

Kensington Presbyterian Church Growing in faith and sharing God's love

Before we act, speak, love... November 9, 2025

WELCOME, we come to you from the un-ceded lands of the Kanien'kehá:ka Nation.

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).



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

Announcements

Prayer Groups:

Zoom: Wednesday 6:30 am

Woman's Prayer Group: in person Thursdays 2pm book & video series Oct 23-Nov 27 'When you pray' and through What's App

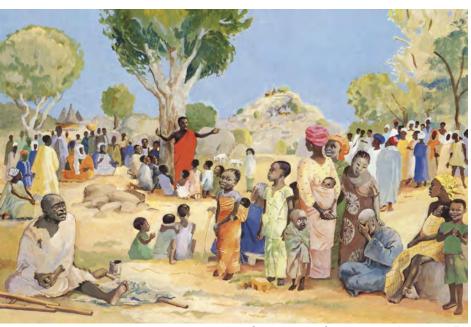
Bible Study: Wednesday 7-8 pm

Join us in the minister's office and over zoom as we discuss the upcoming week's main scripture passage.

Food & Film Night: Friday 6:30 pizza followed by...

Nov 14: Narnia: Prince Caspian

Nov. 21: Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader



Sermon on the mount - Jesus MAFA

Drop Box: Food donations are welcome for the Food Pantry at Women on the Rise, and items for children (ex. diapers) for young mothers through Head & Hands.

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Invitation to Remembrance

This is the Sunday closest to Remembrance Day, and so before we gather to worship God, you are invited to remember those who have sacrificed to allow us to live in this freedom, to search for truth, and to enjoy life.

Pipes: March

As we prepare for the moment of silence, let us come before God in prayer.

Loving and eternal God, we pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that you may give us peace:

for those serving who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered and known by you;

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

For women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by conflict, Those involved in the fighting, those victims of circumstance, and those suffering behind.

We thank you for those

who believe the world can be a better place, For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who sacrifice for this dream.

We pray for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership: political, military and religious; may your Spirit to bring gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace;

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes
above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those
who wish us harm.

As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.

Amen.

Last Post:

Moment of Silence

Pipers Lament

Poem: They shall not grow old......Peggy Wegrich Reveille/Rouse

Pipes: March



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Lighting of the Christ Candle Jésus Christ est la lumière du monde.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Call to worship²

Come, bow down and worship,

Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

This is our God,

The Lord is our shepherd, leading us with care.

∏ Hymn: We praise you, O God......pg 8 (425)
 www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wYMO9vPXtQ

Prayer of Approach
Dear Lord, our God
Creator of the universe

We see you reflected in the vastness and complexity the mighty and the delicate the beauty and the care.

We praise and celebrate and you created.

We confess that sometimes we don't respect what you have created - we don't just transform it, but abuse creation...

We confess that sometimes we abuse others as well, by what we have done, and by what we have *not* done...

Please forgive us and may your Spirit help us both to change the ways we live and to accept your forgiveness knowing that your steadfast love lasts forever.

As part of the way you shape your followers we come together to say the Lord's prayer:

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.

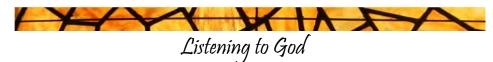
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

Amen.



² based on Psalm 95: 6-7



🧚 Spirit Sighting

Normally after hearing the word of God we have a time when we respond through singing, thinking, praying and looking for what God is doing. Today we're going to have the Spirit Sighting now.

Today we're going to celebrate how God's Spirit has been working at shaping Kensington to be a place that can help people connect with God, and by drawing people into this community. Some of them have decided to share their commitment by making a public profession of their faith... and becoming members.

Rose, who is the Session presenting? Cathy, Dean, Ivana. & John

While all of you have been participating in Kensington for a while now, I'm still going to ask each of you a few brief questions to help people connect with you. If they want details, they can ask you at snack time.

- What is something you like to do?
- How would you describe God in a few words
- Why do you want to be a part of a church?

Christian Friends, Cathy Brady, Dean Brady, Ivana Simic. & John Silvius have all been baptized and are a member of the body of Christ. They have been nurtured within the Christian community and knows the beliefs and practices of the church.

While you may not remember your baptism, I invite you to

remember what baptism reveals.

That by the waters of baptism and the power of the Holy Spirit

God claims us and calls each one by name.

God unites us to Christ in his death and resurrection and grafts us into the body of Christ as members of the church.

God washes us clean by forgiving our sin;
commissions us to be a royal priesthood with Christ
in ministry to the world;
empowers us to live in newness of life
as people of the Word;
and invites us to be renewed at the Lord's Table
until we feast with him in glory.

As is written in the letter to the Ephesians

By grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God. Eph. 2:8.

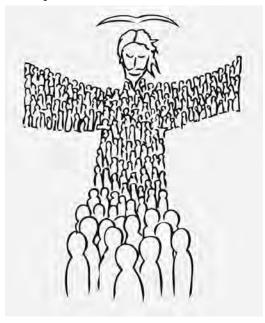
In making this public procession of his faith, they desire to affirm their baptism, and to claim the rights and responsibilities associated with membership in the congregation of Kensington Presbyterian Church.

And now for the questions...

- Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, who has been faithful to us in all generations, do you turn from sin in your life, and renounce all powers in the world which rebel against God's rule of justice and love? I do.
- Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Saviour, trusting in his grace and love? I do.

Do you desire, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to seek Christ and share his love, hope and healing with the world? I do.

Let us, with all the people of God, confess the faith of the church with the Apostles Creed.



Prayer:

Gracious God. we praise you for calling us to be your people, and for gathering us to be the church, the body of Christ. We thank you for Cathy, Dean, Ivana & John for bringing them into this community at Kensington. Together, may we live in your Spirit, grow in faith, hope and love, and be faithful followers of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

Cathy, Dean, Ivana & John, know you are beloved children of God. May you live and walk in the Spirit, increasing daily in the gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and self-control as one who belongs to Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Amen.

☐ Hymn: I have decided to follow Jesus.....pg 9(570) www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1mmHE4sV-4

A Prayer for Illumination Lord, open our hearts and minds through the power of your Holy Spirit, as you prepare us to follow. Amen.

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

Genesis 1: 26-31 Romans 12: 1-8

Sermon: Before we act, speak, love...

To hear Rev. Dr Roland DeVries' sermon, please visit our YouTube site:

www.youtube.com/@kensingtonchurchmontreal2543

and to God be all the glory Amen.

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



Responding to God

 ∏ Hymn: Take my life and let it be.....pg 9 (637) www.youtube.com/watch?v=blxWaucRinA

FaithTalk: These are some questions for you to discuss with somebody... or many somebodies.

Do what you feel safe (and practice stretching a little).

Actions: Pick three people and identify a gift that they have. Let them know, with an example of how you see this gift in them.

Wonder: "Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God" Unpack this with each other.

How might we be conforming to this age?

How could we be transformed? How do we tell the difference? Is there an issue you would like to delve into to discern God's will?

Values: What does it mean to be "a living sacrifice, holy

and acceptable to God"?

Prayer: ...that we will appreciate our own gifts and offer

them to God.

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

Dear Jesus, light of the world, we thank you that you show the Creator of the universe is interested in each of us.

We come now in gratitude, and with worries.

We thank you for the autumn weather the rain for the plants, and the sun for our souls.

We pray for places, such as Jamaica and the Philippines, that are suffering because of the weather.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer

We thank you that we have warm places to live, and pray for those struggle to afford a home ...and those who do not have one.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer

We thank you that Montreal is a fairly safe city, and pray for those living in conflict, including those in Cameroon & Haiti.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer

We thank you for our health, and pray for those in need of healing. ...and for those working in health care.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer

And Lord, source of all Wisdom, we thank you that we have access to education and pray for our schools, staff, faculty & students and especially for Presbyterian College as they help transform people to serve you.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer

In Jesus name Amen.

☐ Hymn: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us.....pg 10 (647) www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGsvbqErM2A

* 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 you all.

Amen.



MISSION MOMENT Sunday, November 9

With a legacy of care and service spanning 115 years, St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL, remains steadfast in its commitment to community outreach and demonstrating love through acts of kindness and support. The church's cornerstone initiatives include donations of essential items such as food, hygiene products and clothing to organizations like



the Salvation Army, the local food bank and the Women's Centre. A dedicated group known as the Thistle Club, composed of skilled and hardworking women who sew and knit, contributes handmade goods and supplies to the local hospital and the Atlantic Mission Society. Through compassion, generosity and an unwavering presence, St. Matthew's continues to be a caring part of the community it serves.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 9 We pray for the congregation of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL, as its members reach out to their community with acts of kindness and support.

Monday, November 10 We pray for Winnipeg Inner City Missions' new Indigenous Arts & Cultural Centre that will be a hub of local artistry, culinary expertise, and cultural opportunities.

Tuesday, November 11 (Remembrance Day) We pray for all who mourn or suffer because of conflict and war. We ask God to protect and guide peacekeepers and those who serve in the armed forces.

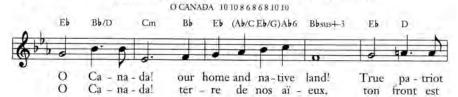
Wednesday, November 12 We pray for the Rev. Dr. Mark Glanville, Director of the Centre for Missional Leadership at St. Andrew's Hall, as he and the team equip congregations and their leaders for compelling and compassionate Christian witness across Canada.

Thursday, November 13 We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine as it reflects on the functions of, and relationship between, Church and State.

Friday, November 14 God of healing and restoration, we remember all those who have been dismissed, silenced, or wounded because of their cultural identities. May they find spaces of affirmation and dignity, and may their journeys of reclamation be met with solidarity, strength and deep healing.

Saturday, November 15 We pray with grateful hearts for the students, staff and faculty of The Presbyterian College, Montreal as they meet the challenges and share in the joys of this academic year.

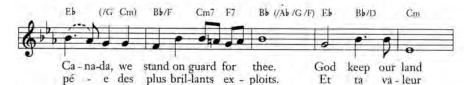
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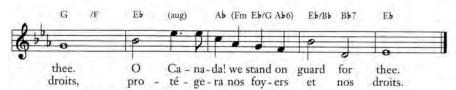




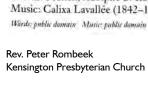
see thee rise, the true north strong and free; from far and wide, O e, il sait por - ter la croix! Ton his-toire est une é-po-







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I have decided to follow Jesus



to fol-low Ie - sus; I have de - cid - ed have de 2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; the world be 3. Though none go with me. I still will fol - low; though none go 4. Will you de - cide to fol-low Je - sus? Will you de now

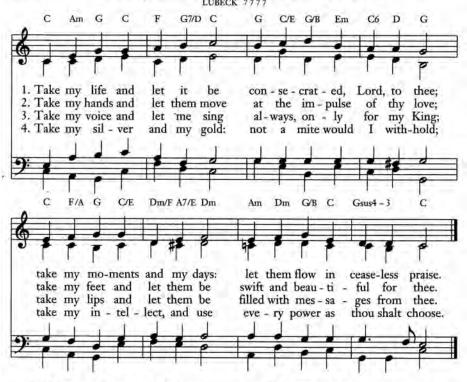


cid - ed to fol-low Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol-low the cross be - fore me; with me, I still will fol-low; though none go with me, I still will cide now to fol-low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol-low



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Take my life, and let it be consecrated



- Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart: it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Alternate tune: Mozart

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We are your People



