



First Presbyterian Church

Presbyterians Sharing Sunday, September 20th, 2026

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

(The Third Sunday in the Season of Creation)

Minister: **The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**

Director of Music: **Kathleen Howard**

Reader: **Persephone Antoniou**

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 Children's Message, 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 lunch, fellowship, and a meeting of the congregation 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 important news. To volunteer to host, bake, or bring food to any coffee hour sign the sheet in the Church Hall or call Tamara Chapman.
- * **PLEASE NOTE – DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?** If you do, the Greeters are the appropriate people to go to for ALL questions and assistance with the elevator, water, washrooms, bulletins, etc.

ASSISTING YOU THIS MORNING

Greeter: Pam Dewar Elevator: Lloyd Osmond

Sound and Video Team – Quentin Robinson, Michel LaBonte

Mark Leslie and Kade LeBrun



- * Our website and social media accounts:

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

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www.instagram.com/firstpresbrockville/ <https://twitter.com/firstkirk>

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

- * **Cogeco/Channel 10/700 Services** every Sunday at 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:

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Graham Kendrick - arr. John Carter

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship God

Minister: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

Minister: Glory in God's holy name;

People: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Minister: Seek the Lord and God's strength;

People: seek God's presence continually.

Opening Hymn # 477:

Your hand, O God, has guided

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1. Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written
full clear on every page;
our forebears knew your goodness,
and we their deeds record,
and both of this bear witness,
"One church, one faith, one Lord."
2. Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they summoned all to hasten
to share the great King's feast,
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming,
"One church, one faith, one Lord."
3. And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,

and cast away our crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored:
we will maintain, unflinching,
"One church, one faith, one Lord."

4. Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won,
and then by earth and heaven
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem,
"One church, one faith, one Lord."

Prayer As We Approach God

Minister: O God, we come together in prayer to give you adoration and praise

People: for all that you are, all that you have been, and all that you have yet to reveal
yourself to be.

Minister: You are the first and you are the last, the beginning and the end. You are gracious
and you are generous.

All: You see us as we are, at our best and at our worst, and yet you love us still.

The Chancel Choir Introit

Like A Mighty Flowing River

Michael A. Perry

(Hymn # 741 – PCC Book of Praise)

Prayer of Confession

Minister: Loving God, we ask that you would forgive us for the times when we have tried
to be first, and for the times when we have made a show of being last.

All: Forgive us for the times when we have been envious of the gifts given to others. Forgive
us for squandering your good gifts, and desecrating creation through our greed and
selfishness. Forgive us for the times when, as individuals and as a church, we have been too
slow to act. And forgive us for the times when, as individuals and as a church, we have acted
too quickly and done harm in our haste. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, our
sibling and our Saviour. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Minister: All people have fallen short and continue to fall short of God's standards and are

in need of salvation. Salvation means life, forgiveness, healing, and wholeness. And God's way to salvation has been revealed in Jesus Christ. That salvation comes from God's grace received through faith in Christ alone. Through the death and resurrection of Christ, your sins are forgiven. Know that God has forgiven you. Forgive yourself - and forgive one another. Amen.

A Message for our Children and Youth Let It Flow!

Good morning! I have with me this pitcher of water. What do we use water for? We drink it. We wash with it. We give it to plants when they are thirsty. We need water to live! And this year, during the Season of Creation, we have been talking about **Living Water** - water that gives life. Now, what if you were thirsty and you asked for a drink of water, and I said to you, "No, this is mine. I am not going to share it with anyone." Would that be very helpful or nice? No, of course not! We should share what we have with someone who needs it.

That makes me think about something we are talking about today: **Presbyterians Sharing**. Presbyterians Sharing is our national church fund that is one way that our church shares what God has given us with other people. We do not keep everything we have for ourselves. We share some of it with other churches and people across Canada and around the world. Maybe our gifts help children learn about God's creation. Maybe they help provide food for someone who is hungry. Maybe they help a church or a community that needs some extra support. Maybe they help people who are working for healing and justice. We might never meet the people who are helped by our gifts. We might never even know exactly what our gift has done. But that is okay.

Think about this water. If I pour some into another cup, I still have some water here - but now someone else has water, too. That is what sharing does. God gives us so many things - our families, our friends, our talents, our time, our church and the things we have. And God says, "**Share what you have.**" So, whenever you see water this week - a glass of water, rain falling, a river, or a water fountain - remember that God's gifts are meant to flow to others. And remember that when we share through Presbyterians Sharing, we can help God's love flow to people we may never even meet.

Prayer with the Children & Youth:

Minister: Dear God, thank you for all the gifts you give us. Help us to be willing to share, so that our gifts become a blessing to people near and far. And help your love flow through us into the world. Amen.

Hymn # 705:

God who made the earth

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1. God, who made the earth,
the air, the sky, the sea,

who gave the light its birth,
still cares for me.

2. God, who made the grass,
the flower, the fruit, the tree,
the day and night to pass,
still cares for me.

3. God, who made the sun,
the moon, the stars we see,
who sees life's clouds come on
still cares for me.

4. God, who made all things
on earth, in air, in sea,
who changing seasons brings,
still cares for me.

to hear God's word

Prayer for Insight and Understanding

Persephone: Lord, send us your Holy Spirit to give us a fresh understanding of the Scriptures this day. Challenge us and change our lives as we encounter your wisdom and truth, through Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

Psalms 105: 1-6 and 37-45 (read responsively)

Persephone: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,

People: make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Persephone: Sing to the Lord, sing praises,

People: tell of all God's wonderful works.

Persephone: Glory in God's holy name;

People: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Persephone: Seek the strength of the Lord; seek the Lord's presence continually.

People: Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles, and the judgements God has uttered, O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

Persephone: Then the Lord brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled. Egypt was glad when they departed. For dread of them had fallen upon it.

People: The Lord spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night. They asked, and the Lord brought quails, and gave them food from heaven in abundance. The Lord opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river. The Lord remembered the holy promise made to Abraham, God's servant.

Persephone: So, the Lord brought the people out with joy, the chosen ones with singing.

People: The Lord gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples, that they might keep God's statutes and observe God's laws.

All: Praise the Lord!

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 20: 1 - 16

New International Version (NIV)

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The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

Persephone: “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So, they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ ““Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’ “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Did you not agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Do I not have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ “So, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Persephone: 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 Message:

Living Water: Making Room For All

The parable Jesus tells this morning is one of those stories that can make us a little uncomfortable. The workers who were hired first thing in the morning have worked all day in the heat. They have done what they were asked. And when the landowner pays those who arrived at the very end of the day the same amount, those who worked all day object. “It is not fair!” We understand that reaction. Fairness matters to us. We want people to be treated fairly. We want our work to be valued. We want our contributions to count for something. And yet Jesus tells this story in a way that asks us to look beyond fairness - to look instead toward generosity.

The parable begins and ends with almost the same words: “The last will be first, and the first will be last.” Jesus is turning our usual way of thinking upside down. One way of understanding a parable is to ask ourselves: **Who are we in this story?** Perhaps we are the workers who arrived early. We have worked hard. We have given generously. We have kept the church going, maintained the building, paid the bills, supported its ministries and cared for one another. And sometimes we might wonder: Why should we give what we have worked so hard to build to people somewhere else? To people we do not even know?? Perhaps we are also the workers who arrived late. We know what it is like to receive something we did not earn entirely for ourselves. We know what it is like to depend upon the generosity of others.

But there is another possibility. What about looking at this from the landowner’s perspective? The landowner is generous. He gives not simply what is required, but what is needed. He sees people standing in the marketplace with no work and no assurance about what the day will bring, and he responds with generosity.

The parable challenges us to ask not simply, “**What is fair?**” but “**What can I give?**” That is an important question for us on Presbyterians Sharing Sunday. It can be tempting to think of the resources of our congregation as belonging only to us. And certainly, there are many needs right here. We have a building to maintain, ministries to support, people to care for. Those things matter.

But the church is also part of something much larger. The Presbyterian Church in Canada is a community of congregations whose gifts flow beyond their own walls and communities. That is what Presbyterians Sharing makes possible.

Our gifts support congregations and ministries across Canada. They support Indigenous-led healing and wellness ministries. They support ministry with children and young people and programs that connect faith with care for creation. They support international partners who are serving communities where the need is great. And they

support practical ministries of food and hospitality for people who might otherwise be overlooked.

Our gifts become part of something larger than ourselves. And that brings us to our Season of Creation theme: **“Living Water: God’s Gift, Our Calling.”** Water gives life because it flows. A river does not exist simply for itself. Water moves outward, nourishing the land, sustaining plants and animals, and providing what communities need to live. On the other hand, standing water ends up being stagnant, attracting algae and mosquitoes. Perhaps our generosity can be like that. God has entrusted us with gifts - not simply money, but time, abilities, relationships, buildings and resources. And those gifts are most fully alive when they are shared.

Think about this building. For generations, this has been a place of worship and prayer. It has been a place where people have been baptized and married, where Scripture has been read and hymns have been sung, where people have gathered in times of joy and times of sorrow. But this building has also been a gift to the wider community. We have opened our doors for community groups and organizations. We have shared our space with people who need a place to gather, to learn, to create, to meet and to build relationships. We have welcomed people who may not otherwise have a connection with this congregation. In doing so, we are reminded that a church building is not simply something we possess. It is something entrusted to us. And perhaps that is another form of Presbyterians Sharing.

Sometimes sharing means putting money into an offering envelope. Sometimes it means giving our time or our skills. And sometimes it means opening the doors of the resources God has entrusted to us so that they can serve a wider purpose. That does not mean that we stop caring for our own congregation or our own ministries. Quite the opposite. We care for what we have precisely so that it can continue to be a blessing. The question is not simply, “What do we need to keep for ourselves?” The question Jesus places before us is: “What might God do with what we are willing to share?”

That is a question worth asking about our financial resources. It is worth asking about our time and talents. And it is worth asking about this building that has been entrusted to us. Because generosity is rarely about having more than enough. The landowner in Jesus’ parable did not give because he had to. He gave because he could. And God has always been generous with us. God’s love and faithfulness was reaching toward us before we ever knew to reach toward God. God’s grace comes to us before we have earned it. God’s gifts surround us every day. We are called to let those gifts flow.

This morning, as we think about Presbyterians Sharing, may we remember that our generosity can reach far beyond what we can see. A gift given here can become hope somewhere else. A meal can be served. A young person can discover a connection between faith and creation. A congregation can be strengthened. A community can experience

welcome. And even the space we have been given can become a place where God's generosity is made visible.

As I talked about in last week's message, living water does not stay in one place. It is always moving and flowing. So may the gifts God has entrusted to us - our money, our time, our abilities, our relationships and even the places we have been given - continue to flow outward, bringing welcome, hope, healing and new life. And may we discover that when we share what God has given us, we do not have less. We become part of something larger, as we make room for all. Amen.

Blessing the Word in our Lives

Minister: God of Glory, through your Word to us today, open our hearts and minds so that we may listen, discern and follow wherever you call. Amen.

Hymn:

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Words & Music: Public domain

(PCC Book of Praise – 1972 adapted)

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy

like the wideness of the sea;

there's a kindness in God's justice

which is more than liberty.

2. For the love of God is broader

than the measures of the mind,

and the heart of the Eternal

is most wonderfully kind.

3. If our love were but more faithful,

we should rest upon God's word,

and our lives would be thanksgiving

for the goodness of our Lord.

Responding in love with thanksgiving

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

Minister: God in whom we live and move and have our being, each week our prayers join with those of Christians around the world to seek your healing grace for those in need and to pray for justice and mercy in your fragile creation. We thank you for the ways in which your Spirit can surprise us, bringing healing and hope in situations which cause us to despair. Encourage us when we feel overwhelmed. God, speak to us a word of hope.

People: Embrace us with your love.

Minister: We remember before you today people living face to face with war and violence, for the peoples of Gaza, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Myanmar, and all those places where ancient conflicts burn and where innocents are in anguish. We also pray for workers and agencies that are, at great personal risk, seeking to provide humanitarian aid where it is desperately needed. God, speak to us a word of peace.

People: Embrace us with your love.

Minister: We remember before you today people living with illness and suffering, for those struggling with disability or waiting for treatment, and for those who know grief or fear or loneliness. God, speak to us a word of healing.

People: Embrace us with your love.

Minister: We remember before you today people facing discrimination and social prejudice, for those who are bullied at school, at work, or at home, and for those who are made to be ashamed of who they are. God, speak to us a word of dignity.

People: Embrace us with your love.

Minister: We remember before you people caught up in economic uncertainty, those worried for the future or struggling to make ends meet. God, speak to us a word of reassurance

People: Embrace us with your love.

Minister: We remember before you today your whole creation in its increasing vulnerability. Teach us how to care for the rips and tears in the fabric of the world you love so that all your creatures may live together in health and wholeness. We especially pray for all those that have been affected by heat, drought, wildfires and flooding in Canada and around the world. God, speak to us a word of wisdom.

People: Embrace us with your love.

Minister: On this Presbyterians Sharing Sunday, we remember before you today ministries supported by Presbyterians Sharing across Canada and around the world. Grow in us the interest and intention to contribute to this outreach, as our denomination seeks to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ through words and actions. God, speak to us a word of abundance.

Embrace us with your love.

Minister: Receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, as we offer together the words Jesus taught us ...

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The People's Offering for the Work of Christ's Church

Invitation to the Offering

Minister: As God the gracious landowner has been generous with God's gifts to us, let us in turn be generous in our gifts in support of the ministries of Christ's church - here at home, across the country and around the world.

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

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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: O God, you are generous with your gifts to us. Receive now our gifts to you. Bless them, so that they might be useful to the work of your church and your kingdom, both here in this tiny corner of your vineyard, across Canada, and through our partners around the world. For we ask this in the name of your most generous gift to us, Jesus Christ, your son. Amen.

Sending Hymn # 775:

Sent forth by your blessing

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1. Sent forth by your blessing, our true faith confessing,
your people, O God, from your table take leave.

The supper is ended: oh now be extended
the fruits of your service in all who believe.

The seed of your teaching, our hungry souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for all humankind.

Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom, your purpose to find.

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living
the task of our everyday life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,

embracing our neighbours all those of each race.
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
unite us as one in your life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

The Benediction

Minister: Go out into the world and be a worker in God's vineyard. Love all whom you meet. Serve all who are in need. Be generous, especially when generosity might not be deserved. Care for creation, which is a gift of God. Remember that God is with you, everywhere you go. And may the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, all those whom you love, and all those whom God loves, both this day and forevermore. Amen.

Organ Postlude:

Voluntary in D Major

John Travers



Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing bring hope and transformation to vulnerable people and communities in Canada and internationally. Together, we support the PCC's efforts of confession, truth and reconciliation with Indigenous people. We equip congregations and leaders through resources and webinars and connect Presbyterians across the country through the Presbyterian Connection newspaper. We equip

ministers through PCC theological colleges and help congregations discern God's call and create a plan for their future through renewal programs. We live out the biblical call to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. Together, we are making mission and ministry happen!

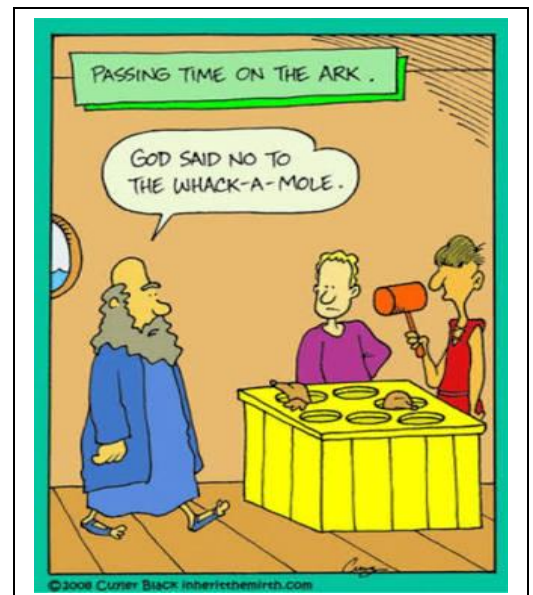
A Mission Moment from The PCC



A MEETING of the CONGREGATION

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church called for TODAY, Sunday, September 20th.

The meeting will include a report on Finances, a report on the Capital Project and a report on an opportunity to lease the Sunday School Wing and 16 Church Street. The meeting will be held in the Church Hall following worship. Get your coffee and lunch and find out what is going on in your church!



Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- Sep 20 **PRESBYTERIANS SHARING SUNDAY** – 11 am. in the Sanctuary.
Church School continues. A Light Lunch and the Meeting of the Congregation follows worship, in the Church Hall.
- Sep 23 The **SESSION** will meet in the Red Room at 7 pm.
- Sep 27 **TRUTH & RECONCILIATION SUNDAY** - 11 am. in the Sanctuary.
Church School continues. Sunday Supper Ministry – No Coffee Hour.
Flute rehearsals resume following worship, in the Choir Room.
- Sep 30 **ORANGE SHIRT DAY**

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

Copies of OUR DAILY BREAD
September to November Edition!

**Copies of The PRESBYTERIAN
CONNECTION**

The Fall 2026 Edition!

Check out especially pages 14, 23, 22 and 29-
30 for pictures and news of First Church!

Happy Birthday to (Sept 20th to 26th):
MALCOLM CLARKE – September 20th
PEGGY ANN ADAMSON
– September 22nd
DONNA CRAIG – September 26th

Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

Money is a great treasure that only
increases as you give it away.

Francis Bacon, English philosopher & scientist

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Office Hours – September 21st to 25th

Monday, Sep. 21st – 10 am to 4:30 pm.

Tuesday, Sep. 22nd – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Wednesday, Sep. 23rd – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Thursday, Sep. 24th – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.

Friday, Sep. 25th – 10 am. to 1 pm.

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As the summer months come to an end, 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!



SEPTEMBER NEWS 2026

Update: Flooding in Nepal

The scale of the disaster in Nepal continues to grow. The PCC's partner, United Mission to Nepal (UMN), reports that, according to the latest government figures today, 1,252 bodies have been recovered, 11,993 people rescued, and 4,216 people remain missing or unaccounted for. Homes, farmland, businesses, roads, bridges, schools, health facilities and water systems have been badly affected. UMN will be working with partners to respond to the disaster in Dhading and Nuwakot.

Since the onset of the flood in Nepal, PWS&D's partner, INF Nepal, has been actively assessing needs and delivering immediate relief support. Initial response activities have focused on displaced families in Nuwakot, particularly in Bidur Municipality.

While the areas where PWS&D's long-term development projects are implemented have not been impacted, PWS&D is able to respond through its networks and coalitions. Priorities include emergency shelter, food, clean water and sanitation, health and education.

Bibhu Singh (UMN) asks that people continue to pray for Nepal and expresses gratitude for the PCC's support. "Thank you for continuing to stand with Nepal. We are deeply grateful for your prayers, generosity and partnership as we seek to serve those most in need."

Through your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC will be sending USD \$5,000 to support the relief efforts.

You can give through any of the ways listed in the Offering section of this bulletin. Please mark your donation clearly – NEPAL RELIEF.

Read more, including stories from people affected here:
<https://presbyterian.ca/2026/09/03/update-flooding-in-nepal/>



National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day, will be honoured at Hardy Park on Monday, September 30th from 10 am until 4 pm. All are welcome to join us as we reflect on the legacy of residential schools, the 94 calls to action and the findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

We will have a fire keeper, drumming, a traditional feast and several vendors.

This event is sponsored by the Brockville NDTR Committee, Tsi Kanonhkhwatsheri:yo IIPCT, RTOERO and the Brockville Public Library.

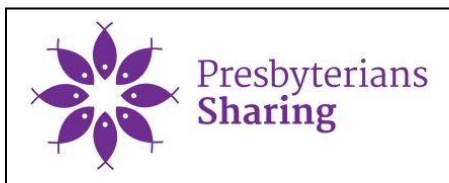
Contact Siggy at siggy@brockvillelibrary.ca to learn more about joining as a volunteer, vendor or sponsor of this event.

Where to Buy Official Shirts

Online Store: Order direct prints and 2026 designs from the Orange Shirt Society Store, which supports reconciliation efforts across Canada.

You can make direct contributions through the Orange Shirt Society Donate Page to support awareness and education surrounding residential school history.

Visit: <https://orangeshirtday.org/support/donate/>



Have you been wondering about the meaning behind the Presbyterians Sharing logo?

The fish was chosen because of the early church's use of the fish as a symbol of Christ and the Christian faith and church.

It also recalls both the miracle of sharing (loaves and fishes) and the commission to be "fishers of people." There are eight fish, which represent the eight synods in the PCC. Theologically, the number 8 refers to the 8th day (day of resurrection), which invokes the "new creation" - the reconciliation and renewal of all things.

The circle represents gathering, inclusion, unity, wholeness and the perfect everlasting nature of God. The fish are gathered together to signify our working together in collaboration.

The colour purple invokes the colour of majesty and reminds us both of Christ's rule but also the kingdom we are to build on earth. The design includes two variations of the cross—the Greek cross (+) and the St. Andrew's cross (x).



FYI The Presbyterian Church in Canada offers various funding to help congregations in a variety of areas including children and youth ministry, worship, lay training, conferences, building projects, mission work, specialized ministries and ministerial assistance.

Supporting Ministry Grants are given to support ministry in one of the four following categories:

1. New Congregational Development - This category includes forms of congregational ministry that start as something completely new.
2. Renewing Ministries - This category includes congregational ministries involved in a significant and intentional program of change that results in something transformed and different from what had previously existed. An example of this would be a congregation that intentionally decides to minister in a different language or to a different cultural group. The change must be a critical one and not only a matter of improving or making alterations to what is already in existence.
3. Specialized Ministries - Understanding that there is vital work of Christian ministry that is done beyond congregations, Congregational and Community Ministries works with and makes funding available for many non-congregational ministries including ministry with Aboriginal people, inner city ministries, and francophone ministries.
4. Sustaining Ministries - This category includes smaller congregations and pastoral charges, usually located in either rural and/or remote situations, or in urban settings. The grant-receiving congregation or pastoral charge works with the presbytery and Congregational and Community Ministries to agree upon the duration and amount of the grant. It is expected that each ministry will work towards self-sufficiency.

Through generous donations to Presbyterians Sharing, it is possible for The Presbyterian Church in Canada to partner with presbyteries, (synods, when applicable) and local ministries to support initiatives across the country.

The courts of the church are vested with significant powers and responsibilities and are to take great care in reviewing proposed grant applications before endorsing and submitting applications for consideration by Congregational and Community Ministries.

The denomination relies heavily upon the wisdom and insight of mission committees of presbyteries (and synods, when applicable) to assess the needs of the local context and forward requests to Congregational and Community Ministries only after ensuring that there is strong appropriate leadership and support for new and renewing ministries and that they fit within the presbytery's vision of mission and ministry. Moreover, presbyteries (and synods, when applicable) are to endorse ministries only after careful and prayerful consideration and that are believed to have some measure of vitality and longevity. Grants through the Life and Mission Agency are available for ministries that are under the oversight of a court of The Presbyterian Church in Canada including

Presbytery – congregations and local missions

Synod – camps

General Assembly – colleges

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