



First Presbyterian Church

Harvest (Thanksgiving) Sunday, October 11th, 2026

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Minister: **The Reverend Marianne Emig Carr**

Director of Music: **Kathleen Howard**

Worship Leader this Morning: **Bruce Hynes**

Reader: **Lorraine Buck**

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 coffee and fellowship in the Church Hall this morning, following worship. To access the Hall, go through the doors behind the choir loft (or use the lift) and down the stairs. Just follow your nose to delicious treats and stimulating conversation. 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: Lloyd Osmond Elevator: Francis LeBrun

Sound and Video Team – Quentin Robinson, Michel LaBonte

Mark Leslie and Kade LeBrun



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- * **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:

Meditation on “How Great Thou Art”

Stuart Hine, arr. John Carter

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship God:

Bruce: We gather in God’s holy presence, where God embraces us with grace.

People: Here God will transform us into disciples.

Bruce: We glorify God, who yearns for justice for the last and the least.

People: Here God will write compassion on our hearts.

Bruce: We give thanks to God for God’s persistent love that seeks us out.

People: Here God will breathe the Word of Life into our lives, and so we will praise our God!

Opening Hymn # 803:

Come, ye thankful people, come

Words & Music: Public Domain

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin:
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come:
raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto God’s praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day

all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in God's storehouse evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home:
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come:
raise the glorious harvest home.

Prayer As We Approach God:

Bruce: God of all time and space, you have called people to meet you over the centuries, in many different places and in many different ways. We praise you for welcoming us and receiving us as we are. You hear our prayers and claim us as your own. In this hour of worship, send your Spirit upon us to revive our faith and guide our footsteps in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Saviour. Amen.

Piano Solo:

To God Be the Glory

arr. Larry Schackley

Pianist: Katheen Howard

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

All: God of all life and each life, you know all about us, our deepest concerns and our fondest hopes. We confess we are often anxious to see results. We lose patience when we cannot see progress. We blame others rather than seek solutions. Forgive us. Help us claim your peace when our hearts are anxious. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness:

Bruce: While it is true we have all sinned, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. So be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

A Message for our Children and Youth: **Thank You!**

Hymn # 434:

For the beauty of the earth

Words & Music: Public domain

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony,
linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

5. For each perfect gift of thine,
to the earth so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

to hear God's word

Prayer for Insight and Understanding:

Lorraine: God of prophets and parables, we gather to listen to the Scriptures read and proclaimed. By your Spirit, grant us fresh understanding, and challenge us to live according to your transforming grace. In Jesus name we ask. Amen.

Psalm 65: 1-7 (read responsively)

Lorraine: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, O you, who answer prayer!

People: To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Lorraine: Blessed are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

People: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

Lorraine: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

People: you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Lorraine: By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

People: You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

The Scripture Lesson:

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-24

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Final Instructions

Lorraine: Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord, and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

Lorraine: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God within us, and for the word of God around us.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Chancel Choir Anthem:

We Bring Thanksgiving

Pepper Choplin

The Message:

Standing Orders

Blessing the Word in our Lives:

Bruce: Eternal God, we understand the purpose of your word is to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. As we hear it read and proclaimed, give us grace to perceive your truth, willingness to walk in its light, and the power of your Holy Spirit to seek its fulfillment ... in Jesus' name we ask. Amen.

Hymn # 592:

I, the Lord of sea and sky

Words & Music: Daniel L. Schutte

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1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied,
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night;
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Responding in love with thanksgiving

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

Bruce: We give you thanks, O God, for all things that make life good, and pray that all people will share in the blessings we know. For the world, for the wonders of earth, sea and sky; for beauty in nature and wildlife; and for the rhythm of the days and seasons;

People: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

Bruce: For waters that refresh and sustain life; for soil that is fertile and rich; for those who tend crops and care for harvests; for those who produce, deliver and market our food; and for those who make sure the hungry are fed;

People: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

Bruce: For days to work and strength to do it; for the many different gifts and talents you have given us; for those whose work is dangerous and demanding, for those whose positions are necessary for communities to flourish; and for moments of leisure and rest when you restore us;

People: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

Bruce: For our circle of family and friends; for children and their curiosity and joy; for the insight that comes with patience and experience; and for events shared and memories cherished;

People: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

Bruce: For your grace in times of anxiety, doubt and grief; for healing in times of illness, confusion, and distress; for the trust that you hear each prayer and know every need; that you love and care for each soul and body; and that you walk with us through all our days and seasons;

People: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

Bruce: We offer our prayers, spoken and unspoken, in Jesus' name, saying together the words he taught us:

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

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

Invitation to the Offering:

Bruce: The Apostle Paul urges us to think on things that are honourable and just, commendable and true. To share what we have is honourable. Our gifts can help create justice and work for truth to prevail. So, trust your gifts and know they are pleasing to God.

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* 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:

Bruce: Generous God, we offer to you part of the abundance your share with us. Bless our gifts and work through them, so that others will know your generosity and be touched by your love through the kindness we can offer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending Hymn # 324:

Great is thy faithfulness

Words & Music: Public domain

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 wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness;
great is thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hast 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 hast 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, and ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness;
great is thy faithfulness;
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hast provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

The Benediction:

Bruce: Go in peace; love and care for one another in Christ's name, and may God bless you with every gift needful for his work, may the Spirit grant you the willingness to risk yourself completely for the sake of the gospel, and may the love and the compassion and the hope and the faith of Jesus dwell richly within you until the time of his coming, both now and forevermore. Amen.

Organ Postlude:

Voluntary in Eb Major

George Green



With support from Presbyterians Sharing, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Eckville, Alberta, has been a dedicated contributor to the Canada Foodgrains Bank for more than 35 years. What began as a small growing project on donated land has expanded into a community-wide effort, with local farmers, families, and town leaders working together to plant, grow, and harvest grain. Through their commitment and generosity, the congregation helps provide food assistance to people facing hunger during crises such as conflict, drought, and natural disasters. Their growing project is a powerful

example of faith in action and community partnership.

A Mission Moment from The PCC

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OCTOBER CALENDAR

LOAVES & FISHES SUNDAY 1st Sunday of each month
CRAFT & CHAT Tuesday afternoons - Parlour – 1 to 4
FPC HAND BELL CHOIR Thursdays 4:15 pm. Red Rm
FPC CHANCEL CHOIR – Thurs. Afternoons - 3 pm - Choir Room; Sunday Mornings - 9:30 am - Choir Rm
SUNDAY SUPPER – 4th Sunday of each month.

ONGOING PROJECTS: Grocery Bags, Egg Cartons, Survival Kits (Food Bank), Pop Cans for Maintenance, Breakfast Bags (Food Bank), Sunday Supper Ministry

COMMUNITY GROUPS using the Church Building:

AA GROUP – Monday Evenings in the Red Room

BGH DAY HOSPICE – Wednesday Mornings & Afternoons in Parlour and Church Hall

Oct 11 **HARVEST (Thanksgiving) SUNDAY WORSHIP** - 11 am. in the Sanctuary.

MEN'S BREAKFAST!

Saturday, OCTOBER 17th, 2026

at Stacked Restaurant

Email Quentin at

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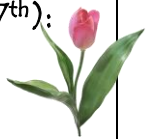
if you will attend.

Happy Birthday to (Oct. 11th to 17th):

KAREN MAHON – October 11th

Happy Anniversary to:

LLOYD & LINDA OSMOND – Oct. 17th



- Leader in Worship – Bruce Hynes (First Baptist Church)
Church School. Coffee Hour follows worship, in the Church Hall.
- Oct 12 Thanksgiving Monday Holiday – Church Building and Office closed.
- Oct 13 The **M.O.V.E. Committee** will meet in the Hall at 10 am.
- Oct 14 The **SESSION** will meet in the Red Room at 7 pm.
- Oct 17 **MEN'S BREAKFAST** – 8:15 am. at Stacked Restaurant
- Oct 18 **SUNDAY WORSHIP (World Food Day) with Communion** - 11 am. - Sanctuary.
Church School. Coffee Hour follows worship, in the Church Hall.
Reverend Marianne leads worship at the Wedgewood in the afternoon.
- Oct 23 Reverend Marianne leads worship at Bridlewood in the afternoon.
- Oct 25 **REFORMATION SUNDAY WORSHIP**
11 am. in the Sanctuary.
- Oct 26 **P.A. Day Camp** - 9 am. – 3 pm. in the Hall.

Office Hours – October 12th to October 17th

Monday, Oct. 12th – 10 am to 4:30 pm.
Tuesday, Oct. 13th – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.
Wednesday, Oct. 14th – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.
Thursday, Oct. 15th – 10 am. to 4:30 pm.
Friday, Oct. 16th – 10 am. to 1 pm.

As the beginning of November approaches, 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! The Summer/Advent/Christmas issue of the Challenge, combined because of computer difficulties, will be ready for distribution hopefully on Sunday, November 8th. The submission deadline is Mon. Nov. 2nd. Thanks.

Join us to
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200 Years
of
Presbyterian Worship
at



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
21 Main St. S., Maxville, ON

Sunday, October 18th, 2026
ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP
2:00 p.m.

Light lunch to follow
At the Metcalfe Centre
34 Fair St., Maxville, ON

RSVP by
Saturday, October 10th, 2026
Please email: Sharon Simpson
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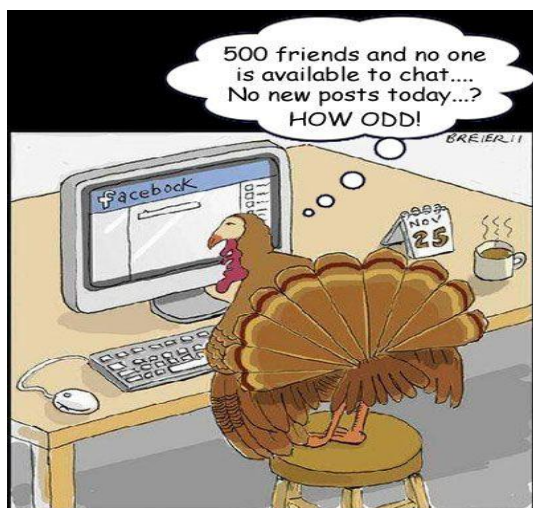
At this time of year, we review the Call Chain to make sure it is up to date. It is used to phone everyone if we have to cancel a service on account of a snowstorm or loss of heat in the church. We also send out emails and put a notice on the church web site, Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter. If you check your email or one of the social media sites regularly and so do not need a phone call, please let us know by sending an email to thesession@truespeed.ca or speak to Quentin Robinson. Thank you.



The 2025–2026 Gifts of Change catalogue is now online and hard copies are available in the church office. Giving a Gift of Change makes a difference in the lives of people in Canada and around the world. No matter what you choose

to support, you can be sure your funds will be used effectively and efficiently to carry out life-changing programs that are responding to the needs of people affected by poverty, hunger, discrimination and conflict. Visit -

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

Copies of the PRAYER CALENDAR for OCTOBER

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!



P.A. DAY CAMP

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26th
9 am. to 3 pm.

Our Mission Project for this P.A. Day Camp is in support of the Weekender Program 4 Students (WP4S) coordinated through Loaves & Fishes and St. Vincent DePaul. WP4S provides nutritious and kid-friendly snacks to vulnerable students in our community. A list of items that usually go in the Weekender Packs include:

- “Bear Paws”
- Crackers & Cheese (individual packets of 6 each)
- Juice boxes
- Fruit snacks (Welch’s or similar)
- Pudding cups * Macaroni & Cheese
- “Fruit to go”
- Granola bars (nut-free)
- Fruit cups * Canned pasta
- Oatmeal packets
- Rice Krispie squares (individually wrapped)

Thank you for your generous support!

Stewardship Moments: Inspiring Generosity

To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us—and He has given us everything.

Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude



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What Does the Bible Say About...?

Hell and Heaven

The next webinar in the series is "Hell and Heaven" exploring the views and language about the afterlife, reward and punishment in the biblical writings. There will be time for Q&A. A study sheet will be available after the webinar.

Date: October 21st, 2026 **Time:** 3 p.m.

To learn more visit:

<https://presbyterian.ca/webinars/what-does-the-bible-say-about-satan-and-the-devil/>.

WEBINARS

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In Taybeh, Children Live in Fear

Taybeh, the only remaining Christian village in the West Bank, includes Christian archaeology dating back to the Roman era and early Christianity. Located in the Ramallah area of the West Bank, the village's population has dwindled to 1,200 people, all of them Christians. During the 1980s, the population was around 3,000 people.

Today, Taybeh is surrounded by four settlements: Ofra and Amona from the West, and Rimonim and Kokav Hashahar from the East, in addition to tens of settler outposts from all directions. Taybeh has been subjected to numerous attacks and acts of arson by Israeli settlers, including shootings, fire arson that damaged an ancient church, and destruction of trees. Video footage shows settlers riding through properties of Christian families on all-terrain vehicles, shouting at and harassing the residents. Children are especially frightened during these scenes.

Father Bashar Fawadleh, Latin Parish priest, recalled that, 20 years ago, no one infringed on the land and there were no checkpoints in Taybeh. "It was normal life in Taybeh with peace and quiet," he said. "Due to the violence, Taybeh has been receiving visits from the world over." Within the last year, he has hosted more than 50 diplomatic visits, including German foreign minister Johann Wadephul, and media teams on regular basis. He has made no less than 10 visits abroad to countries including France, Italy, the United States, and Spain. "Expressions of solidarity, while much appreciated, are not enough, and action is needed to stop settler violence against Taybeh," he said. "What the world did for us is not enough."

Fifteen Palestinians from other villages have been killed in the vicinity of Taybeh due to settler violence. "Children who attend schools in Ramallah have to travel on unsafe roads where they encounter the settlers — the roads are not safe, including for children who come

to our schools from outside the village,” said Fawadleh. “There are no guarantees for children’s safety on the roads.” He recalled when children were gathered for summer camp inside the Latin Patriarchate premises in 2025. “It was the first day of summer camp, and the news spread that no less than fifteen armed settlers had entered the village,” he said. “People outside on the street were in havoc and they were shouting to alert each other.” He described utter chaos: “The children and their families were terrified, and I saw children in tears due to fear,” he said. “It took us more than two hours to calm down the terrified children.” The nuns were also terrified, Fawadleh added. “With the summer camp, we also have an issue with parents who cannot return to the village in the afternoon due to fear, when they know that settlers are on the roads or that parents are held at checkpoints,” he said. “These are people who work in Ramallah, and while the summer camp ends at 2 pm, the parents cannot come to pick up their children, who must stay with us until it is safe for them to go home.”

Taybeh residents must also travel to Ramallah for hospitalization. “There is no children’s hospital or specialized assistance for the entire community of Taybeh,” said Fawadleh. “A study is underway by the Latin Patriarchate, Caritas International, and Malta, to create a hospital in Taybeh, but lots of assistance is needed from the world community to bring this hospital to realization.” He wished to share what he believes will help the children live with a sense of safety. “My call to the world is to help us in Taybeh raise the children in peace and security,” Fawadleh said. “I am not asking for too much.”

For the full story visit <https://oikoumene.org/contact-press>

