



Kensington Presbyterian Church
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Dance for joy

September 24, 2023

WELCOME, to worship. We are offering a variety of ways for people to gather. We are welcoming people to worship in person (with singing), as well as through Zoom, YouTube, and this printable PDF.¹ 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).

Announcements

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

Jesus & Java: Join us as we share the joys and questions of faith.

Thursday, 3:30 pm at Beetz, 5914 Sherbrooke @ Clifton

Family Food & Film Fiestas: Fridays at 6:30

Next Friday will show an alternate way to solve problems (Like Abigail shows David) in **How to Train Your Dragon**.

This is a good opportunity to invite someone.

Please let Peter know so we have enough food.

Zoom Prayer Group: Thursday at 6:30 a.m.

You may use the worship login details

[us04web.zoom.us/j/773730107?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/773730107?pwd=eUo2M09YMEw5dkZvdm9uQmpHNIUrUT09)

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Drop Box: Food donations are welcome for the local Food Pantry, and diapers for young mothers through Head & Hands.

¹ note: that the footnotes are not as thorough as an academic paper.



Honouring the Day of Truth and Reconciliation:

Sept 30 @ 6 pm at St. Andrew & St. Paul

A time of indigenous and settler-descendant voices raised in story, song, and prayer to Creator God. **The Moderator** of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. Mary Fontaine, a Cree from Mistawasis, Saskatchewan, will offer a homily, Inuit singer-songwriter Shauit will sing, and Kahnawake elder Don Barnaby will reflect on our nearby community. Wearing orange shirts is encouraged.

Cuba: January 4-11 (application deadline: Sept 30)

Presbyterian College is sending some students and interested people on a study tour. If you are interested, please visit

www.presbyteriancollege.ca/2023/08/29/cuba-study-tour

They are also collecting pharmaceutical to bring.

Students for Dinner: Friends for Dinner is a Christian organization looking for people to host international students for holiday meals. If you are interested, please visit friendsfordinner.ca

“Meaning on Monday” Thursdays Oct 5 - Nov 2 7-8:30 pm

An online course from Presbyterian College exploring how our faith and our everyday work go together. For more info:

www.pcmntl.ca \$55/person - and there's a group discount.

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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

Hallelujah!

Joyful, joy-filled:

We praise you!

Quietly, noisily:

We praise you!

Praise! Praise God in the temple, in the highest heavens!

Praise! Praise God's mighty deeds and noble majesty.

All that is alive, praise!

Praise the Lord.

Hallelujah!



there is joy in the presence of Jesus - Rebecca Brogan

♪ Hymn: Joyful joyful.....pg 8 (410)

<https://youtu.be/mtvxwsiRge4>



Prayer of Approach

God of the Dance,

Your choreography is so beautiful

The way you bees dance with the flowers

to give us apples & flour and pie.

It is so inclusive,

of those we find cute or nice,

and those we find ugly or a pest.

The pattern is so complicated

scientists are still learning the steps

and yet it is also so simple.

We just need to follow your lead

and you will teach us the moves.

Jesus,

as we try to join your dance,

we admit to losing our focus on you

and stepping on toes... and worse

Help us to accept the beauty, and the unexpected

and to join in - even when your moves seem beyond us.

Please forgive our missteps

and help us to be gracious partners

supporting all of your creation.

May your Spirit help us to accept your forgiveness


to rejoin your dance,

and not to stay at the edge of the room.

May we recognize that you are always guiding

and correcting the dance.

To help us learn the moves,
we now sing the prayer you teach your followers...

 The Lord's Prayer (please use a version you are comfortable with)

**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
Amen.**



Listening to God

Children's Time

Today we're going to hear a story about kings and dancing - so let's sing a song about a King - and try a little dance.

🎵 King of kings (266)

prayer

Dear Jesus, help us to dance and celebrate you.
Amen.

🎵 Hymn: When the Spirit of the Lord.....pg 11 (398)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=hpvGPpJyF50

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds
through the power of your Holy Spirit,
that today we may be able to join in your dance.
Amen.²

Intro to the readings

Last week we heard about Ruth. Aside from a beautiful reminder of what love can be, she is David's great-grandmother. The same David who fought Goliath, wrote psalms, and became the greatest King Judah & Israel ever had. This week we're going to hear a little of his story.

The first bit will be an early David story. In the Bible it is told from Samuel's point of view. He's the great prophet at the time who speaks God's will to the people. In this case he's a little afraid to do that as King Saul is likely to kill people he doesn't agree with... or just kill them anyway. The version we'll hear today is from a children's Bible by Ralph Milton

One thing to remember is that when Alix reads about the Ark - this isn't like Noah's ark. This is a nicely decorated box that can be carried by four people. It contains the ten commandments and represents God being present.

We'll also hear about Michal. She is one of King Saul's daughter and at one point was in love with David and helped save him from her father. At different times her father promised she had to marry David, then another man, then she was given to David. She's not portrayed here very well in today's passage, but perhaps there are reasons why.

² adapted from Worship Sourcebook 3.1.10 & 23



Reading: Please look up the passages in your own Bible,³ or click on the name to be taken to an online version.

[1 Samuel 16](#): 1-13

[2 Samuel 5](#): 4

[2 Samuel 6](#): 1-5, 14-19

[Psalm 150](#)



Sermon: Dance of Joy

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

Big tasks. We've all faced them. How did you feel about school presentations or exams? Some of us have even had to write entrance exams. I remember being elected President of the PYPS (Presbyterian Young People's Society) and being very nervous about having to present a report at Synod. I don't remember what happened; I think it went well (I do remember being encouraged by my friends). There are times when the boss asks you to do something that seems way beyond your capabilities - because they see something in you.

In David's case The Boss (capital B) tells David he will be king over Israel. That's pretty awesome - a good reason to dance and celebrate... though we don't hear about it here.

Imagine what that was like? Remember David was the youngest child... and I think he was still a child. Maybe the same age as



Alix. I imagine there were a lot of emotions swirling around inside. It would be exciting to think about being the king. He'd have a palace, and be more important than his older brothers. It would bring honour to his family - and to him. This would be mixed in with fear - after all, what does he know about being king. The current king was also chosen by God, and he's not doing so good.

Have you felt called by God to do something? Did you feel unqualified?

And then there's the buzz of anticipation - the adrenaline as you get ready for the big event.

How are you at waiting?

It could be for some big 'opportunity' you are dreading, or something you desperately want. Remember being a kid and waiting for Christmas or your Birthday? (Hopefully you're still like that.) In this case God has asked David to do something - but what about when you've asked God to do something - something big and vital. Do you wait patiently? With Christmas, it always comes, but what about that answer to prayer? Your body can't maintain the adrenaline of anticipation. Do you become complacent? forgetful? jaded?

David didn't just sit under a tree while waiting to become king. In fact, his life was a real roller-coaster. He lived in the fields tending sheep, in the palace helping the king, and on the run as an outlaw. He had lots of 'learning opportunities'. I don't believe God arranged for all the events to happen to David, there were definitely fallible people involved, but these opportunities prepared him for becoming the king.

³ 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

I think it's the same with us. Our lives shift and change, and God can use our experiences to invite us to do things we never would have expected. I used to dread public speaking, but here I stand.

In David's case he did become king - after some 20 years of learning opportunities. King Saul had died. The people had seen David in action. He had proven himself to them, so they asked him to be their next king.

This didn't happen all at once. Since taking the promised land under Joshua, the 12 tribes of Israel had only united on special occasions. First Judah came to David. Later the rest of Israel. This was the first time they were all under one king (except God, but they weren't very good at that).

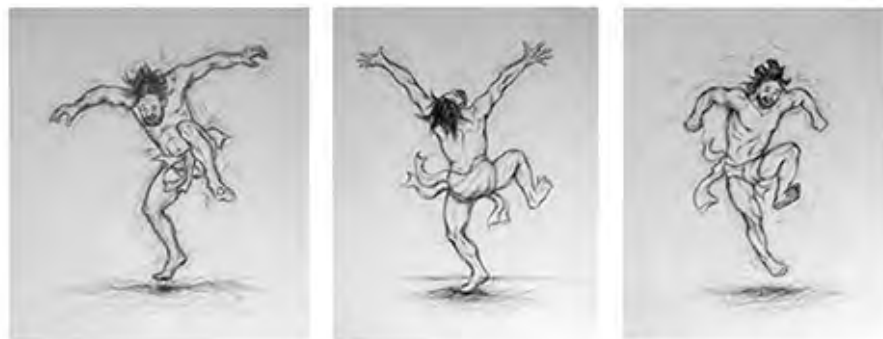
This is definitely a time to celebrate. For David, he'd finally become king. For everyone else, they are knowing peace like never before. This is great - a good reason to dance and celebrate ...though we don't hear about it here.

Now David knows he can't play favourites, so he doesn't choose any of the old capitals. There is a city in the middle of this new kingdom - Jerusalem. David makes it the centre for politics. Then he also makes it the centre of religion by bringing the Ark of the covenant to Jerusalem.

You could see this as being just a wise political move, but I think it's more. For one thing, there are the stories that show that God, and the Ark, are not to be used for political gain. I also think that David remembers who it is that made this possible. The one who is at the centre of it all is the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the almighty God, King of the universe ...who is physically represented not by a statue, but by the Ark. It is a reminder of the covenant God made with them - the promise

that God will be faithful to them, and are to be faithful to God. Bringing the Ark to Jerusalem will help them remember this.

This is definitely a time to celebrate - bringing God back to the centre of life. This is great - a good reason to dance and celebrate ...and *now* we hear about it.



The Joy of The Redeemed - Rebecca Brogan

There are harps & cymbals, drums & trumpets. There's dancing & singing - and food for everyone. It's a street party - except with the whole city. David isn't famous for his dancing skills, but here he dances with great enthusiasm and energy. Why? Because he's celebrating that God is with them.

This is something worth celebrating. It's something we can celebrate too - because it's still true. God has made our presence here possible. God's Holy Spirit worked in the lives of people before us to build the congregations that became Kensington. God continues to work in us and through us. How can we celebrate this? I don't think I could dance like David, but I can sing. I can tell others. What about you? How can you share the joy?

Sadly, not everyone joins in. Michal is portrayed as not approving of David dancing around in his underwear. That this is not respectable kingly behaviour. What do you think? What is acceptable for us to celebrate God? What is disrespectful to God,

and what are our social rules to protect us from being uncomfortable - because God has a tendency of inviting people into the uncomfortable. Not that we'd be alone, because God is always with us... which leads us back round to celebrating.

Remembering David, we also might need to be patient and live through many struggles, but when we bring God into the centre of our lives we will become a part of God's Dance - and that is something to celebrate.

*To God be all the glory
Amen.*



Responding to God

🎵 Hymn: This is my Father's world.....pg 9 (328)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63r2UzN4VMc>

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

Memories: What piece of music gets you going?

Memories: Tell about the most exuberant (or best) celebration you've been a part of.

Values: What are acceptable ways to celebrate God? When does acceptability get in the way?

Wonder: David built credibility with his community. How does/can Kensington build a credible relationship with our community?

Wonder: Dream together of a celebration of God. Try for one that is totally impractical, and one that is less impractical.

Prayer: ...that we will find ways to celebrate God

✦ Spirit Sightings

This week we had a marvellous time at Friday's Pizza & Games night. I loved to see people who didn't know each other before mixing and forming community. Forming safe community from which we can share God's love & peace is the work of the Holy Spirit.



✦ Offering

Financially, we have set up a donation option on our **website**: kensingtonchurch.ca. Just click the 'Donate Now' button, and then the pretty button. It gives you various options that are easy to follow.

You can also donate through **interac e-transfer**. Our name is Kensington Presbyterian Church and the e-mail address is info@kensingtonchurch.ca.

Mailing a cheque or signing up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (**PAR**) are also good options.

🧘 Prayers of the people.....response

Lord of the Dance,
we bow to you,
and share our thoughts and feelings
on the moves we see.

We see injustice in the world,
and pray for those trapped by it.

For those who have been hurt
and not seen the other repent, ...
and cannot find forgiveness to allow them to dance again. . .
For those who have wonderful skills and talents
and cannot use them to share love & joy. . .
May all join your dance
Hear our prayer

We pray for the leaders that shape our world.
Our city & national leaders:
Mayor Plante, Premier Legault, & Prime Minister Trudeau
The corporate leaders. . .
and our church leaders. . .
May they feel your rhythm
and move together to your beat...
May all join your dance
Hear our prayer

While we know that the dance is always shifting.
It feels like the last few years have been full of unexpected moves.
Thank you that we are still on our feet.
Help us to continue to learn the moves
to be able to dance with our neighbours
in ways that show your love, hope & healing. . .
May all join your dance
Hear our prayer

Lord,
Not everybody is healthy enough to dance.
We pray for people like Michal
who have suffered and are unable to dance...
We pray for

people who's bodies or minds are a weight
that holds their spirit down...
May all join your dance
Hear our prayer

Lord,
We thank you for David,
who shows us an enthusiasm for you
from his heart to his toes
driving his whole self
to move to your dance.
Help us to celebrate you
and place you at the centre of our moves.

In Jesus name
Amen.

♪ Hymn: Alleluia, alleluia.....pg 10 (260)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZ0YiQi5p3g
www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZcCnLfufQs

✦ Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:13
*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you.*
Amen.



410 Joyful, joyful we adore you

G sus2 /D D7 G/D D/C

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore you,
 2. All your works with joy sur - round you;
 3. You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing,
 4. Mor - ning stars, a - wake the cho - rus;

G/B D7/A G /D D G C/G G7

God of glo - ry, Lord of love. Hearts un - fold like
 earth and heaven re - flect your rays; stars and an - gels
 ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed, well - spring of the
 mor - tals, join with eve - ry part, for what joy is

C (sus4) 6 maj7 6) G/D D7 Em/D

flowers be - fore you, o - pening to the
 sing a - round you, cen - tre of un -
 joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of
 set be - fore us as Christ's love joins

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D7 G D G/D D7 G/D

sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness;
 bro - ken praise. Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain,
 hap - py rest. God Cre - a - tor, Christ our Sav - iour,
 heart to heart! Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward,

D7 B/D# B7 Em 7 A 7 D G C/G G7

drive the dark of doubt a - way; giv - er of im -
 flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea, chant - ing bird and
 all are yours who live in love. Teach us how to
 vic - tors in the midst of strife; joy - ful mu - sic

Csus4 C6 (maj7) G/D D7 G/D D7 G

mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 flow - ing foun - tain, join to praise you joy - ful - ly.
 love our neigh - bour; lift us to your joy a - bove.
 - leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

This is my Father's world

TERRA BEATA 6 6 8 6 D SMD Irregular

Eb /G Bb6 7 Eb (Fm/Ab C7/G) Fm Bb/D Eb
 1. This is my Fath-er's world, and to my lis-tening
 2. This is my Mak-er's world; the birds their car-ols
 3. This is my Sav-iour's world; oh let me not for-
 ears all na-ture sings, and round me rings the
 raise; the morn-ing light, the li-ly white, de-
 get that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God
 mu-sic of the spheres. This is my Fath-er's world: I
 clare their Mak-er's praise. This is my Mak-er's world; God
 is the Rul-er yet. This is my Sav-iour's world; the

Ab Eb/G Bb/F F7 Bb /Ab Eb/G Eb Bb6 Cm
 rest me in the thought; of rocks and trees, of
 shines in all that's fair; in the rus-tling grass, God's
 bat-tle is not done; Je-sus, who died, shall be
 skies and seas God's hands the won-ders wrought.
 foot-steps pass; God speaks to me eve-ry-where.
 sat-is-fied, and earth and heaven be one.

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 arrangement, anonymous

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Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord / Alleluia No. 1

ALLELUIA NO. 1 8 8 with refrain

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, thanks to the ris-en Lord;

Refrain F /E Dm Bb6 Gm Bb C 7/E

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris-en Lord; al - le -

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia praise to his name.

F Dm Bb6 Gm C7 F Fine

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

Verses F Dm Gm Bb C

1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;
 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
 3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
 4. Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

F Dm 7 Gm Bb C

he is the King of cre - a - tion:
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en:
 now we shall live for - ev - er:
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - iour:


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When the spirit of the Lord moves in my soul


LIKE DAVID THE SHEPHERD 11 8 with repeats and refrain (4 8 4 8)

Gm D Gm




1. When the Spir - it of the Lord moves in my soul, like
 2. When the Spir - it of the Lord moves in my soul, like
 1. Quand le Saint-Es - prit de Dieu rem - plit mon âme, je
 2. Quand le Saint-Es - prit de Dieu rem - plit mon âme, je

D7 Gm Cm Gm



Da - vid the shep-herd, I sing. I sing, I sing, like
 Da - vid the sin - ner, I pray. I pray, I pray, like
 chante comme Da - vid le ber - ger. Je chan - te, je chan - te, je
 prie comme Da - vid le pé - cheur. Je pri - e, je pri - e, je

1. D7 Gm 2. D7 Gm



Da - vid the Shep-herd, I sing. Da - vid the Shep-herd, I sing.
 Da - vid the sin - ner, I pray. Da - vid the sin - ner, I pray.
 chante comme Da - vid le ber - ger. chante comme Da - vid le ber - ger.
 prie comme Da - vid le pé - cheur. prie comme Da - vid le pé - cheur.

3. When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul,
like David the victor, I dance.
I dance, I dance, like David the victor, I dance.
4. When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul,
like David the poet, I praise.
I praise, I praise, like David the poet, I praise.
3. Quand le Saint-Esprit de Dieu remplit mon âme,
je danse comme David le vainqueur.
Je danse, je danse, je danse comme David le vainqueur.
4. Quand le Saint-Esprit de Dieu remplit mon âme,
j'exalte comme David le poète.
J'exalte, j'exalte, j'exalte comme David le poète.

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Sunday, September 24

MISSION MOMENT

New church development.

Partnership. International mission staff. Theological colleges. Healing and reconciliation. Leadership development. Congregational support. And so much more! Today is Presbyterians Sharing Sunday, a time to celebrate the impact our church's mission and ministry programs are having across Canada and around the world. As we encourage and equip one another and teach about love, faith and hope, we proclaim the good news of the Gospel. Presbyterians Sharing puts faith into action.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, September 24 On **Presbyterians Sharing Sunday**, we give thanks for the faithful generosity of congregations across Canada as we share in mission and ministry together through Presbyterians Sharing.

Monday, September 25 We thank God for people who give generously of their time, talent and treasure to enhance the mission and ministries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Tuesday, September 26 We give thanks and pray for the Rev. Yoichi Nakae, Moderator of the Korean Christian Church in Japan (KCCJ), as he concludes his two-year term.

Wednesday, September 27 We pray for presbytery student committees listening for God's voice with humility, love, tenderness and trust in the continual illumination of the Holy Spirit as they journey with and support candidates for ministry.

Thursday, September 28 We pray for the members and work of the Gender, Sexuality and Inclusion Advisory Committee.

Friday, September 29 We pray that the Rev. Mary Fontaine feels a strong sense of God's care and the church's support in her role as Moderator of the General Assembly.

Saturday, September 30 (Orange Shirt Day) We honour Survivors of Residential Schools, children who died because of Residential Schools and members of their families. Having rejected the Doctrine of Discovery, we commit to walk in ways that will end anti-Indigenous racism.

