

## Announcements

Come and celebrate our 10yr Anniversary of our Church Building on Thanksgiving Sunday! It is just one of the many things we have to be thankful for. Please plan to join us on this day for a very joyful celebration of all that God has done, and continues to do among us.

**As an act of giving thanks, we will be collecting non-perishable food items from now until Thanksgiving to share with our local food bank.**

Ladies' Breakfast will resume on Saturday, Oct 9 at 9am at Star Café.  
All Ladies are welcome.

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## **Sharing Hope Through Presbyterians Sharing**

When we give to *Presbyterians Sharing*, we participate in God's mission together, expressing our faith through our actions and decisions. Together, we build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share Christ's love around the world. We are there when a prisoner in Malawi discovers Christ's love through Bible study, and when a congregation adapts to meet community needs in new ways. We are there when a child receives a healthy snack and after-school support from an inner-city ministry, and when theological students in Canada, Malawi, Nigeria, Ghana and Beirut graduate, ready to shine Christ's light. On Presbyterians Sharing Sunday, we celebrate the mission and ministry we share together, as we proclaim God's love, hope, faith and grace in the world God loves. When we put our gifts in God's hands, God does remarkable things!

We give thanks for the faithful generosity of congregations across Canada as we share in mission and ministry together through Presbyterians Sharing.

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*“to know, love and serve God wherever we are and  
to inspire others to do the same  
by our thoughts, words and deeds”*

*SPC Mission Statement*

## Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

God our Maker is present with us at all times,  
**loving and gracious to all.**

So, we come to worship God as we follow in the way of truth.  
**We offer our prayers and praise to the One who is freedom and life.**

Hymn: **#431 Jesus, where'er thy people meet**

Opening Prayers

*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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.*

Assurance of God's Love

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Hymn: **#339 He's got the whole world in his hands**

## Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

♪ *Open our hearts, open our minds.* ♪  
*Open our lives to you, O loving God. Open our hearts.*

Readings: James 5:13-20  
Living Faith 8.1.2 – 8.1.6 (responsive)

Ministry of Music: "Hear Us, O Father" ~ Nancy Price/Don Besig

Message

Hymn: **#660 Prayer is the soul's sincere desire**

## Our Response to God's Word

Offering

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creature high and low  
Praise God in Jesus fully known  
Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

Pastoral Prayer

♪ *Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.* ♪  
*Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

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

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk With Me**

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As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following thoughts...

*"Prayer should be the default setting for a Christian's life."  
~ Max Lucado*

*What keeps people from turning to God in prayer?*

*Reflect upon a powerful experience you have had in prayer, either while praying for someone or having someone pray for you.*



**Scripture Reading:** James 5:13-20 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

<sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup>Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, <sup>20</sup>remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

**Responsive Reading:** Living Faith 8.1.2 – 8.1.6

Life in Christ is formed in a believing community,  
and expressed in daily living.

**We are to bring Christ's healing presence  
to the world for which he died,  
his peace to its pain and anguish.**

Life in Christ brings joy, liberty, glory.  
But it also brings conflict  
with unbelief, fear, and temptation.

**Throughout our lives  
we struggle with disheartening difficulties.**

Yet the Holy Spirit helps us  
and gives us power to grow in Christ.

**While we are far from perfect  
yet our lives can be pleasing to God  
and helpful to others.**

Life in Christ involves prayer,  
the seeking of God's will and blessing  
on all of life.

**Prayer is openness to the presence of God.**

In words, or the absence of words,  
prayer is the focusing of our lives towards God.

**As we commune with God through Jesus Christ,  
the Holy Spirit enables us to express our deepest longings,  
and we experience the sustaining power of God's presence.**

We live in Christ as we study the Scriptures  
learning to think and act in a Christian way.

**The Scriptures are given that Christians may be complete,  
equipped for every good work.**

We live in Christ as in freedom we observe Sunday  
as the weekly festival of the resurrection,

**for the worship of our Lord, rest from our work,**

**and the enjoyment of God's world.**