Kensington Presbyterian Church

Relationships of life

August 7, 2022

WELCOME, to worship. We are offering a variety of ways for people to gather. We are welcoming people to worship n person (with singing), as well as through Zoom, YouTube, and this printable PDF. If this is how you are worshipping, know that you are not alone... and if you like, you can invite those who live with you to join you, or connect with others through the phone or outside.

If you have any prayer requests, ideas, or just want to talk, please reach out to your elder or Rev. Peter (Peter@Kensingtonchurch.ca)



Comfort - Charlotte Smith

Announcements

Clicking on or tapping blue text will take you to a web-site

Communion this week: All who want to know our Lord better are invited to join us the Lord's Supper next. If you are celebrating from home you will have to provide your own elements. Those who come in person will be offered a pre-packaged package.

Jesus & Java: Thursday, 7 pm at 2nd Cup on Monkland Please join us as we share the joys and questions of faith.

Family Fun Day: August 13 4 pm - with the Montreal Children's Theatre Games, BBQ (for a fee), and the movie Encanto at 8:30 pm.

New Hope Walking Team: Sat, Sept 17. 11-1

The New Hope Seniors Centre is having a fundraising walk of 2 km. Session would like to enter a team. More details soon.

Drop Box: We are now accepting food donations to help the St. Monica's Food Pantry, AND items to help the young parents program at Head & Hands (ex. clothing, diapers, toys).

Photos: Please send any photos you would be willing to share.

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I note: that the footnotes are not as thorough as an academic paper.



Approaching God



Lighting of the Christ Candle Jésus Christ est la lumière du monde. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Call to worship (Psalm 100: 1-2, 5) Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with joyful singing.

For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever; God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

☐ Hymn: Come sing, O Church, in joy.....pg 13 www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqKUUZanF94



Dance of Grace - Mark Keathlev

Prayer of Approach Living God;

notre Dieu vivant.

We come before you with wonder.

Wonder at all you've created, and how everything relates to each other.

Wonder that in it all you notice us

Nous sommes étonnés de votre relation avec nous.

not as pets, but as children, inviting us to know your love and to love each another.

We are sorry when we don't love well.

Nous sommes désolés lorsque nous nous concentrons sur nous-mêmes.

Please forgive us for the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others. and the life of the world.

Gracious Spirit,

Continue to guide us in your way.

Help us to live into your forgiveness, and to share your love, hope and healing.

Amen.

- Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news.

To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's Word of grace:

We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.

This gift we have from God.

Thanks be to God! Amen.



Listening to God



For God so Beloved - Jules Atkinson

Baptism

Baptism is not of our doing or deserving. It is a gift from God.

Maintenant nous allons célébrer un baptême. Ce n'est pas parce que c'est mérité.

C'est un présent de Dieu.

Remember the words of Peter on the day of Pentecost: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,

for the promise is to you and your children and to all that are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls" [Acts 2:38-39].

Hear the words of the risen Christ:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." [Matthew 28:18-25]

Jésus a dit, "Allez, faites de toutes les nations des disciples, les baptisant au nom du Père,

du Fils

et du Saint-Esprit,

et enseignez-leur à observer

tout ce que je vous ai prescrit.

Et voici, je suis avec vous tous les jours,

jusqu'à la fin du monde."

Obeying the command of Jesus Christ and believing in God's promises, the church baptizes those whom the Lord, our God calls.

This sacrament is not so much something we do, as it is a celebration of what God (in Christ), has done for us.

God acts for us in baptism as God has acted for our salvation from the beginning of time. God is not dependent upon us and the truth of God's promises does not depend upon age and understanding.

God comes to us and to our children through God's gracious choice.

Faisons confiance à la fidélité de Dieu, l'amour de Jésus, et l'activité du Saint-Esprit ici et maintenant.

Let us move forward trusting in the faithfulness of God, secure in the love made known in Jesus Christ & confident that the Holy Spirit is acting now to free us from sin and death and to lead us to a new life of love and service in union with Jesus Christ.

*Who comes to receive the gift of Baptism?

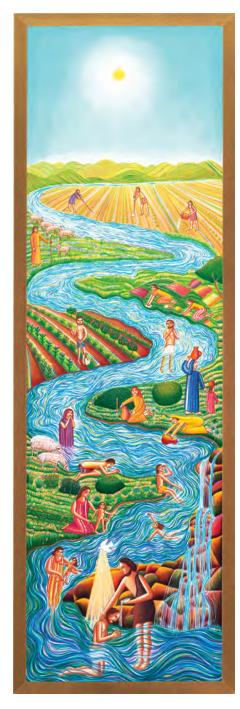
On behalf of the session, I (Stewart) present Owen Lancaster MacLeod, son of David MacLeod & Catherine Brisebois to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*David est Catherine, Désirez-vous que Owen soit baptisé? do you desire that Owen be baptized? (We do)

(Questions to parents)

As parents, I will ask you to signify your understanding of the responsibilities connected with Owen's baptism by asking you the following questions:

1. In presenting Owen for baptism do you: confess your faith in God as your heavenly creator,



- in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your teacher and guide? (I do)
- 2. Do you promise, with God's help, to raise Owen in the knowledge and love of God, teaching him the truths and the responsibilities of the Christian faith? (I do)
- 3. Do you promise to make a Christian home for Owen, so fashioning your lives that he may come to know Christ as Lord and Saviour and participate in the life and mission of the church? (I do)

(Question to Congregation)

As a congregation, we are also involved in the Christian upbringing of all children.

We are called to assist parents in their task as members of God's covenant of grace.

Do you, on behalf of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Owen (and his parents) by example and counsel, with love and in prayer, encouraging them to follow the way of Christ and to be faithful members of God's church? (We do).

River - J Swanson

Prayer

We give you thanks, O gracious God for the gifts of water and your Spirit. In the beginning, when your Spirit moved over the waters, you gave order and life to your planet earth.

By the waters of the Flood, you cleansed the earth and established a new covenant with Noah and his family and a new beginning for all people.

In the time of Moses, you led your people out of slavery through the waters of the sea, making a covenant with them in a new land.

In the fullness of time, you sent your son, Jesus Christ, who was formed in a mother's womb. In the water of Jordan, Jesus was baptized and anointed by your Holy Spirit. In his ministry, Jesus offered living water to the woman of Samaria, washed the feet of His disciples and sent them forth to baptize all nations by water and the Spirit.

And now, with your people of all times and places, we wait with eager longing as we look for the city of God from which will flow the river of life for the healing of the nations.

Loving God, by the sign of this water, we recognize that Owen is grafted into Christ's body. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon him that he may have power to do your will and continue forever as a servant of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Act of Baptism

Owen Lancaster MacLeod

I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Je te baptise au nom du Père, du Fils et du Saint Esprit Amen

Walk introduction

□ Special music: Psalm 128......Gideon Zelermyer

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds

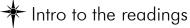
by the power of your Holy Spirit,

that as the Scriptures are read

and your Word is explored,

our relationship with you will grow.

Amen.



- Luke
 - Jesus is teaching and doing wonders to a huge crowd, when somebody asks a question.
- Hosea: some references may help
 - brought from Egypt = freedom
 - Ephraim = an influential tribe in Israel (probably the largest). The name is used like that of somebody close
 - Assyria = oppression
 - o Adamah, Zebolim: places that were destroyed



Reading: Please look up the passages in your own Bible,² or click on the name to be taken to an online version.

<u>Luke 12</u>: 13-21 <u>Hosea 11</u>: 1-11 <u>Psalm 107</u>: 1-9, 43

Sermon: Relationships of life

Dear Lord, please bless these words and the meditations of our hearts.³ Amen.

Do you have a brother or sister?

Do you always get along? ...unlikely. I haven't spent much time with Owen and Kirk, but with my own two, they usually get along, but not always. Thankfully it doesn't last long.

As adults, getting along can be easier and harder. When you don't live together you're less likely to rub each other the wrong way. However, we can carry our hurt feelings longer and deeper. There are a number of triggers for this - and money is a big one. Somebody was telling me about their cousins. They seemed to have a great relationship - until the inheritance. They disagreed on how their parents' assets should be divided, and now they don't talk.

...quite possibly like the brother in our Gospel reading. He is there with a huge crowd of people listening to Jesus say and do wonderful things; things that show that the Kingdom of God is closer than we think. There's an opening and he dives in with his question. Well, it's actually more of a request. "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

It seems his mind wasn't focused on the Kingdom of God, but on his own little kingdom.

Now, it's easy to judge him, but we don't know his context. ...and if we're honest, there are times when we can be overwhelmed or obsessed with a wrong - to the exclusion of whatever else is going on. When I see it in others it can look like somebody trying to dig themselves out of a hole, while brushing the rope aside like an annoying mosquito. When it's me... it feels more like a black hole; no matter what I do it keeps sucking me back.

How about you?

Jesus gets a demand from somebody. It's not about saving his relationship with his family, but to get more stuff - or more likely, for control of his own security.

Instead of helping like the brother wants, Jesus tells a story. It's about somebody who isn't in a pit, but on top of the world. In it

² If you'd like a new Bible with helpful notes, I recommend the 'Life with God Bible' NRSV from Renovaré. ISBN 0061834963 or for the more academically inclined, The New Oxford Study Bible NRSV

³ Psalm 19:14

the rich man asks a very good question about his blessings. "What should I do?" Except he doesn't recognize the abundance as a blessing. Instead he thinks it's all his. As if he watered the crops and provided the sunlight. As if he did all the planting and harvesting. When he asks the question, "What should I do?" he is just thinking about himself, not his relationships.

The rich man doesn't look around to see if there's anybody his blessings can helped.

This is the criticism. In the Bible there are rich people and poor people. Here the problem is that the rich one is thinking only of himself - and not about living in relationships.

If the rich man had been able to go through with his plan to keep it all for himself, I wonder how those who struggled on his farm would have felt. Left out? Betrayed?

This is something that the brother asking Jesus for help was feeling. He was expecting something from his brother, and his brother didn't deliver. Sadly, it's a common feeling. I expect there have been times when you've felt betrayed by colleagues, friends or family.

Catherine & David, I was taught an expression since coming to Québec. 'Petit enfant, petit problème. gros enfant, gros problème.' I'm sure you've already experienced your children defying your wishes. There's probably been tantrums. Maybe running away from you. Even though you take them up in your arms, snuggling them, healing them, bending down and feeding them - and, if the expression is true, the challenges will get bigger.

Like what we hear in the passage from Hosea.

This is written from the point of view of God; not the aspect of God that is King of the Universe, but God as our loving parent. God sees the bad choices we children are making, and it is heart-wrenching.

Both sides of this may be hard for you. You may have had children, and been hurt by their choices. Also, in thinking of God as a parent you might think of God as like your parents. I hope your parents were a blessing to you, but not all parents are. Realize how you are responding to these feelings, and how God responds.

God is angry.

God has been betrayed by the children - again. God could have lashed out, or turned away. (What do you do?) Instead, God's "compassion grows warm and tender." God reaches out to help. God acts to heal the relationships.

As a footnote: For humans it is sometimes necessary to turn away from a relationship. There are times when people need healing apart. God will offer relationships to help in this and there's always the offer of a relationship with God.

While God is in the footnotes, God's love is the story. It's not the love of a secret admirer, or love from afar. It's a love that's so huge you may wonder, "What should I do?"

Well, don't try and seal it away in barns - share it. There's enough to go around.



Responding to God

FaithTalk: These are some questions for you to discuss with somebody... or many somebodies. Do what you feel safe (and practice stretching a little).

Etching: Describe what it's like to have a close relationship

with someone.

Values: Share some relationships that you value?

Values: Identify some of your 'pet peeves' that will suck you

in and monopolize your attention. How does this

hurt relationships? How could it help?

Memories: What does it feel like when someone lets you down?

How do you react? How would you like to react? Prayer: ...that we (not just 'I') would always be looking to share God's love, hope and healing.

← Spirit Sighting

In Afghanistan, Samaaneh was born with hemiplegia, a form of muscle paralysis that affects one side of the body. Samaaneh's father worked as a teacher and made enough money to support his wife and three children, and also pay for Samaaneh's physiotherapy. After the Taliban took control of Afghanistan, the family fled to Pakistan. While they were able to find refuge in a cramped one-bedroom house, Samaaneh's father

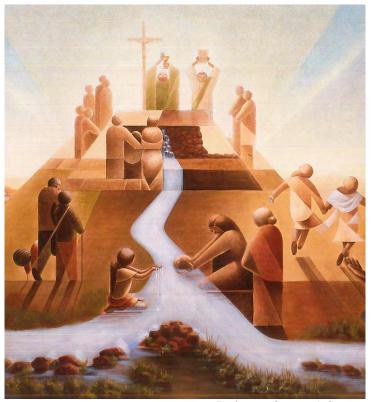


couldn't find work, and the family had very little access to financial resources. Through Presbyterian World Service & Development, in collaboration with ACT Alliance, Samaaneh's family received cash assistance to help with purchasing essential items. Samaaneh's father has used some of the money to arrange for his daughter to have physiotherapy as well.

MANY

Communion

□ Communion Hymn: I come with joy #1-3.....pg 15 (530)
 www.youtube.com/watch?v=VskWXO-biCU



Eucharist, Source & Summit - Garcia

Invitation to the table

This isn't my table. It isn't the church's table. This is a representation of God's table. Everyone who wants to know God better is invited to join in the Lord's Supper. Exactly what happens is a mystery, but we know by experience that sharing this table can bring us closer to God, and each other.

While we are not gathered at one table, or even at one time, we have all been gathered by one Lord, the creator of Heaven and Earth.

C'est la volonté de Dieu que tous ceux qui veulent connaître Jésus devraient partager ce repas.

So, come, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more, you who have come often and you who have not been for a while, you who have tried to follow and you who struggle.⁴

As we come together to share the Lord's Supper, we also come together with a statement of faith that we share with Christians of many types, around the world and through the centuries.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,creator of heaven and earth.I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

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He ascended to heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.



They had come to know him - M Cerezo

♣ Great prayer of thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

⁴ very adapted from Iona Wee Worship Book 4th ed

Yes, it is right to give you thanks and praise. Even in the heat of the summer, your creations reveals your glory from the flowers that bloom, to the musicians playing in parks, to the ice cream that melts in our mouth.

but even more wonderful are the relationships that you put in our lives.

Sometimes frustrating, but also joyful.

...and we admit that can go both ways.

You made us to live in relationships with creation with each other and with you. through this we can know your love and hope.

Therefore, we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

One of the reasons we lift our praise to the highest is that you bent down low. taking on flesh and living as we do.

Showing what it means to follow you, and showing us the extent of your love. That you stay with us when we succeed and when we don't.

That you celebrate in the good times, and walk with us in the hard times.

Even to the point when our sins try to snuff out your light so that we can't see the problems.

...Together, we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

As we wait for your to come again, may your Spirit continue to lead us to loving relationships with ourselves, our neighbours, and you.

As we wait,

we appreciate that we can come to you with our joys and concerns.

We pray

for nations that are experiencing tensions or violence:
especially in the Ukraine, Israel/Palestine, & Taiwan.
for those suffering from the heat.
for those who needing your healing,
in body..., mind..., soul....
and in relationships...

We thank you that you never let your anger or frustration get in the way of your compassion.

That you are always with us is celebrations, hard times, and ordinary times.

As we share your bread and your cup, we pray that your Spirit will make them alive so that we may be closer to you and be strengthened by you until you come again.

As we approach this table, let us come together and pray the prayer that you taught us.

Lord's Prayer (feel free to use another version/translation)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.





Words of Institution

On the night before he met with death, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God

he broke the bread and shared it, saying

"This is my body; it is broken for you."

"Ceci est mon corps, qui est rompu pour vous"

[take and eat]

In the same way, he took the cup of wine after dinner and said, "This is the new relationship with God, sealed in my blood Take this, all of you, in remembrance of me."

"Cette coupe est la nouvelle alliance en mon saunt; faites ceci en mémoire de moi"

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

[take and drink]

Prayer after Communion

Loving God,

we thank you for this chance to be together at your table.

Jésus, tu nous invites toujours à te rejoindre.

We thank you that you feed us here and that your Spirit continues to feed us through our relationships.

Vous êtes ici maintenant avec espoir et amour. Help us to feel your love, hope and healing, and to share it for all the world.

In Jesus name Amen.



liturgical table - Jan Richardson

* Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.⁵

Que la grâce du Seigneur Jésus-Christ, l'amour de Dieu et la communion du Saint-Esprit soient avec vous tous. Amen.⁶



⁵ Numbers 6:24-26



Rev. Peter Rombeek for Kensington Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 7 -

MISSION MOMENT

Conflicts in Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan and, most recently, Ukraine have caused mass displacement of millions of people. As a result, many struggle to make ends meet and severely lack food, causing some to experience extreme hunger and malnutrition. Through Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D), the church is responding to these urgent needs. In Syria, food baskets are provided to internally



displaced people and their host communities. In Yemen, local partners supply food vouchers to help the most vulnerable families meet their basic needs. In response to the war in Ukraine, food assistance is being provided to those displaced in the country as well as to those who have fled to neighbouring countries. This emergency food assistance is done in collaboration with its ecumenical partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, where funds are matched.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, August 7 We give thanks and pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners in Ukraine, Syria, Yemen and Afghanistan that deliver aid to those living in conflict zones or unsettled situations.

Monday, August 8 We give thanks for the programs of Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Alberta that provide a sense of belonging, care and inclusion for people of all nations while upholding Indigenous cultural practices.

Tuesday, August 9 (International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples)
We pray that all governments uphold the principles of the United Nations
Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples so that all Indigenous peoples around the world may thrive.

Wednesday, August 10 We pray for the members and work of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee.

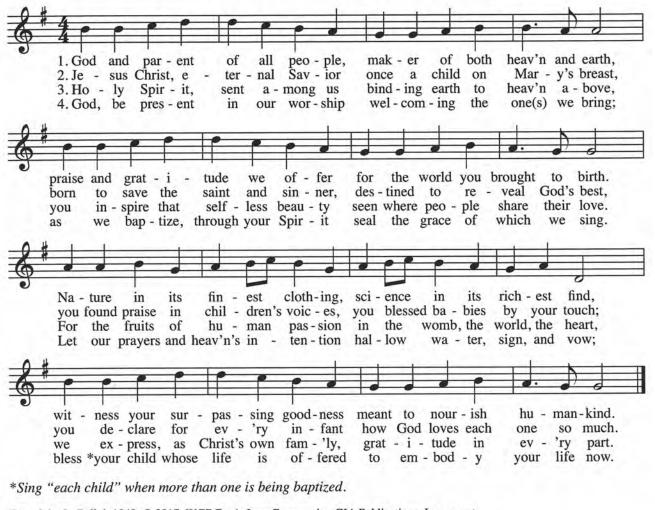
Thursday, August 11 We pray for Hans Lessing, Philip Peacock and Phil Tanis as they share leadership of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

Friday, August 12 We pray that congregations searching for a new minister will be filled with hope, wisdom and patience.

Saturday, August 13 We give thanks and pray for congregations offering Vacation Bible Schools over the summer.

^{6 2} Corinthians 13:13

God and Parent of all people



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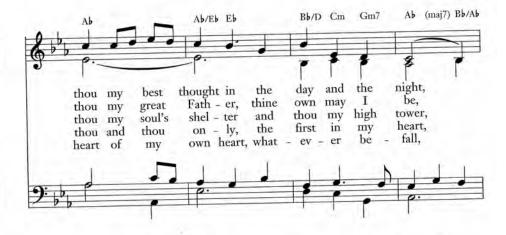


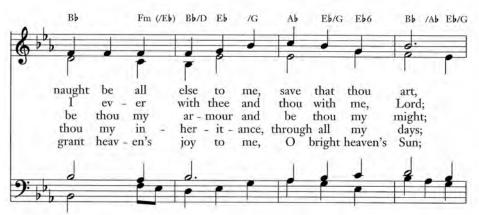


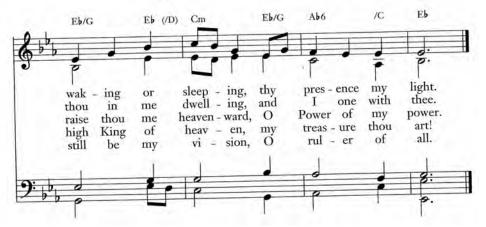
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Aaronic Blessing



The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6: 24



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