

Our Hands in Loving Service



2026



Grounding our Commitments and Acknowledging the Land

The Presbyterian Church in Canada acknowledges that it meets, worships and works on the traditional territories of many Indigenous nations and peoples across what is now called Canada. We acknowledge the many treaties and sacred relationships that hold the land.

The church comes from a tradition steeped in an understanding of holy ground and acknowledges that it is still learning how to walk humbly on that ground. Part of this learning to walk humbly, as The Presbyterian Church in Canada, is learning the history of the land and the history of peoples first in relationship with it. And so, we also acknowledge with respect the importance and sacredness of the land to Indigenous peoples and nations who are the traditional keepers of it; the significance the land and waters hold within Indigenous cultural and spiritual practices, and the rooted care for the land, plants, animals, and ecosystems that Indigenous nations and peoples have shown for thousands of years.

We also acknowledge the many treaties that have been made and the importance they hold. We are learning, and continue to deepen our learning, about the covenantal nature of these treaties, and the importance of living out their intent. The lands the church’s national office is on are the traditional territories of the Anishnaabe, Haudenosaunee and Wendat nations. We acknowledge that our national office is on land that is part of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Covenant—and agreement between the Anishnaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples to equitably share the land’s resources—and Treaty 13, the Toronto Purchase Agreement, which is held by the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Only having first acknowledged with respect and gratitude the First Nations and peoples of these lands and the sacred relationships that hold it, do we acknowledge the church’s identity and marred relationship with the land and the First Peoples as The Presbyterian Church in Canada—a church that participated in colonization and residential schools. Guided by our 1994 Confession, The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, The Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s 94 Calls to Action, and our 2024 Apology for our complicity in colonization and the residential school system, the PCC is committed to repair and redress for the harm we caused and to a future of walking humbly on this holy ground.



The photography group at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, provides time for fellowship, enjoying creation and an opportunity to explore where art, theology and worship meet.



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*“Jesus’ hands were kind hands, doing good to all...
Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you;”*

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The ministry we are each called to is not our own; we are summoned to continue Christ’s ministry of service, healing and reconciliation. The Spirit blesses us with various gifts to use in the church and in the world to help us fulfil our calling and be Christ’s servants. The images in this calendar depict people working together to dedicate their gifts and creativity in service to Christ and his people. Each image, each offering, is a reminder that ministry is not confined to pulpits and pews, but flows outward in colour, story and service. Using our hands to create draws us closer to God and contributes to transformative acts of ministry. Through creativity, we glimpse the Spirit at work—stitching us together as community and shaping us as Christ’s people. As the months unfold, may these pages inspire us to notice the artistry around and within us. A child’s drawing taped to a fridge, a hymn sung with heart, a garden planted with care—all are forms of ministry through which God’s love is revealed. In every brushstroke, jar of jam, planted seed and knitted stitch, there is an opportunity to glorify God. When we put our gifts in God’s hands, God does remarkable things.



The congregations of Calvin Presbyterian and Deer Park United in Toronto formed an ecumenical shared ministry to strengthen their witness in the community and to demonstrate their unity in Christ. The combined congregation has a strong pastoral care network, youth and music programs, offers a community breakfast and supports a local church-run food bank. The banner above is made from pieces of fabric brought by individual members of the congregations, taken from meaningful aspects of the church’s ministry, and sewn together as a visual representation of the two congregations united in Christ and in service to the community.



JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6Epiphany of the Lord	7	8	9	10
11Baptism of the Lord	12	13	14	15	16	17World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



An art piece crafted from waste and recycled items by the children at Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church in Calgary hangs in the sanctuary and conveys an ongoing message about our environmental crisis. The art was part of a lesson about biblical outsiders. During the lesson, young people learned about art created by individuals who are considered outsiders to the professional art world. The final creation, titled “Our Planet,” was used as a backdrop to a video prayer, narrated by the children, which opened the Earth Sunday service.

Submitted by: Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church, Calgary, AB
Photo credits: Joanna Colgan

A photograph of two women in India, dressed in vibrant, multi-colored saris, working on a textile project. They are seated and focused on their work, with one woman in the foreground and another slightly behind her. The background is a patterned fabric.

Photo credit: Sahar Zafardit



MARCH 2026

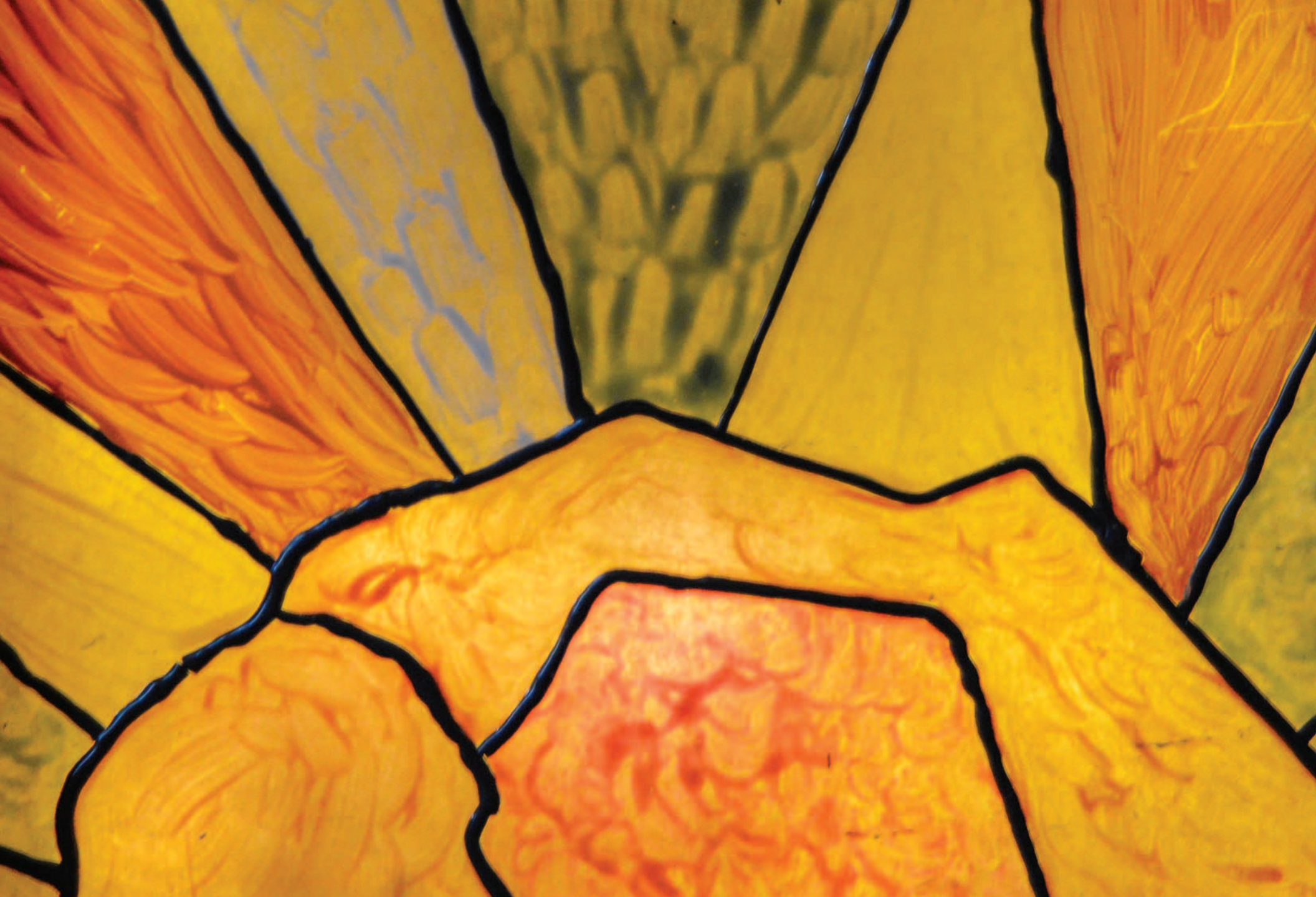
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12nd Sunday in Lent	2	3	4	5	6World Day of Prayer	7
83rd Sunday in Lent International Women's Day Daylight Savings begins	9	10	11	12	13	14
154th Sunday in Lent	16	17	18	19	20	21International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
225th Sunday in Lent World Water Day	23	24	25	26	27	28
29Palm/Passion Sunday	30	31				



The St. Andrew's Art Guild has offered two 6-week art classes each year for the past 21 years. Each class is capped at 24 participants, and every spot is consistently filled. The classes operate independently of the church's annual budget, and often contribute surplus funds back into the general church fund. The programs attract a vibrant mix of people from the community, including students, instructors, Guild volunteers and church members.

Submitted by: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Barrie, ON

Painting by: The Rev. Margaret Robertson



APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2Maundy Thursday	3Good Friday	4Holy Saturday
5Easter Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22Earth Day	23	24	25
26Mission Awareness Sunday	27	28	29	30		



To celebrate Knox Presbyterian Church’s 150th anniversary of ministry in Bracebridge, the children of the Sunday school presented the congregation with a beautiful cross created using panels decorated by each student. The glass panels were brought together in the shape of a cross.

Submitted by: Knox Presbyterian Church, Bracebridge, ON

Photo credit: Fred McKeen



MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day Christian Family Sunday	11	12	13	14 Ascension Day	15	16
17	18 Victoria Day	19	20	21	22	23
24 Day of Pentecost Healing & Reconciliation Sunday	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Trinity Sunday						



This image of the Medicine Wheel, a sacred symbol used by some Indigenous groups, was created at Place of Hope Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg. It includes medicines that are part of traditional teachings, while the circle reminds us that all things are connected.

In the smaller photo, Indigenous and non-Indigenous visitors to the former site of Cecelia Jeffery Residential School in Kenora, ON, had an opportunity to interact with Indigenous women who practice Indigenous traditions such as sweetgrass harvesting and braiding as part of their community of healing.

Photo Credit (large photo): Place of Hope Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg
Photo Credit (small photo): Yvonne Bearbull
People in photo: Carrie Hunter, Elder Archie Hyacinthe, Craig Lavand, Elder Catherine Lindsay, Ian Ross-McDonald and Danielle Wesley



JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 General Assembly Sunday	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 World Refugee Day
21 Father's Day National Indigenous Peoples Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



First Church, Regina, SK, hosted a community art project on the back wall in the alley behind the church. Families, individuals and groups stopped to add their images and words on the theme, “What is meaningful to you?”. New connections were made as people expressed themselves beautifully.

Submitted by: First Presbyterian Church, Regina, SK

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

— working together in loving service

Together we **WORSHIP**
the God of all creation, Jesus the redeemer, and the Holy Spirit.

Together we **STUDY**
to discern God’s guidance.

Together we **SERVE**
to proclaim the love of Jesus through words and action.

Together we **WORK**
for the healing of the nations.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada is made up of congregations and individuals reflecting a diversity of languages and cultures that include:

64,194
professing members

32,085
adherents

10,879
children and youth

5,443
ruling elders

1,251
ministers

770
congregations

43
presbyteries

8
synods

1
General Assembly

ONE MISSION TWO FUNDS

Congregations and individuals give generously to Presbyterians Sharing and PWS&D as a way to participate in God’s mission.



Presbyterians Sharing
supports the overall mission and ministry of
The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

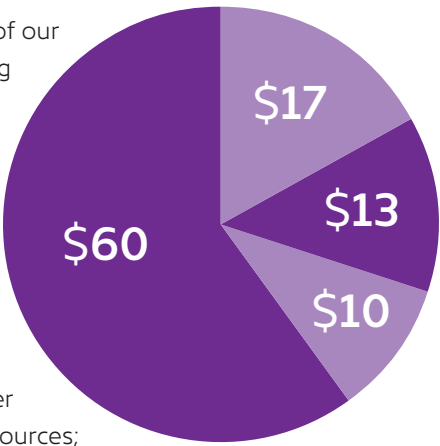


The minister and members of St. Andrew’s Tweed PC (ON) care for their community garden and deliver the produce to the local food bank.

- Through **Presbyterians Sharing**, we share in a wide range of ministries in Canada and around the world. Together, we:
- discern the vision and direction for the denomination
 - equip congregations and support presbyteries as they launch new faith communities
 - fund projects and ministries supporting truth, reconciliation, healing and reparation
 - accompany international partners through grants and mission staff as they share the good news of Christ
 - address causes and consequences of poverty, racism, oppression, conflict and violence
 - protect and restore God’s creation amid our current climate crisis
 - equip leaders to serve the church in Canada and around the world through theological and lay education
 - develop resources to help all levels of our church to be inclusive and welcoming to all people
 - ...and so much more!

Out of \$100 given to Presbyterians Sharing:

- \$60** equips ministries in Canada by providing grants for congregations, camps, theological colleges and other ministries; producing educational resources; hosting webinars and events; stewarding congregational investments and supporting governance and justice work
- \$17** accompanies mission partners in Canada and across the globe
- \$13** supports ministries with Indigenous people
- \$10** stewards gifts with strong finance and administration



Presbyterians Sharing Sunday traditionally falls on the fourth Sunday of September. This year, we encourage you to choose any Sunday that works for your congregation. Resources can be found at presbyterian.ca/sharing/presbyterians-sharing-sunday.



Presbyterian World Service & Development
is the development, relief and refugee sponsorship agency
of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Gifts to PWS&D are
over and above gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

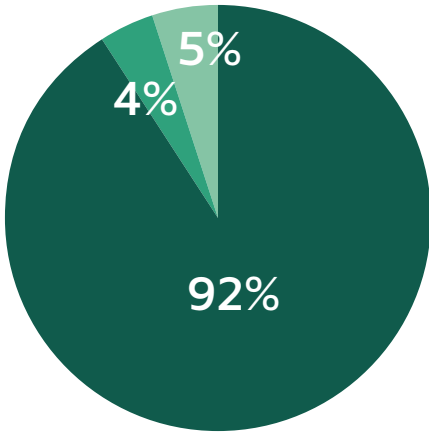


This PWS&D project in Pakistan is helping equip women artisans, allowing them to practice their trades and earn a sustainable livelihood.

Photo credit:
Sahar Zafardit

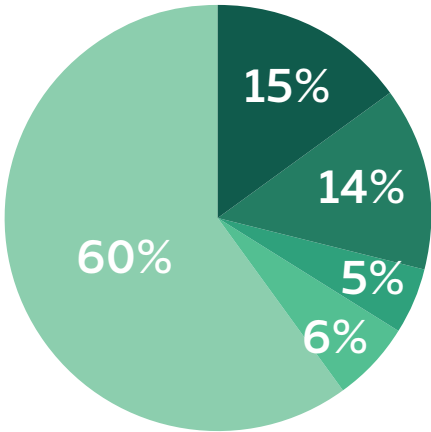
- Through **PWS&D**, we respond around the world by working internationally to:
- ensure families have more and better food to eat
 - provide aid to those fleeing conflict and disaster
 - increase access to water, sanitation and health
 - promote education and economic empowerment
 - protect refugees and human rights

PWS&D works with local partners overseas, through membership in ecumenical organizations like Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance, and with the support of the Canadian government for a sustainable, compassionate and just world.



For every dollar PWS&D spent in 2024:

- 92%** Development and Relief Programs*
- 4%** Education and Fundraising
- 5%** Administration



*Program funds were spent on:

- 15%** Food Security
- 14%** Health
- 5%** Human Rights
- 6%** Livelihoods
- 60%** Relief

THANK YOU! “Your commitment to Christ’s continued mission and ministry through the church is vital to the work that we are doing together.”
— The Rev. Ian Ross-McDonald, General Secretary, Life and Mission Agency

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JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1Canada Day	2	3	4
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Westminster Presbyterian Church in Calgary partnered with the school next door and a community association to create mural panels that represent hope, community and inclusion. The project has been a positive experience for the children and a blessing to the community.

Submitted by: Westminster Presbyterian Church, Calgary, AB



AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Civic Holiday (NT, NU, ON, PE, SK) BC Day (BC) Heritage Day (AB) Natal Day (NS) NB Day (NB)	4 Terry Fox Day (MB)	5	6	7	8
9 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 World Humanitarian Day	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Uplift 2024 was more than a gathering of over 400 Presbyterian and United Church youth and young adults; it was a community, creating together, in Jesus Christ. Through worship, learning, playing and fellowship, the community discovered the power of shared faith. This gathering built a space where faith grew deeper, friendships were formed and hope was renewed. What was created wasn't just memories, but a movement of inspiration, encouragement and unity that continues to inspire audacious hope in all who attended.



SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labour Day	8 World Literacy Day	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 International Day of Prayer for Peace	22	23	24	25	26
27 Truth and Reconciliation Sunday	28	29	30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/ Orange Shirt Day			



Elder Dorothy Visser led a drum-making workshop sponsored by Hummingbird Ministries at St. John's Presbyterian Church in White Rock, AB. Cultural workshops like this are part of Hummingbird's Healing Path program and promote reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Photos submitted by: Hummingbird Ministries and Dorothy Vissers. The drum, made and painted by a prison inmate, was gifted to Dorothy when she volunteered at the prison in 1991.



OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 World Communion Sunday National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Harvest Sunday	12 Thanksgiving Day	13	14	15	16 World Food Day	17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
18 Students and Colleges Sunday	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Reformation Day



In 2011, Morningside-High Park Presbyterian Church held a Seedtime to Harvest stewardship campaign. Congregants were given a loonie as their *seed*, challenged to *grow* it over the summer and *harvest* the rewards in the autumn. The Gerrie family took one of their usual summer activities—preserving—and pooled their loonies to purchase supplies. Following the success of their first year, they saw an opportunity to continue supporting ministries this way and have raised over \$25,000 through the sale of 40 varieties of preserves.

Submitted by: Blair and Patricia Gerrie



NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Saints Day Daylight Savings ends	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14
15 Legacy Giving Sunday International Restorative Justice Week	16	17	18	19	20 World Children's Day	21
22 National Housing Day Reign of Christ	23	24	25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	26	27	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent	30					



“Weavers of Hope,” a project of the Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Matanzas, Cuba, provides a community for spouses of seminary students. The women gather to weave and knit with the yarn and needles provided by seminary donors. This income-generating project has provided circles of friendship and much-needed financial resources, enabling local women to support their families during economic crises.



DECEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1World AIDS Day	2	3International Day of Persons with Disabilities	4	5
62nd Sunday of Advent	7	8	9	10Human Rights Day	11	12
133rd Sunday of Advent	14	15	16	17	18International Migrants Day	19
204th Sunday of Advent	21	22	23	24Christmas Eve	25Christmas Day	26Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31New Year's Eve		



Knot All Knitters, a group from Zion Presbyterian Church in Charlottetown, PEI, who love to knit, crochet and quilt, have been meeting for almost 20 years. The members make baby blankets, hats, scarves, quilts and mittens to give to infants and children where needs exist in the community. The annual mitten campaign gathers hundreds of pairs of hand-knit mittens for those facing the challenges of winter weather. A weekly time of fellowship and sharing yields gifts that bless many in the community.

Submitted by: Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, PEI

Worship and Liturgy

presbyterian.ca/worship



Storytime at Mistawasis Presbyterian Church, Mistawasis First Nation, SK, read by The Rev. Dr. Stewart Folster.

The church lives to praise God. We have no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God day by day, Sunday by Sunday. Worship draws us into the work of Christ. Even now he intercedes for the world to which he came and for which he died. In union with him, the church prays for the healing and the salvation of the world.

(From Chapter 7 of *Living Faith*).

- Sunday Worship Planners
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Managing Records

There are guides available to assist congregations and presbyteries in the management of their records. Information covered includes: guidelines for transferring records of dissolved congregations; which digital and physical records are important to maintain; how long to keep financial records; understanding ownership and use of records; storing physical records securely; and organizing digital files on your computer.

Digitization Program

Did you know the Archives offers a digitization service for congregations and presbyteries? Find out which records are worth copying. Original records are sent to the Archives, copied by our vendor, and preserved by the Archives. The original records are always returned, along with a copy of the newly digitized files. This is a great way to keep your records safe and make them more accessible.



This photo from an article in the April 1982 issue of *Glad Tidings*, titled, "Why a Girls' Group?" describes how CGIT (Canadian Girls in Training) allowed young girls to grow authentically into themselves, have fun, make meaningful relationships, and develop leadership skills.

Social Action

presbyterian.ca/justice/social-action

Our work is grounded in the biblical call to seek God's justice. *Living Faith*, one of the church's subordinate standards, demands the exercise of power for the common good, challenging oppression, protecting the rights of all, and creating well-being in society by focusing on things like employment, education and health (*Living Faith* 8.4).

- Ecological Justice
- Indigenous Justice
- Social and Economic Issue
- Immigration and Xenophobia
- Gender, Sex and Inclusion
- Anti-Racism
- Peacemaking
- Health and Wellbeing
- Crime and Restorative Justice
- Human Rights among Nations and Peoples
- Abuse and Exploitation



Graffiti on the apartheid wall in Bethlehem, Palestine



Theological Education

Christ continues his ministry in and through the church, calling all Christians to participate in the ministry of Christ. God orders this ministry by calling some to special tasks in the equipping of the saints to build up the body of Christ. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing help support students studying at theological colleges that prepare graduate candidates for ordination in The Presbyterian Church in Canada. These theological education institutions are:

- The Presbyterian College** presbyteriancollege.ca
- Knox College** knox.utoronto.ca
- St. Andrew's Hall** standrews.edu
- Vancouver School of Theology** vst.edu



The Presbyterian College in Montreal, QC, hosted an encouragement conference for pastoral leaders. Attendees had the opportunity to find rest and renewal through meditative and collaborative art, scripture and live music.

Colours of the Church Year 2026

January	February	March
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