andrew: God of wisdom, speak through your Word today. Show us what your realm looks like and give us courage to seek it and to live it out. Amen.

Psalm 72: 1-7 and 12-14 (read responsively)

Andrew: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

People: May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

Andrew: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

People: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

Andrew: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

People: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

Andrew: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,

People: until the moon is no more.

Andrew: For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

People: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

Andrew: From oppression and violence, he redeems their life;

People: and precious is their blood in his sight.

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 6: 10a and Luke 11: 2b

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Andrew: In Matthew, Chapter 6, verse 10 we read; "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Then in Luke, Chapter 11, verse 2(b) we again read: "hallowed be your name, your kingdom come."

Andrew: 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.

Vocal Duet:

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple arr. Lloyd Larson

Singers: Marianne Emig Carr and Heather Dundas

The Meditation

Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done

Last Sunday, we began our journey through the Lord's Prayer by reflecting on the opening words: **"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."** Jesus began his instruction on prayer by turning our attention toward God - toward God's holiness, love, and presence with us. Before we bring our own needs and concerns to God, Jesus reminds us of who God is.

Today, we continue with the next words: **"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."** These words are much more than a wish for a better world but are a prayer that God's reign will become more visible - in our lives, in our communities, and throughout creation. Every time we pray these words, we are asking God to not only to change the world, but also to change us.

When Jesus speaks about the kingdom of God, he is not talking about a kingdom with borders, armies, or political power. God's domain is one of grace - where God's love shapes lives, God's justice is honoured, God's peace is experienced, and God's mercy is freely given. Throughout the Hebrew testament, God's people longed for the day when God would set everything right. The prophets dreamed of a world where justice would roll down like waters, where swords would be beaten into ploughshares, where peace would replace violence, and where every person could live without fear. Then Jesus came announcing: **"The kingdom of God has come near."**

In Jesus Christ, God's future began breaking into the present. People caught glimpses of the kingdom whenever Jesus healed the sick, forgave sinners, welcomed children, and ate with those whom society rejected. Wherever Jesus went, people discovered what life looked like when God governs with love and grace. Yet we know that God's work is not finished. The kingdom is **already here**, because Christ has come among us. But it is also **not yet complete**, because we still wait for the day when Christ will make all things new. War and violence continue to rage around the globe. We pray for healing when illness comes, for justice when people are treated unfairly, and for peace in a polarized world. Every day reminds us that creation is still longing for God's renewal. That is why we continue to say these words week after week. We are not praying because God has forgotten the world, but because God is still redeeming it. Every time we say, **"Your kingdom come,"** we are expressing our confidence that God's future will one day become the world's reality.

The kingdoms of this world often measure success by achievement, wealth, influence, popularity, or power. God's kingdom measures greatness differently. Jesus tells us that the greatest are those who serve. The peacemakers are blessed. The merciful receive mercy. The humble are uplifted. The last become first. Every day we have opportunities to choose which kingdom will shape our lives. When we forgive instead of holding onto resentment, God's kingdom comes a little closer. When we prepare meals for neighbours, support the Food Bank and Loaves & Fishes, welcome newcomers into our congregations and community, encourage a child, or simply listen to someone who needs a friend, we are living out the prayer Jesus taught us.

Most of those actions will never make the news. But Jesus often described the reign of God as being revealed in small, almost unnoticed ways - the mustard seed that grows into a great shrub, or yeast mixed into dough until the whole loaf rises. God's reign grows quietly: through one act of kindness; one conversation; one invitation; one prayer. One faithful disciple at a time.

Then Jesus teaches us to pray, **"Your will be done."** These words may be among the hardest in the entire prayer. It is easy to ask God to bless our plans, to give us what we want. But Jesus invites us to ask whether those plans and desires reflect God's will. Prayer is not simply bringing our "shopping list" to heaven but opening ourselves to God's transforming presence. Jesus himself prayed these words in the Garden of Gethsemane. Facing suffering and the cross, he prayed, **"Not my will, but yours be done."** Jesus trusted the Father's love even when the future appeared dark and despairing.

That is the invitation Jesus gives us. Not blind resignation. Not giving up. But trusting that God's wisdom is greater than ours and that God's purposes are always rooted in love. Sometimes God's will leads us in unexpected directions. Sometimes it asks us to forgive when forgiveness feels impossible. Sometimes it calls us to speak up for someone whose voice is ignored. Sometimes it invites us to let go of our own plans so that something even better can emerge. Looking back, many of us can probably remember moments when God's path was not what we would have chosen, yet it became the place where we experienced God's grace most deeply.

Finally, Jesus teaches us to pray, **"On earth as it is in heaven."** Those words remind us that God has not given up on this world but is renewing it through Christ. Jesus reminds us that **"God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son..."** As followers of the Son, we become signs of heaven on earth whenever we follow Christ's pattern in our lives. That is why the church matters. Through our words and actions, we are called to be a community that faithfully gives the world a glimpse of God's dominion. Each congregation, whether large or small, can become a place where people encounter grace, welcome, compassion, forgiveness, and hope. We are reminded that God is still at work among us.

And perhaps that is the greatest encouragement of all. When we look around our world, it is easy to become discouraged. We see and hear stories of conflict, suffering, and uncertainty. We may worry about our families, our communities, our churches, or the future itself. Yet Jesus teaches us to pray these words, not because the world is hopeless, but because God is faithful. Every time we pray, **"Your kingdom come,"** we proclaim that hatred, injustice, and death will not have the final word. Every time we pray, **"Your will be done,"** we trust that God's purposes are stronger than our fears. Every time we pray, **"On earth as it is in heaven,"** we confess our hope that one day Christ will make all things new.

Until that day comes, we continue to pray, serve, forgive, welcome and hope. For the kingdom we pray for is the kingdom Christ has already begun—and that reign one day will

be fully revealed in all its glory. **Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.** Amen.

Blessing the Word in our Lives

Minister: God of justice and peace, through your Word read and proclaimed, plant the seeds of your kingdom within us today. Give us courage to work for reconciliation, hope, and dignity for all people. May our lives bear witness to your love in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn # 722:

Lord, whose love

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1. Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.

2. Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.

3. As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving
your abundant life to share.

4. Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go

to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show:
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know, and live.

Responding in love with thanksgiving

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

Minister: God of justice and peace, we pray for your reign to come among us—not only in some distant future, but here and now, in our communities, our relationships, and our world. We pray for nations torn by war, violence, occupation, and political unrest, praying especially for Gaza, Ukraine, Yemen, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iran and Yemen. Bring wisdom to leaders, courage to peacemakers, and protection to civilians caught in conflict. We especially remember those who are displaced from their homes, separated from loved ones, or living in fear, and we pray that Canada will welcome more refugees and asylum seekers to safety and new life.

People: God of peace, hear our prayers.

Minister: We pray for all who are pushed to the margins of society. For those struggling with poverty, hunger, homelessness, discrimination, or unemployment, may your justice shine through communities of compassion and generosity. We pray for Indigenous communities and for all places where the wounds of colonization, racism, and exclusion continue to cause harm. Lead us toward truth, reconciliation, and healing relationships.

People: God of justice, hear our prayers.

Minister: We pray for your church. Help us to proclaim your kingdom not only with words, but through acts of mercy, advocacy, and service. Keep us from becoming comfortable with injustice or staying silent in the face of suffering.

People: God of mercy, hear our prayers.

Minister: We pray for all who are weary in body or spirit. For those facing illness, grief, uncertainty, or despair, may they know your comfort and strength. For those beginning new journeys or carrying heavy burdens, may they feel your guiding presence.

People: God of healing, hear our prayers

Minister: God of hope, shape us into people who reflect your reign in our homes, schools, workplaces, and neighbourhoods. Help us to become signs of your peace in a divided and suffering world. Bless our hands, our work, and our outreach to those who are desperately seeking hope in their lives.

People: God of hope, hear our prayers

Minister: We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught his disciples, and us, to pray together, 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

Minister: Every act of generosity becomes a sign of God's realm among us. Let us present our offerings with thankful and joyful hearts.

You can give to First Presbyterian Church.....

* by pre-authorized remittance (P.A.R.) (<https://presbyterian.ca/plannedgiving/pre-authorized-remittance-par-program/>). Contact the Church Office.

* by e-transfer to firstkirk@truespeed.ca

* by mail to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 885, 10 Church Street, Brockville, Ont., K6V 5W1

Offering Praise Song

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

Minister: God of abundance, bless these gifts, the fruits of your kingdom, and use them, and us, to bring hope, justice, and compassion into the world. Amen.

Sending Hymn # 654: O God of Bethel, by whose hand *Words & Music: Public domain*

1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand
thy people still are fed,
who through this weary pilgrimage
hast all thy servants led:

2. our vows, our prayers, we now present
before thy gracious throne;
as thou has been our faithful God,
so always be our own.

3. Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread and raiment fit provide.
4. Oh spread thy covering wings around,
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our God's own loved abode our souls arrive in peace.
5. Such blessings from thy gracious hand
our humble prayers implore,
and thou shalt be our chosen God and portion evermore.

The Benediction and Choral Amen

Minister: Go into the world as people of God - seeking justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God. And as you do, know that the grace of our heavenly Parent, the love of Christ our Saviour, and the joy of the Holy Spirit goes with you now and forever. Amen.

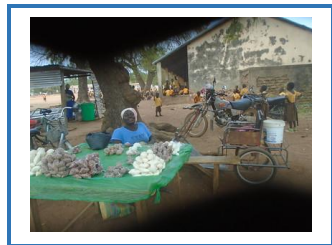
The Organ Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Jerry McCrory

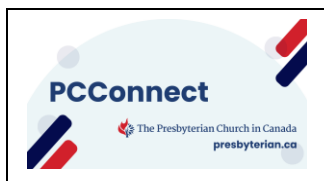


We extend our congratulations and very best wishes to **PATRICK MUNRO & BRIANNE MATHESON** on the occasion of their marriage on Friday, August 7th in Ottawa. Patrick & Brianne were married by Patrick's mother the Reverend Marianne Emig Carr. May God bless Patrick & Brianne in their life together. There will be pictures in the next edition of "the Challenge"!



Abena Asabiliga, a 46-year-old woman from Sumaduri in the Garu District of Northern Ghana, became physically impaired in infancy due to polio. Because of stigma, discrimination and her family's poverty, she lived an isolated and difficult life. After being identified in a community survey by community-based rehabilitation staff working for the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, her family and community received sensitization on disability rights, which helped reduce negative attitudes. With support from PWS&D, Abena received a tricycle for mobility, business skills training and start-up capital. She now sells snacks near a school and earns a living. She said, "My life has changed, and I can now move independently with the use of the tricycle that was provided to me. I am so grateful."

A Mission Moment from The PCC



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I often use an article from this publication in the church bulletin, but in this article there is so much information that there is not enough room. So please visit the link above for news, projects to support, courses to take, and updates on projects supported by the PWS&D through ACT Alliance. The Presbyterian Church in Canada is hard at work providing support, assistance, courses, etc. Be part of the action and support your church.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

RALLY and CAMP SUNDAY

September 6th, 2026 - St. Lawrence Park Upper Level at 11 am.

The congregation is invited to enjoy outdoor worship and a picnic luncheon as we begin a new and exciting church year! You need to bring your lunch, your chair and your enthusiasm. Worship, fun and fellowship provided! Parking is available in the parking lot south of King Street. A shuttle service will take you to the event site if you require it. In the event of rain, we will be in the Church. Plan to come and begin the year together!

Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

**The best way to find yourself is to
lose yourself in the service of others.**

Ghandi, activist



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Office Hours – August

Mondays – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Tuesdays – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Wednesdays – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Thursdays – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Fridays – 10 am. to 1:30 pm.

It is a good idea to call the office to make sure Office Marianne is not at an appointment.

Available this morning on the table
at the rear of the Sanctuary

**Copies of the AUGUST and
SEPTEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR –**

Please take a copy home!

Happy Birthday – August 9th to 15th

GLENN McAULAY – August 10th

ISABEL MacDONALD – August 10th

ELIZABETH ROBINSON – August 10th

BOB RUNCIMAN – August 10st

KATIE KRAMARIC – August 11th

KIM DUNCAN – August 15th

Happy Anniversary to

MICHEL & DEBBIE LABONTE – Aug. 14st

SERVICES of WORSHIP in the Summer Months

Sundays, August 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.

Minister: The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr

During the month of August, the congregations of First Baptist Church and First Presbyterian Church will come together to worship at First Presbyterian Church at 11 am. In August, First Church will provide the volunteers and produce the bulletin, outreach deliveries, and the prayer calendar. A note about givings: 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.

As you go through the summer months, please remember **THE CHALLENGE!** How did you spend your summer? Where did you go? Whom did you visit? Send pictures and stories etc. to firstkirk@truespeed.ca anytime now. Thanks!

'FIRST STEPS'

for those caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and those who have been diagnosed.

To register:

To attend **on-line** use the Zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/6-DAVyFbQMKUJ9suD-nGpg>

To attend **in-person** at the Brockville office contact:

Sean McFadden at 1-866-576-8556 or email at smcfadden@alzlg.ca

TIME: 1:30 pm – 3 pm

WHEN:

TUESDAY August 18th, 2026

What is Dementia:

Learn about Alzheimer's disease and other related dementia along with treatment options.

TUESDAY August 25th, 2026

Adapting to Brain Changes:

Learn about changes in the brain and their relationship with symptoms.

TUESDAY September 1st, 2026

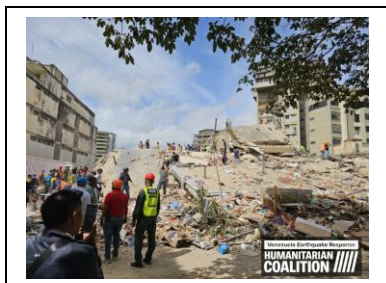
Planning Ahead:

Learn about the importance of legal and financial planning.

TUESDAY September 8th, 2026

Building a Circle of Support:

Learn about the signs of emotional and physical stress and what you can do to find support.



The PCC's PWS&D Venezuela Earthquake Response

A state of emergency was declared in Venezuela after two powerful earthquakes struck on June 24th. Residential and commercial buildings have collapsed, and there is considerable damage to critical infrastructure,

including roads and public facilities. Heavily affected areas remain difficult to access.

Donations are urgently needed. The PCC's relief and development agency, PWS&D, is able to respond through the ACT Alliance, which has members operating in Venezuela. Immediate needs assessments are taking place with plans to respond as soon as possible. Donations can be included in your regular envelopes, by etransfer to firstkirk@truespeed.ca or by mail (address above).