



**“I’m so glad I live in a world where there are  
Octobers.” -LM Montgomery**

## **Happy Thanksgiving!**

**"I loved autumn, the season of the year that God seemed to have put there just  
for the beauty of it." - Lee Maynard**

Happy Thanksgiving Caradoc friends! We wish you warm thanksgiving greetings and hope you are able to safely meet with family and friends for thanksgiving this year. We look forward to seeing our faith family in worship this year and we continue to pray for the healing of our world from this global pandemic. Please join me in prayer, I have found two prayers for the changing seasons and offer them to you for the weeks to come.

Please read through registration information if you are planning to join us for worship and consider the other invitations and offering of information below.

deepest peace, **Rev. Shelly**

### **A prayer: Golden Leaves**

We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves,  
shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.

We sense its passing in rain that dampens,  
winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.

Creator God, who brings forth  
both green shoot and hoar frost,

sunrise and sunset,

we bring our thanks

for seeds that have grown,

harvests gathered,

storehouses filled,

mouths fed.

And, as your good earth rests  
through winter's cold embrace,

we look forward to its re-awakening

when kissed by Spring's first touch. Amen.

- Author  
Unknown

## A Prayer: Autumn Months

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,  
may the earlier setting of the sun  
remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves  
remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air  
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and  
bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is  
temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.

- Author  
Unknown

## News from Caradoc Session:

The Session is happy to announce that Peter Grivich & Wayne Gregory have agreed to Co-Clerk session for the coming year and the Maureen will act as recording secretary for session meetings. We are also pleased to announce Jamie Hayter and Elizabeth Leitch have agree to represent Caradoc Church as representative & alternate representative at Presbytery. We lift up thanksgiving for the consistent, faithful and committed leadership of Caradoc Church, thank-you elders!!

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## Worship

### Welcome back to in person worship!

We are excited to be able to resume  
our worship services in-person indoors.  
We invite you to join us weekly by  
registering through the provided link.



We look forward to seeing you soon!

**Registration is required to attend worship**

**How to register for worship:**

1. To register please click the link below.
2. Click the worship service you wish to register for, fill out the information and submit.

Click [HERE](#) to register for worship this Sunday!

OR

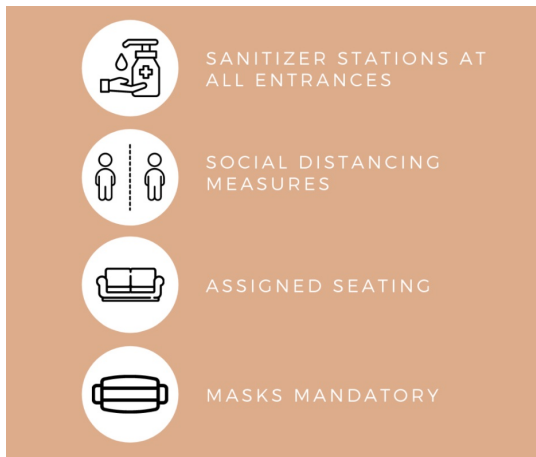
**You may also call the church and leave a message on voicemail:** please leave your name, your phone number, the number of people you are registering, the date of worship and that you are not experiencing any symptoms related to Covid19.

***You have until 6pm on Friday night to register for this Sunday's worship service via this link or by phone.***

**Click [HERE](#) to register for worship!**

**COVID 19 safety protocols & process**

For worship this Sunday please **enter the building via the front door of the**



**church addition** or the backdoor if you need the elevator and please be prepared to exit front door of the sanctuary or backdoor if elevator is needed.

You will be "checked in" to worship as part of our safety protocols.

Please **sanitize your hands**, and follow **physical distancing**.

An usher will guide you to **assigned seating**.

**Masks are mandatory** in order to enter the church and the worship space.

*Singing is not permitted at this time however music will continue to be a part of worship.*

Washrooms are available, please follow "**touch and clean**" protocols when using the washrooms.

"Touch & Clean" means if you touch a surface in the washroom you need to clean it, spray bottles and paper towels are supplied for each washroom.

We appreciate your full compliance with our safety measures in order to have all members feel safe and welcome to worship.



## Offering

Continued thanks and appreciation for your financial gifts to Caradoc Church. Although we will begin to worship in person once again we continue to prefer to receive offering by e-transfer and through the mail.

### VIA MAIL:

Please send offering by Cheque to: c/o Brian Huston at 8677 Glengyle Drive, Strathroy, ON, N7G 3H3. Cheques will be deposited to the bank on a bi-weekly basis.

OR

## VIA eTransfers:

e-transfers can be sent to the treasurer's email address for direct deposit.

treasurer@caradocpresbyterian.ca

If you wish to donate using electronic transfers please contact Joanne Grivich at treasurer@caradocpresbyterian.ca for instructions.

We are sincerely thankful for your continued support.

Thank-you, Rev. Shelly, Caradoc Session and Board of Managers

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## Wear your orange t-shirt!



### Orange T-shirt Day Sept. 30th

Orange Shirt Day began in 1973 when six-year-old Phyllis Webstad entered the St. Joseph Mission Residential School in B.C. Young Phyllis was wearing a brand-new and beloved orange shirt for her first day of school, but the Mission Oblates stripped her of her new shirt and replaced it with the school's institutional uniform. (Visit [orangeshirtday.org](http://orangeshirtday.org) for the full story

about Phyllis Webstad and her experience.)

The loss of an orange shirt was by no means the worst thing that happened to an Indigenous child in the Indian Residential School System, but it has become symbolic of all that was taken from the children—their language, culture, family and community relationships, safety, security and identity, sometimes even their lives.

When we wear orange shirts and talk about why we are wearing them, we help to build awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of Indian Residential Schools, and we witness to the truth that Every Child Matters.

In this video, Vivian Ketchum, originating from Wauzhushk Onigum Nation of Northern Ontario, and a member of Place of Hope Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, Man., talks about why she wears an orange shirt, and why it is important for members of the church to mark September 30.

[Video link of Vivian Ketchum speaking about Orange T-shirt Day](#)

For more information about justice for Indigenous people and the role of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in running Indian Residential Schools, [visit the Social Action Hub](#).

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## Reaching out



### Special THANK Offering

This thanksgiving Caradoc Church invites you to donate to our special THANK Offering in stead of bringing non-perishable food or garden items please consider making a monetary donation. All donations for this special THANK offering will be equally divided between our two local food services, Caring Cupboard & Salvation Army Food bank.

## Yummy! Fall Pie Orders!

**The Ladies of Caradoc Presbyterian Church will be assembling pies this week and late in September and in October.**

Cherry (\$14), Raisin (\$14), (assembled on September 16) and Blueberry (\$14), Elderberry (\$16) (assembled September 28). Apple pies (\$14) (with cinnamon or vanilla) will be made in October when Spys come available. Please order now to help us know how many apples to buy.

If you are interested in ordering Frozen Pies please text or call the number below with your name, phone number, your pie preferences and number of each you wish to order.

If you know of other family or friends or neighbours might want to order please include their information.

Please make cheques out to Caradoc Presbyterian Church Ladies Aid. Cash accepted.

A pick up date will be organized and all who ordered will be notified.

**Thank you in advance for your order and support for Caradoc Presbyterian Church.**



# Presbyterians Sharing

## October is Presbyterian Sharing Month

This month each Sunday we will hear about a Mission or ministry we support through Presbyterians Sharing, this ministry of the Presbyterian church we, as Caradoc Church, all share in.

When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we participate in God's mission together, expressing our faith through our actions and decisions. While the way we do ministry is constantly changing, we continue to proclaim God's love, hope, faith and grace in the world God loves.

For more information click [HERE](#) for the Presbyterians Sharing 2021 Brochure

## Have you ever wondered 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).

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## Staying connected

### Autumn CARADOC COFFEE BREAK

Coffee Break is starting back Wed. Oct. 6 and is now **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS at 10AM**

*Take note of the time change!*

Please join us on Zoom for a time of friendship and fellowship every Wednesday at 10am.

Please comment on Facebook or email Rev. Shelly at [rev.kocis@caradocpresbyterian.ca](mailto:rev.kocis@caradocpresbyterian.ca) to receive a Zoom invite!

(all emails or comments received before 9am Wednesday mornings should see an email from Caradoc church with an invite around 9:30am morning of)



### Prayer Chain Team & PCC Prayer Partnership

Praying as a community is a powerful tool we have as Christians. Consider joining the Prayer Chain Team or pray each day by joining Presbyterians nationally praying for our denomination & concerns from around the world.

As Caradoc Church we gather in intentional prayer from time to time and we have prayer warriors that answer the call to pray for our community, congregational members and the world. If you have a prayer request do not hesitate to call Prayer Chain Team leader Sharon Gillies (519-245-2928) or Rev. Shelly (519-245-0171.)

As Presbyterians we are also invited to come together as one community to pray for prayer concerns within our national church. Download the monthly prayer partnership Daily prayers and mission partners updates to contribute to this community prayer.

Click [HERE](#) to download or printout Prayer Partnership for October to December 2021.



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## Staying healthy



### Stay Safe!

Please continue to be safe by sanitizing your hands, wearing a mask around strangers & friends and practice physical distancing while the Delta Variant is circulating.

### Get Vaccinated!

To stop the spread of Covid 19 it is imperative to get vaccinated. For questions and concerns contact the health unit. For information on vaccinations go to the [WHO.int](https://www.who.int) or [Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca) websites.

Click the picture to the left to go to Middlesex-London Health Unit for more information about receiving a vaccination.

**OR**

CLICK this link to go to POP UP Vaccination Clinics!





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