

Announcements

Wed. April 15th
Thurs. April 16th
Sat, May 2
Sat. May 23

Choir Practice 6:30
KD Lunch
Spring Clean up
Yard Sale

Please plan to join us following the service for our **Annual Baked Potato Bar**. Potatoes are generously donated by the Waugh family and funds raised will go to support Presbyterian Sharing. Donations may be made by cash or cheque or e-transfer to summersidepresbyterian@gmail.com.

The **Watoto Children's Choir** will be holding a concert at **Centre 150 on Thurs, April 30th at 6:30**. The children will sing, dance and share their stories of restoration and hope. A free will offering will be taken. They are still looking for a couple host families for the night. If you're interested, please talk to Cheri in the office.

Hello, everyone. March 31st has brought us to the end of our first quarter. This period always includes larger, winter-related expenses. Our heat is now fairly evenly split between our 3 heat pumps (electric) and our oil furnace. The combined cost is \$4,519.00 through the end of March. The cost of snow removal for our parking lot and entrances / walkways came in at \$5,160.00 for the same period. We also pay our insurance costs for the year within the first quarter which was \$7,515.00 for 2026. These seasonal expenses along with our normal operating costs have brought us to a deficit of \$22,841.21 when compared to our total income of \$33,996.25 This amount is very similar to where we were for the same period last year. On the positive side, our income is up by \$1,536.00 when compared to 2025. Thanks to everyone for your support. -- F&P Committee.

Mission Moment

In 2022, the Rev. Konnie Vissers launched Rooted: Centre for Theology and Eco Justice, creating four urban children's gardens in Guelph and Hamilton through local congregations. By 2023, summer camp and Sunday School programs integrated eco-theology and gardening, reaching over 90 campers. Last summer, a children's garden at Kortright Presbyterian Church hosted workshops and a five-week class on sustainable gardening, food justice, and creation care. With support from Presbyterians Sharing, upcoming plans include a greenhouse garden and a fruit tree guild. By combining faith, practical skills, and positive coping strategies, this unique mission teaches children to connect with God, care for creation, and support local food security. These programs offer hope, cultivate love for nature, and empower young people to engage in meaningful climate action while taking home free, organic produce to share with their communities.

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Presbyterians Sharing Sunday

*“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:

We come, pulled in many directions,
torn between what we value and what we pursue.
Yet we gather to choose again whom we will serve.

No one can serve two masters;
we cannot give our hearts to both God and the world.
**So we turn our hearts toward God –
source of life, giver of grace.**

Lay down what competes for your devotion.
Release what claims your loyalty.
We choose to worship the Lord with undivided hearts.

Come, let us worship God.
With all that we are, we come to serve and praise.

(Based on Matthew 6:24)

Hymn #472 **We are God's People**

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

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time & Hymn #570 **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Acts 9:1-19a

The Word of God in Scripture. The Word of God among us.
The Word of God within us.
Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: *"Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing to Your Praise"*
- Healey Willan

Sermon

Hymn #474 **The Love of God Comes Close**

Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & the Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & 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 #722 **Lord, Whose Love**

Benediction & Dismissal: **Go in the Grace of the Lord**

Postlude

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

Presbyterians Sharing is the national church fund that supports mission and ministry in Canada and around the world. The budget is approved each year at the General Assembly. We build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice, create worship spaces welcoming for everyone and share God's love around the world. Together we make mission and ministry happen.



In what ways does being part of a national church strengthen or challenge our understanding of God's mission?

What role do you personally play in making "mission and ministry happen"?

Things to pray for this week...

As Earth Week begins, we pray for ministries involved in community gardens and creation care that teach practical skills while offering hope and nurturing faith in God.

We pray for record keepers and historians as they preserve and promote the history of congregations and the denomination.

We pray that our hearts may be open to learn from those of different faiths and backgrounds, so that in diversity we may discover deeper truth and love.



Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-19a (NIV)

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

¹¹The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

¹³"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

¹⁵But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

¹⁷Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up

and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.