

Kensington Presbyterian Church

Growing in faith and sharing God's love since 1786

Walk this way

November 15, 2026

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, 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 others to join you. Clicking on or tapping blue text will take you to a web-site.

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

Sunday Singing: Join Zoé on Sundays at 9:50 to share in the music

Help Change the World - through prayer:

Women's Prayer Group: Tuesday afternoon (ask for details)

Zoom Prayer Group: Wednesday at 6:30 am

Safe places to ask questions and build foundations

Bible Study: Wednesday 7-8 online and in minister's office

Join us in exploring the upcoming week's passage

Friday's Food & Film: Join the community pizza at 6:30 (contributions/donations & RSVP appreciated) followed by watching episodes of **The Chosen**, a well made TV show about Jesus' very human disciples who help us wonder how to follow Jesus.

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



Mother Teresa of Kolkata - Jen Norton

Help local people through our drop-box,

collecting non-perishable food for local food pantries, and children's items for *Head and Hands* (especially diapers).

New Hope: Fall Prevention Workshop Nov 17, 1-2:30 pm

Read the Bible in a year: starting November 29

Join others in reading through the Bible in one year (3-4 chapters a day). Let Peter or Rose M know if you are interested.

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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 (Revelation 15:3-4)

Great and marvelous are your deeds,
Lord God Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
King of the ages.
Who will not fear you, O Lord,
and bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come and worship you![2]

♫ Hymn: Holy, holy, holy.....pg 8 (299)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SHDNs7Dt5M organ
www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwuDSw-9cUQ band

Prayer of Approach (from Psalm 51)

Have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out our transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly
and cleanse me from my sin.
For we see our failings,
and those around us.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Thank you that you do not cast us away
but have brought us here to you.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
and let us teach others your ways,
O God of our salvation,
may our tongues sing aloud of your deliverance.
O Lord, open our lips,
so our mouth will declare your praise.
Amen.



Lakota Trinity
Giuliani

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were still sinners;
this proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Amen.

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

As we try to follow Jesus, let us try and be shaped by the prayer he teaches: the Lord's Prayer:

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 *Worship Sourcebook* 1.2.22

Listening to God

Children's Time

We're going to sing a song that comes from one of the prophets in the Bible. Can someone tell me what a prophet is? [*someone who delivers a message from God*]

In this case God is speaking through Micah. The people have realized God is disappointed and are wondering what they can do to please God. They suggest sacrificing some animals… maybe even giving their firstborn.

Micah tells them, '*He has told you what is good; and what does the Lord want with you… but to be fair, be kind, and walk everyday with God.*'[3]

…with your brothers, friends, and people you don't agree with. You always try to be fair & kind.

…and to walk with God (talk with God, remember God).



3 Micah 6: 6, 8

♫ Hymn: What does the Lord require……pg 11 (709)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCcMdL8F5lk

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds
through the power of your Holy Spirit,
so that we will accept your words.
Amen.

Intro to the readings

Today's main readings come from the Book of Micah. We'll hear one very famous passage, some familiar ones, and some other ones to help us appreciate the context.

Speaking of which, Micah was a prophet around the same time as Isaiah.[4] Micah addresses the downfall of Israel (the Northern Kingdom of Hebrew people centred around the city of Samaria) and the upcoming defeat of Jerusalem (capital of the southern kingdom of Judah). Something that is a bit confusing in the Prophets is that they sometimes refer to Israel as Jacob - so when you hear Jacob' don't think of a person, but the northern kingdom of Israel.

Micah's background is rural. He knows what it's like to be an ordinary person - working hard for very little. That it gets worse when the wealthy elite take your crops to buy luxury goods from other countries. If they didn't have enough crops for taxes they'd need to take a loan. If they couldn't pay it back they'd lose their land to an absentee landlord, and/or become a slave. You'll hear some more examples of injustice in the first set of readings collected together from throughout the book.

We're going to break up the readings today and I'll speak a bit about each section as we go.

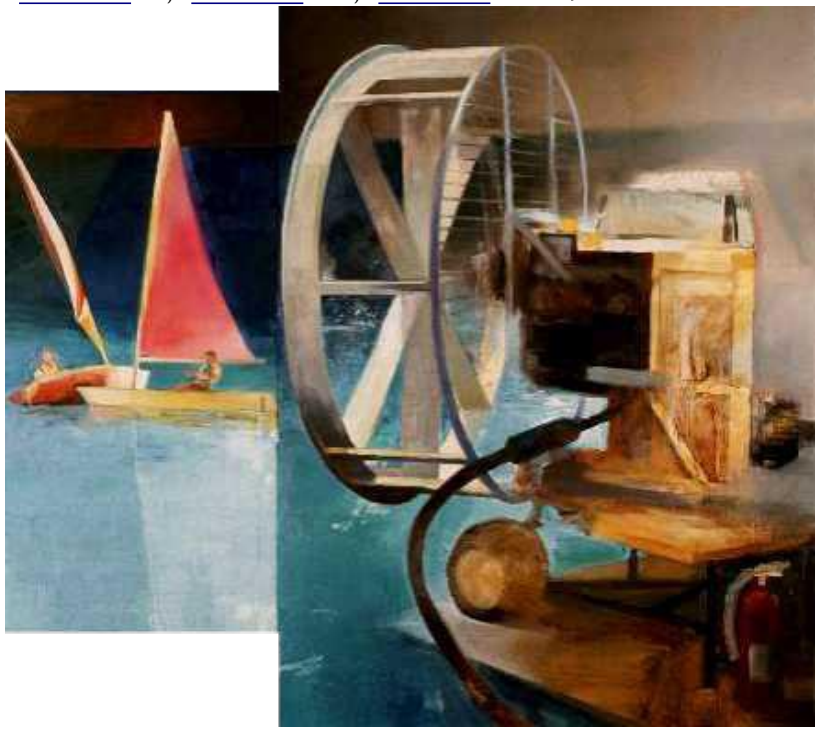
In the first passages we'll hear about "High Places". This

4 and Hosea and Amos. He's also referred to in Jeremiah 26:18.

means more than just a place that's high; these are places where people worshipped God that weren't the centralized Temple in Jerusalem, and other gods were worshipped there too - something that takes you off course with God.

Reading: Please look up the passages in your own Bible,[5] or click on the name to be taken to an online version.

Micah 1: 2-5
Micah 2: 2; Micah 3: 11; Micah 6: 11-14



Wind Blows Wherever - Phil Irish

Sermon: What's going on?

Dear Lord, please bless the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts. Amen.

What's going on?

The Assyrians are coming, and their army is smashing cities of God's chosen people. The leaders are asking, "What's going on?"

God, through Micah is saying, 'Really? You don't know? Well, let me tell you some of the issues...'

The people who weigh the coins for their metal content are using rigged scales and cheating the farmers. The wealthy are taking fields and houses, needed to provide food and shelter, from the vulnerable so they can have more than they need. Courts and leaders make decisions based on brown envelopes.[6] The leaders and elite take advantage of those lower down to get more and more - and God says they will never find it enough. Not only that, it will lead to the collapse of the world they know it.

At Wednesday's Bible Study (that you can all come to) somebody made the observation that this is all still going on. We can see it in the wars and attempts by leaders to gain more control over resources. We can see it within countries. We can see it in our cities and communities. Very much like then, more and more farmers can't afford to own their farms. Some are bought by corporations, others by developers looking for an easy spot to build houses... but are they building affordable communities? Like the farmers in Micah's day, those with little money sometimes have to make a deal to get enough to carry them through - but their options come with much higher interest and rules that take advantage of them. And while it was less of a concern in Micah's day, we are aware that the cost can is more than people. It's also the environment.

Is what God says still true? For those reaping the money, is there ever enough? Is it worth sacrificing those who are

5 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

6 If you live outside of Québec, petite enveloppe brune' is a tradition of bribing decision makers

vulnerable and in need of support? Is it worth sacrificing the future?

...is there hope?



Alley in NDG (note cross in the middle)

The next passages tell us that God is doing something. As you listen you might recognize them and connect them with Jesus. Today, remember that in Micah's day nobody knew about Jesus. How would the established leaders in Jerusalem have taken Micah's message? Is it a message of hope?

Reading: Micah 1: 1-3+; Micah 2: 2-5a

Sermon: After labour is birth

Micah says that God is doing things. It will lead to a better time - a time of peace when farmers can get back to farming.

And where will the leader come from to lead the people into this time? Not from where any of the current leaders are now. The word may come out of Jerusalem, but not the leader.[7] Micah tells of a small overlooked place: Bethlehem - you could say insignificant, except it's not.

It begs the question of where can we hope change will come from? The people who prosper from the system? our society as it is now? or from where the injustice has been felt and lived. from people who need change.

Where is that for us?
among those who have been displaced from their jobs or homes?
among the unhoused? or those who serve them?
among those who understand community needs over individual desires, including those of the environment?

...and what is stopping them becoming leaders in our communities?

'Who will lead us?' is one question about this bright future. Another question, and to quote several Bible passages, is "How long, O God?"

Micah doesn't say right away. There will be an unspecified time of suffering the consequences before a time of change that Micah compares to a woman giving birth - a time of labour before the joy.

What will this work look like? Micah touches on that in the next passage.

Reading: Micah 6: 6-8

Sermon: Walk this way

What is it that we can do to help? What is required to live into the glorious future for all?

Micah gives examples of sacrifices that go from the best (a calf), to the ridiculous (thousands of rams), to the horrible off the mark (sacrificing your child... something which the previous king of Judah had done[8]).

7 for more on this see last week's worship (Nob 8, 2026) kensingtonchurch.ca/covid-opportunities

8 refered to as having your child 'walk through the fire'

Micah delivered the message that it is not some external cost that needs to be paid, it is something internal that is required.

The Hebrew words in this passage are hard to translate. There's a lot going on. For instance, "required" isn't the same as demand. This is like two lovers need to be with each other - to be happy they require each other.

"*to do justice*" is more than fair rules and no corruption. It is a system that supports everyone. It is a society that follows God's commandments so that everyone can live in a right relationship with God and each other.

"*to love mercy*" or kindness. This connects to ideas of covenant, loyalty, and steadfast love. Everyone is faithful in their relationships.

"*and to walk humbly with your God*" humbly is about not thinking too much of ourselves - but also means intentionally walking with God - to be living justice and mercy God's wayliving justice and mercy God's every day.



If you want a good example of what this looks like, look to Jesus. Not only does he live it in his life, but he adds something to take this from Israel & Judah to everyone. Jesus tells his disciples that they have to do more than just walk with God - they have to share The Way[9] and make disciples of all nations.

Helping make life better will need change in you, in us, and in all the nations. It will be labour intensive. It will take listening to overlooked people God will raise up from overlooked places. It will challenge leaders who benefit from the current system. And through this labour, a new world will be born.

To God be all the glory.
Amen.

Reading: Psalm 51: 1-3, 10-17

Responding to God

♫ Hymn Sing: This is a time when we sing several hymn requests.
You can join in on YouTube:
www.youtube.com/channel/UC_EPsf2FuWoeen7j1iGcz_w

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

Reflecting: Who is supposed to protect and help us in our society? Who are our saviours supposed to be?

Reflecting: Where do you expect leaders to come from? Where do we look for our saviours?

Action: Check out John Terpstra's poem: *O Little Towns of Bethlehem*.
canpoetry.library.utoronto.ca/terpstra/poem5.htm

Values: What are our issues in society, with leaders, in church, in yourself?

Reflecting: What's it mean to you that God, through Micah, speaks to specific concerns that ordinary people have.

Wonder: What sort of saviour do we need now?

Prayer: ...that we can live out Micah's message, and tell others where the future is to be found.

9 Very early Christianity was sometimes refered to as "The Way".

Spirit Sightings

Last night we hosted a wonderful Presbytery Youth Worship Service we're youth and young adults from at least 7 different congregations ate, talked, sang, & prayered together.



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 Lord,
As we look around we can see all sorts of signs that things are not right. People who are suffering from economics, health, and relationships. We see structures that benefit those with wealth and the expense of those without.
Jesus, our King,
we pray for those who are forced to give up their jobs,
or their homes
without respectful help to change.
We pray for refugees,
acknowledging that our thirst for computer chips
and oil help drive wars.
We pray for the overlooked and voiceless.
Help us to listen,
and help their voices to lead us
into a more just and merciful society.
We pray for those in need of medical help,
but can't afford private care
to stop their health from getting worse.

And Jesus,
May your Holy Spirit open our eyes to see what you are doing
what we can do to help,
and to give us the strength and insight
to intentionally walk your way every day.
Amen.

♫ Hymn: Help us accept each other.....pg 9 (632)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=N71oXSJe80U (higher)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=49zFSbxS37Y (lower)

Benediction

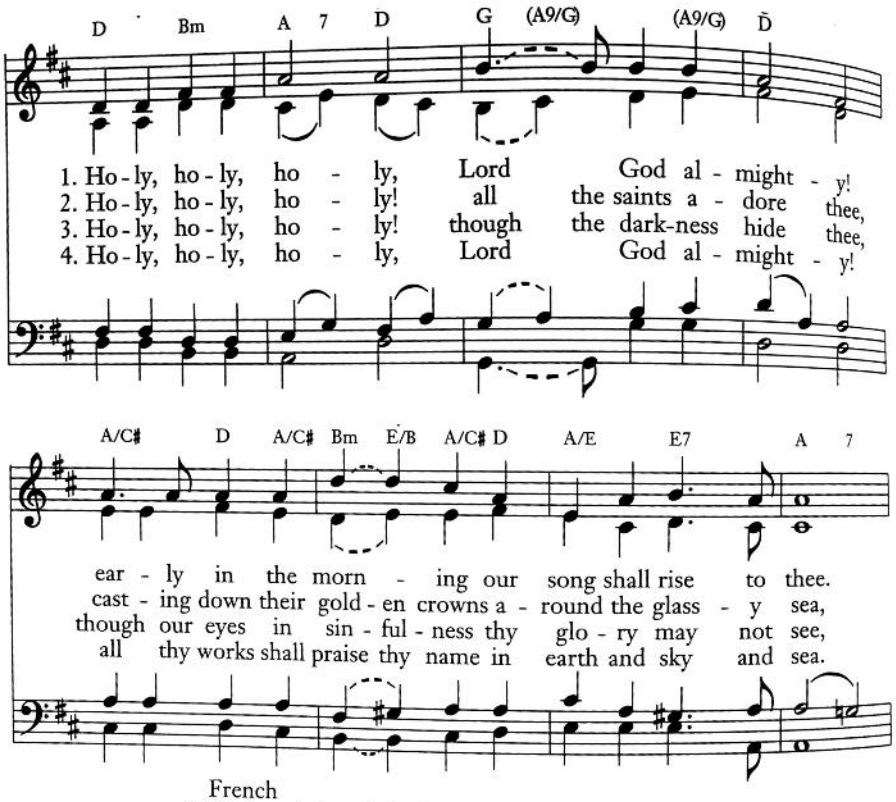
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you.[10] *Amen*



10 2 Corinthians 13:13

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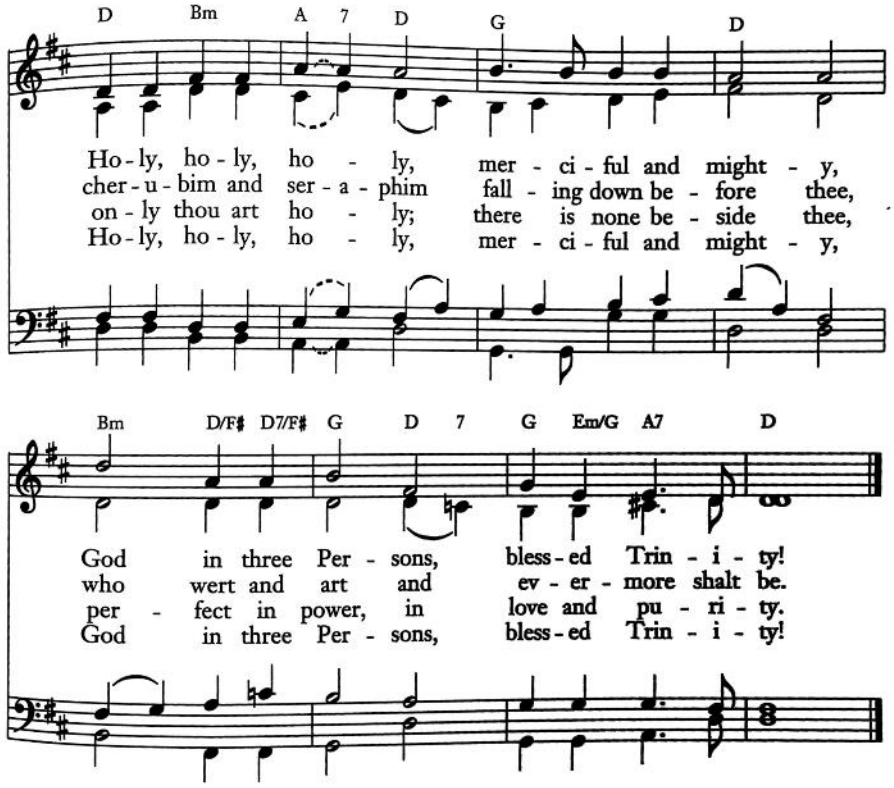


French

1. Gloire, gloire, gloire, honneur et puissance;
que ton nom soit exalté sur terre et dans les cieux!
Gloire, gloire, gloire, force, obéissance,
Pour ton amour, pour tes dons merveilleux!

2. Gloire, gloire, gloire, redisent les anges,
joignant leurs sublimes voix au choeur mélodieux:
Gloire, gloire, gloire, des chants, des louanges,
partout frémit l'immensité des cieux.

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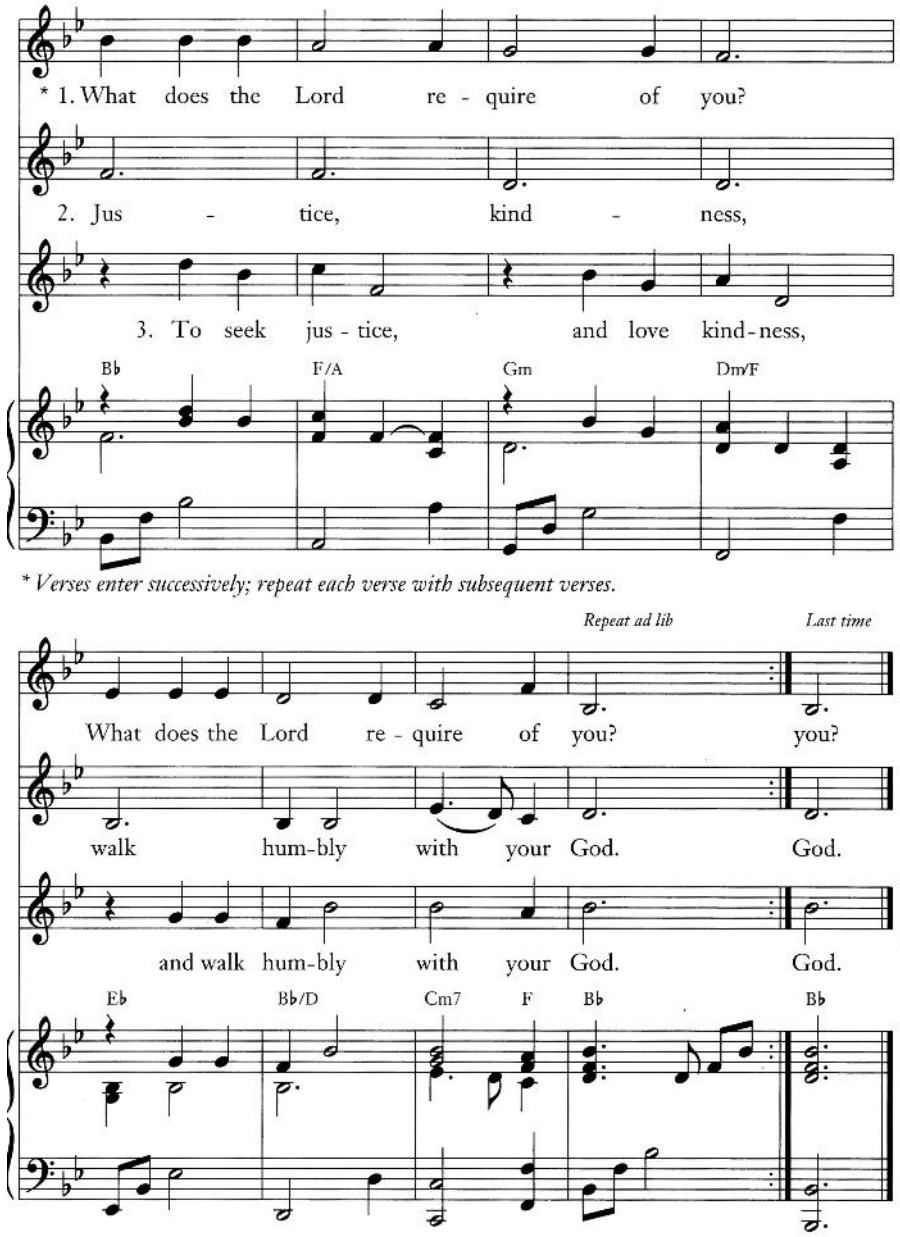


3. Gloire, gloire, gloire, victoire, espérance,
les saints et les bienheureux proclament tous en choeur:
gloire, gloire, gloire, Dieu de toute grâce;
de nos péchés tu es libérateur.

4. Gloire, gloire, gloire, honneur et puissance;
toute la création chante à notre Rédempteur:
Gloire, gloire, gloire, force, obéissance,
au Père, au Fils, au Saint Consolateur.

709 What does the Lord require of you

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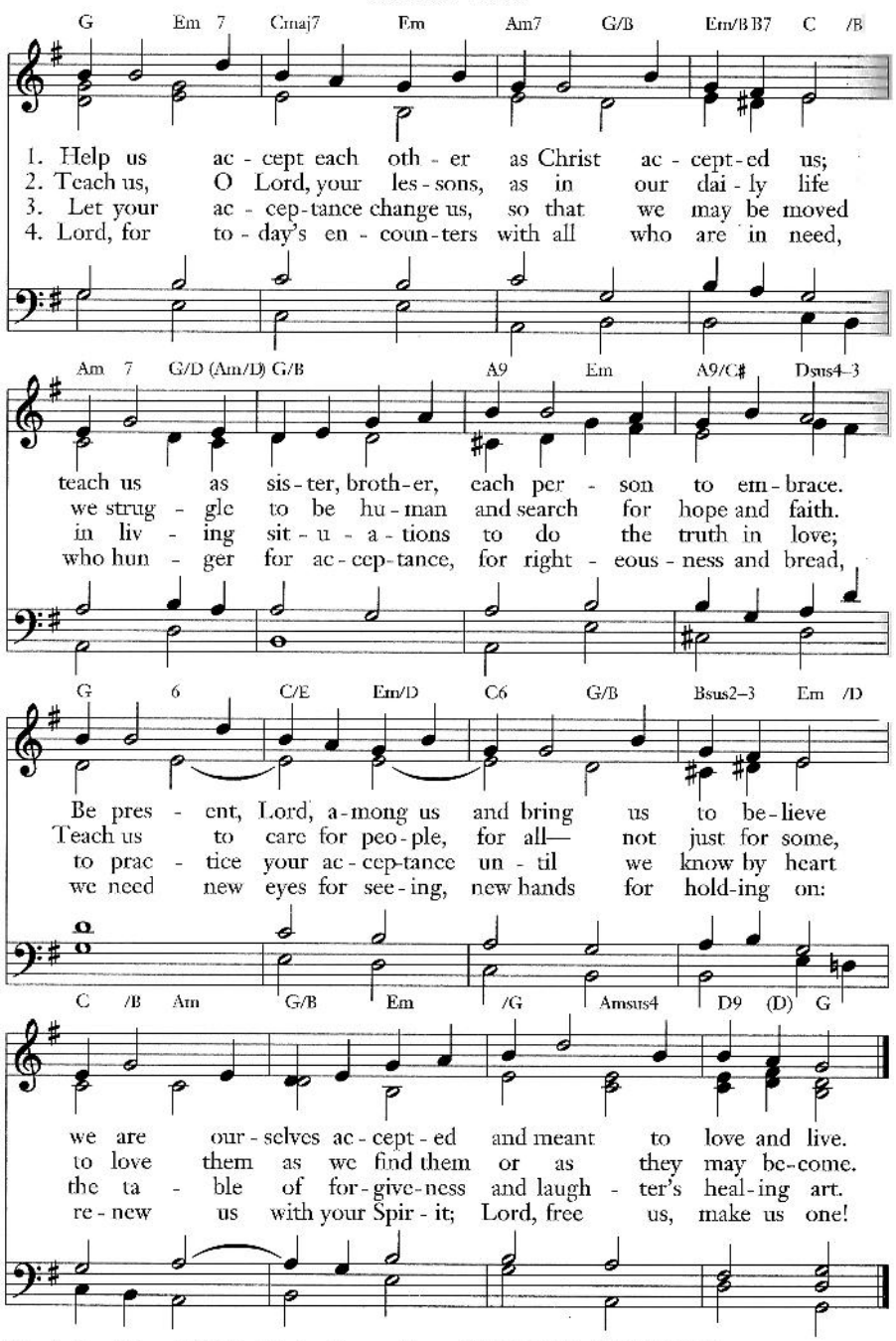


** Verses enter successively; repeat each verse with subsequent verses.*

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MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, November 15**



"Our hope and passion for the future of the PCC can lie in international partnerships!" Supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, 24-year-old Sophia Kim had the opportunity of a lifetime to work in Japan as a Young Adult Intern for the Korean Christian Church in Japan (KCCJ). While there, she heard many stories of adversity and courage told by Korean-Japanese Christians. Overwhelming gratitude was expressed by the KCCJ for the PCC's mission work in Japan, and continued support. The PCC and KCCJ are approaching the 100th anniversary of their partnership in 2027.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 15 (Legacy Giving Sunday) We pray for those who leave a legacy of faith through their generosity. May we all be faithful stewards of God's gifts, supporting Christ's mission today and for generations to come.

Monday, November 16 (Restorative Justice Week – Nov 15-22) We give thanks for the Canadian Council of Churches as they promote more restorative approaches for the Corrections System in Canada and healing for all people and communities hurt by crime.

Tuesday, November 17 We celebrate in prayer the life skills training that marginalized children are accessing, with the support of PWS&D, so that they may achieve their goals and dreams.

Wednesday, November 18 We give thanks for the dedicated women who work to create meaningful fall gatherings for mission-minded women in churches across Canada, some of whom do not have access to a WMS group at their local church.

Thursday, November 19 We pray for the Advisory Committee of the Intercultural Office (IO) as they discern how best to support the IO's work in the upcoming year.

Friday, November 20 (Trans Day of Remembrance; World Children's Day) We remember those who have died because of transphobic violence. We lament the church's role in contributing to prejudice and hatred of transgender people and commit to fostering safer environments in the church and society.

Saturday, November 21 We pray for those God is summoning to service with the gifts God provides. We ask that each be blessed with communities of discernment and affirmation.

MISSION MOMENT **Sunday, November 22**



Twenty-year-old Dipmala Kumari from Bihar, India, was forced to leave school when her family could not afford further studies and community attitudes discouraged girls' education. Her future changed when Karuna Project staff recognized her potential and helped her restart her education. With their encouragement, Dipmala enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts program, received coaching for competitive exams and completed computer training. When the Bihar Police recruitment opened, the project helped her prepare and apply. Because of the support, Dipmala is now attending police training, preparing to provide security support during local elections. Proudly supporting her family, she also plans to fund the education of two girls, giving back the support she received. The Karuna project is an initiative of the Duncan Hospital, supported by PWS&D.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, November 22 (Reign of Christ Sunday; National Housing Day) We pray for all people who are unhoused or face barriers to safe, adequate and affordable housing. We give thanks for housing advocates working so that housing may be upheld as a human right and that every person lives with dignity, security and belonging.

Monday, November 23 We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine, that God will grant serenity and courage when discernment becomes challenging.

Tuesday, November 24 We pray for congregations that offer hot meals and hospitality to their neighbours, sharing God's love with all who gather around the table.

Wednesday, November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) We pray for the safety and security of all women and ask for God's wisdom as we work to build a world where every person feels safe and secure and lives without fear of violence.

Thursday, November 26 May we be inspired to celebrate with those for whom joy is overflowing and to embrace those who are longing for a better day

Friday, November 27 Holy God, help us to proclaim your message of hope with clarity and compassion, while honouring those who walk other paths of faith.

Saturday, November 28 We pray for the faculty and staff of Knox College. May God grant them wisdom, strength, and encouragement as they teach, mentor, guide and serve the College community.