



Kensington Presbyterian Church
Growing in faith and sharing God's love
since 1786

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 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

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

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



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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Ceremony of Remembrance

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

♪ O Canada.....pg 8 (833)

Pipes: March





Approaching God



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

² based on Psalm 95: 6-7

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.





Listening to God

✧ 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

🧘 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.

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



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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

833 O Canada, our home and native land

O CANADA 10 10 8 6 8 6 8 10 10

E♭ B♭/D C♯ B♭ E♭ (A♭/C E♭/G) A♭6 B♭sus+3 E♭ D

O Ca-na-da! our home and na-tive land! True pa-triot
O Ca-na-da! ter-re de nos aî-eux, ton front est

Gm (C7/G♭) B♭/F (/D C♯/E♭) F B♭ B♭7

love in all thy sons com-mand. With glow-ing hearts we
ceint de fleu-rons glo-ri-eux! Car ton bras sait por-ter l'é-

E♭ A♭ (E♭/G A♭6 C♯/A) B♭ B♭7

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

E♭ (/G C♯) B♭/F C♯7 F7 B♭ (A♭/G /F) E♭ B♭/D C♯

Ca-na-da, we stand on guard for thee. God keep our land
pé-e des plus bril-lants ex-ploits. Et ta va-leur

Fm /E♭ B♭/D B♭ E♭/G (aug) A♭ (Fm E♭/G Fm/A♭) C♯ (/B♭) Fm/A♭

glo-rious and free! O Ca-na-da! we stand on guard for
de foi trem-pée, pro-té-ge-ra nos foy-ers et nos

G /F E♭ (aug) A♭ (Fm E♭/G A♭6) E♭/B♭ B♭7 E♭

thee. O Ca-na-da! we stand on guard for thee.
droits, pro-té-ge-ra nos foy-ers et nos droits.

Words: French, Adolphe B. Routhier (1839–1920); English, Robert Stanley Weir (1856–1926)

Music: Calixa Lavallée (1842–1891)

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425 We praise you, O God

D G/D D Em7sus D/F♯ Em7 A D

1. We praise you, O God, our Re-deem-er, Cre-a-tor; in
2. We wor-ship you; God ev-er-faith-ful, we bless you; through
3. With voic-es u-ni-ted our prais-es we of-fer, and

A/C♯ Bm7 E7 A D6 E7 A

grate-ful de-vo-tion our trib-ute we bring. We
life's storm and tem-pest our guide you have been. When
glad-ly our songs of true wor-ship we raise. Our

A/G D/F♯ Em7sus A7 D

lay it be-fore you; we kneel and a-dore you; we
per-ils o'er-take us, you will not for-sake us, and
sins now con-fess-ing, we pray for your bless-ing; to

G/B D/A G (/B) A/C♯ 7 D Em A7 D

bless your ho-ly name; glad prais-es we sing.
with your help, O Lord, life's bat-tles we win.
you, our great Re-deem-er, for-ev-er be praise.

Words: Dutch, anonymous, 1626, translation, Julia Bulkley Cady Cory (1882–1963); alt
Music: Netherlands folk song, 1626; arrangement, Edward Kremser (1838–1914)

Words: public domain Music: public domain

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I have decided to follow Jesus

ASSAM 10 10 10 8



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I 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 now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -



cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
 hind me, the cross be - fore me; the world be - hind me, the cross be -
 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



Je - sus,
 fore me, No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fol - low,
 Je - sus?

Words: traditional Music: traditional

Words: public domain Music: public domain

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Take my life, and let it be consecrated

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1. Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2. Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3. Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold: not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days: let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use eve - ry power as thou shalt choose.



5. 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.

6. 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

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879) Music: Freylinghausen's Geistreiches Gesangbuch 1704

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We are your People

words: Brian Wren

♩. = 55



We are your peo - ple Spir - it of grace, you dare to make us
Rich in di - ver - si - ty, help us to live clo - er than neigh - bours
Give, as we ven - ture jus - tice and care (peace - ful, re - sist - ing



to all our neigh - bours Christ's liv - ing voice, hands, and face.
o - pen to strang - ers, a - ble to know when and where.
wait - ing or risk - ing) wis - dom to know when and where.



Joined in com - mu - ni - ty, trea - sured and fed, may we dis - cov - er
Glad of tra - di - tion, help us to see in all life's chang - ing
Spir - it, u - nite us; make us, by grace, will - ing and read - y,



gifts in each oth - er, will - ing to lead and be led.
where you are lead - ing, where our best ef - fort should be.
Christ's liv - ing bod - y, lov - ing the whole hu - man race.

