

Tuesday, October 22 Pray for the members of the Rainbow Communion Committee as they meet to work on their final report based on stories heard of harm done by homophobia, transphobia, hypocrisy and heterosexism in the church.

Wednesday, October 23 We remember Chanie Wenjack, a student of a PCC-run Indian Residential School, who died in 1966 trying to walk 600 km to his home. Pray that we find opportunities to walk with Indigenous peoples towards healing and wholeness together as God's people.

Thursday, October 24 We praise God for the thousands of faithful and vibrant youth involved in the ministry of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian.

Friday, October 25 We pray for those who are listening to the views being expressed by people in the church about how they will be affected by changes the church is considering related to marriage.

Saturday, October 26 We pray for Stewardship & Planned Giving staff at the PCC national office as they work to support and encourage congregations in their ministries.

Sunday, October 27 Please pray for congregations embarking on the New Beginnings process this month. May this process help them discern God's call and boldly step out in new directions.

Monday, October 28 We pray for the Rev. Tim Purvis who has just begun to take up his duties as the Associate Secretary of Ministry and Church Vocations within the Life and Mission Agency.

Tuesday, October 29 We pray for strength and wisdom for all those who take leadership roles in the Women's Missionary Society.

Wednesday, October 30 We pray for Ms. Donna Clark who serves as the convener of the Care of Ministers Committee for the Presbytery of Grey-Bruce Maitland in Ontario.

Thursday, October 31 Tonight, when many don masks for fun, we pray that LGBTQI people would be able to take off masks and be allowed to live their lives without fear, not only on this night but every night.

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The earth has yielded its produce;
God, our God, blesses us.

— Psalm 67:6

Tuesday, October 1 We pray for farmers as they prepare for the harvest season, and for food security in Canada and around the world.

Wednesday, October 2 We pray for wisdom and the gift of discernment for Argelia Poz, Executive Director of PCC partner Fraternidad de Presbiterales Mayas, as she provides leadership and serves the Mayan women in Guatemala.

Thursday, October 3 We pray that a wise and bold ministry emerges as the next recipient of the “Cutting Edge of Mission” award.

Friday, October 4 We pray for people gathering for Sisters in Spirit vigils, remembering the missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people. Pray that those who have lost loved ones will find comfort and justice.

Saturday, October 5 We pray for participants in the Ride for Refuge, who today cycle in support of Presbyterian World Service & Development’s (PWS&D) maternal, newborn and child health program.

Sunday, October 6 (World Communion Sunday) Just as one loaf of bread is made from many grains, and wine flows into one cup from many grapes, we pray for the unity of the church—of many people and congregations.

Monday, October 7 We give thanks for the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls’ Calls for Justice. Pray that these Calls for Justice will be answered.

Tuesday, October 8 We pray for graduates of the Presbyterian theological colleges who are still in discernment as they continue to seek God’s leading in a call.

Wednesday, October 9 We pray for Leading with Care committees that help ensure the ministries of the church are places of welcome and safety.

Thursday, October 10 We pray for the Kensington New London Pastoral Charge in Prince Edward Island, as they begin their Mac and Cheese ministry for local teens in their community.

Friday, October 11 (Day of the Girl) We pray for the PWS&D programs that are empowering girls around the world to rise above disadvantages and discrimination to pursue their goals.

Saturday, October 12 We pray for Jo Morris, CY Coordinator, and for all the people planning and preparing for Canada Youth 2020, which will be held at Brock University, Ontario, from July 6–11, 2020.

Sunday, October 13 We pray for congregations in small communities and rural areas as they keep the faith with challenges of declining attendance or searching for a minister who feels called to serve in their congregation.

Monday, October 14 During this Thanksgiving Day, when most tables are filled with food, we pray that many will hear the needs of food banks, soup kitchens, shelters and other food programs.

Tuesday, October 15 Today we rejoice with the Presbyterian Church in Mauritius as they celebrate the 40th anniversary of the autonomy of their church. Please pray for the President, the Rev. Maurice Davantin, and the Moderator, the Rev. France Cangy.

Wednesday, October 16 (World Food Day) We give thanks for all the people who tend, harvest and prepare food. Pray that all people can share in God’s abundance and have enough nutritious food to eat.

Thursday, October 17 (International Day for the Eradication of Poverty) We pray for all people who do not have enough healthy food, safe homes, or communities of support, as well as those seeking long-term solutions to end poverty and inequality.

Friday, October 18 We pray for David McIntosh and the Rev. Shinya Kim, co-directors of the Centre for Minority Issues and Mission in Japan, as they seek reconciliation and justice where racism and hate speech are on the rise.

Saturday, October 19 We pray for those leading and attending the Atlantic Mission Society Presbyterian Fall Rally at Camp Keir in Prince Edward Island. May it be a time of fellowship and renewal.

Sunday, October 20 As the effects of conflict continue to weaken Yemen, we pray for the 16 million people facing severe hunger and PWS&D partners meeting urgent food needs.

Monday, October 21 We pray for Dr. Allyson Carr who has just begun to take up her duties as the Associate Secretary of Justice Ministries within the Life and Mission Agency.

Friday, November 22 (National Housing Day) As the weather turns colder and the nights grow longer, we pray that all Canadians have access to safe and affordable housing.

Saturday, November 23 We pray that God nurtures the Clerks of Presbyteries with wisdom, creativity and grace in service of the church.

Sunday, November 24 We pray for ministers, musicians and members of choirs and worship committees as they prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Monday, November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) We pray for a brighter future that includes peace, security and fair opportunity for all women.

Tuesday, November 26 We pray for wisdom and discernment for members of Assembly Council meeting at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre in Ontario on behalf of the church.

Wednesday, November 27 We give thanks for the work and ministry of the Rev. Dr. Susan Shaffer who is retiring from ministry as the Associate Secretary of Ministry and Church Vocations within the Life and Mission Agency.

Thursday, November 28 Pray for the Governing Board of the Canadian Council of Churches and for our representatives, the Rev. Matthew Sams and the Rev. Amanda Currie, along with the Rev. Stephen Kendall, the current president of the CCC.

Friday, November 29 We pray for the Presbyterian Woman of Faith Awards Committee as they work to provide opportunities to share the stories of women in the PCC.

Saturday, November 30 Pray for all those participating in Presbyterians Read this Advent, that their reading will bring them closer to God and each other.

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Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

— Matthew 7:7

Friday, November 1 We pray for those who have experienced the death of a loved one this year. May God's spirit of peace rest on them during the holiday season.

Saturday, November 2 We give thanks for the Rev. Robinson Christian, a minister of the Church of North India, as he prepares to defend his Ph.D. thesis. He studied in Toronto during May and June 2019.

Sunday, November 3 Pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) partners rebuilding schools devastated by Cyclone Idai in Mozambique so that children may resume their studies.

Monday, November 4 We pray for the members and work of the Life and Mission Agency Committee as they meet today and tomorrow.

Tuesday, November 5 Give thanks for the Knox College Special Convocation marking the college's 175 anniversary of providing theological education within Canada.

Wednesday, November 6 We pray for family members and caregivers who are caring for those with dementia or Alzheimer's.

Thursday, November 7 We pray for the Atlantic Mission Society Executive as they travel and meet at St. James Presbyterian Church in Truro, Nova Scotia, to plan the events for the coming year.

Friday, November 8 We pray for the people on the education tour to Taiwan that is connecting with partners from the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, Indigenous church leaders and Bible translators.

Saturday, November 9 We pray for Captain David Clark, serving as a reserve force military chaplain in Toronto, Ontario, and for his ministry with the diverse communities that are part of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Sunday, November 10 We thank you, Lord, that creativity continues to flourish in the denomination. We pray for Calvin Presbyterian's in Toronto, Ontario, and St. Andrew's in Nanaimo, British Columbia, arts clubs for kids.

Monday, November 11 Pray for wisdom and discernment for the members of the Committee on Church Doctrine as they seek to provide leadership and support on matters of faith and order.

Tuesday, November 12 We pray for staff members of the national Communications Office who work to share tools and information to assist congregations in their work.

Wednesday, November 13 (International Day of Persons with Disabilities) We pray for a better world that is inclusive, equitable and sustainable for everyone, where people with disabilities are respected and their rights are fully realized.

Thursday, November 14 We pray for members of the Committee on Education and Reception as they meet with the candidates and ministers of other denominations who have applied to be received into the PCC.

Friday, November 15 We pray for the Presbyterian College and l'Institut de théologie pour la Francophonie (ITF), both in Montreal, Quebec, as they collaborate in the launch of a Masters Program in Practical Theology.

Saturday, November 16 We pray for the Continuing Education Grants Committee which meets this month to discuss continuing education and approve grants to assist professional church leaders.

Sunday, November 17 (Legacy Sunday) Give thanks for and remember the many faithful stewards who have believed in God's mission and have seeded new ministries through legacy gifts made in past years.

Monday, November 18 Pray for the congregational leaders taking part in the Evangelism Network as they receive training on how to develop a culture of faith-sharing within the local congregational setting. We pray that many people will come to a life of faith through their evangelism ministry.

Tuesday, November 19 (Restorative Justice Week) We give thanks for the Church Council on Justice and Corrections. Pray for their work to address the healing of victims, offenders and their communities as they strive for justice.

Wednesday, November 20 (Universal Children's Day) We pray for the fast recovery of malnourished children in Haiti, that they may experience healthy childhoods as a result of support from PWS&D partners.

Thursday, November 21 We pray for the members of the Benevolence Committee as they work to support families and theological students.

Sunday, December 22 We pray for the Rev. Doug Maxwell who serves as the convener of the Ministry Committee for the Presbytery of Central Alberta.

Monday, December 23 As we read the Christmas story, we give thanks for those who are reading this story for the first time in their language and the gifts of those working in Bible translation.

Tuesday, December 24 Let us pray for the church around the world as it celebrates the birth of Christ. Bless all those who are entrusted with Christian ministry and that God's word might be proclaimed with truth and courage across the world.

Wednesday, December 25 Today we give thanks for the joy of knowing God as our strength and the source of the living water overflowing in our lives.

Thursday, December 26 We pray for newcomers who are experiencing Canadian winter for the first time. May they have everything they need to stay safe and warm.

Friday, December 27 We pray for the spirit of resilience to move among refugees around the world and remember the work of PWS&D that helps protect their rights.

Saturday, December 28 We pray for the clean laundry ministries at St. Andrew's in Truro, Nova Scotia, and Evangel Hall in Toronto, Ontario, that provides the opportunity for vulnerable people to wash their clothes at no expense.

Sunday, December 29 We thank God for financial and prayer support received from congregations for Presbyterians Sharing in 2019.

Monday, December 30 We pray for those God is calling into a life of faith but have not yet found Christian communities to call home, and that God prepares congregations to welcome them.

Tuesday, December 31 We pray for all those who have told their stories to the Rainbow Communion. May they may be strengthened knowing that their courage will deepen the church's journey toward reconciliation with LGBTQI people.

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Knox Presbyterian Church, Burlington, Ontario

Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom
he favours!

— Luke 2:14

Sunday, December 1 (World AIDS Day) We pray for children in Malawi made vulnerable by HIV and AIDS, as they find hope, education and healing with support from Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D).

Monday, December 2 We pray for the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan's steering committee of the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum for Justice and Peace as they prepare to meet at the PCC's national office.

Tuesday, December 3 (International Day of Persons with Disabilities) We remember in prayer those living with disabilities in Ghana, who receive support from Presbyterian World Service & Development to unlock their enormous potential and rise above poverty.

Wednesday, December 4 We pray for Sylvia Haddad, director of Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Lebanon, who, along with her staff, are faithfully serving the Palestinian and Syrian refugees.

Thursday, December 5 In this season of Advent, we pray that we will deepen our commitment to our journey of repentance for harm done to LGBTQI people in the church begun in the Moderator's Letter of Repentance in 2018.

Friday, December 6 We pray for Cyclical PCC coaches as they assist leaders to take first steps towards starting new worshipping communities. Praise God for gifting us with people with the skills, gifts and passion to help the denomination grow.

Saturday, December 7 During the consumer-driven days leading up to Christmas, let us focus on good stewardship and awareness of what it means to have enough.

Sunday, December 8 We pray for the ministry of our chaplains serving in universities across Canada and for those under their care.

Monday, December 9 We pray for Captain In-Seob Won, who serves as a regular force military chaplain in Petawawa, Ontario, and for his ministry of presence with the diverse communities that are part of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Tuesday, December 10 (Human Rights Day) We pray for steadfast individuals and organizations defending human rights in Canada and around the world. Pray for their safety and the safety of those they work to support and protect.

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Wednesday, December 11 We pray for the Rev. Barry Donner who serves as convener of the ministry team for the Presbytery of Barrie, Ontario.

Thursday, December 12 We pray for those travelling to see family and friends at this time of year.

Friday, December 13 We pray for new graduates of our theological colleges who patiently listen to God and work through the process of seeking a call to ministry.

Saturday, December 14 We pray for all worship leaders. May the liturgies, prayers, sermons and songs help people connect to God and allow them to experience the warmth of God's loving presence.

Sunday, December 15 We pray for the work of the Leadership Centre at the Presbyterian College in Montreal, Quebec, and its director, the Rev. Tim Keener. May the centre's ministry enrich and energize pastors in the city.

Monday, December 16 Pray for all people who are discerning how they may use their gifts and skills to engage in God's mission in Canada or globally.

Tuesday, December 17 We pray that the hope of the Advent and Christmas season will awaken and refresh our faith in the God who is with us.

Wednesday, December 18 (International Migrants Day) We pray for the safe and just treatment of foreign temporary workers in Canada. Pray for all those working for the humane treatment of migrant workers and members of their families.

Thursday, December 19 We give thank for those congregations that offer hospitality to the Rev. Amanda Currie, Moderator of the 2019 General Assembly, as she visits congregations across the country.

Friday, December 20 We pray for our church partners around the world as we prepare to welcome the Prince of Peace.

Saturday, December 21 We pray for small group ministries in the church; may we grow as disciples together, encouraging and supporting one another in the life of faith.

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Friday, January 24 We give thanks for Zomba Theological College in Malawi as it continues 40 years of preparing Christian leaders and ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Saturday, January 25 We pray for children of the world whose lands are ravaged by war, famine and drought, and we ask God to protect them.

Sunday, January 26 We give thanks that every person is made in the image of God and that every person has unique gifts and abilities that help build God's kingdom.

Monday, January 27 The history of Canadian journalism is full of Presbyterians. Pray for Presbyterian journalists seeking to tell stories with accuracy and skill.

Tuesday, January 28 We give thanks for those involved in food production and service industries.

Wednesday, January 29 We pray for the generosity of the Order of Diaconal Ministries who, through the Ewart Endowment Fund, provide grants for theological students to attend the annual Association of Presbyterian Church Educators conference held this year in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Thursday, January 30 We pray that members of the PCC help shine God's light in the lives of their friends, neighbours and co-workers.

Friday, January 31 We thank God for local leaders in the PCC who are working in their communities to build relationships based on mutual respect and love of neighbour between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

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Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

— John 14:27

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Wednesday, January 1 As a new year begins, pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) programs helping vulnerable people plan for futures that are abundant in the blessings of Christ.

Thursday, January 2 We pray for those who cannot find meaningful employment. May they stay hopeful and know that they are important as they search for work.

Friday, January 3 We pray for treasurers of congregations who work diligently all year.

Saturday, January 4 We pray that those who experience mental illness receive support and experience healing and a strong sense of God's love.

Sunday, January 5 We pray for Sunday School teachers as they help to pass on the faith.

Monday, January 6 We pray for theological students who are beginning their studies in January at our three theological colleges across Canada. May they be enriched and challenged through their studies.

Tuesday, January 7 We pray for Women's Missionary Society presbyterials as they evaluate the work of the past year and prepare for the new one.

Wednesday, January 8 We pray for the Rev. Michael Koslowski who serves as the convener of the Ministry Committee for the Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg in Nova Scotia.

Thursday, January 9 Pray for members of the International Affairs Committee as they meet to prepare the Committee's report to the 2020 General Assembly.

Friday, January 10 We pray for Cindy Stephenson from Grace Presbyterian Church in Calgary, Alberta, the Convenor of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.

Saturday, January 11 We pray for those who have begun the year with a calling to do something new in their lives and relationships.

Sunday, January 12 We pray for churches that are going through times of transition. May they be open to God's call.

Monday, January 13 We pray for Captain David Stewart, who serves as a regular force military chaplain in Cold Lake, Alberta, and for his ministry of presence with the diverse communities that are part of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Tuesday, January 14 We pray for those who serve as mentors to candidates preparing for ministries within the PCC.

Wednesday, January 15 We celebrate in prayer the construction of 3 new PWS&D-supported health facilities in rural Afghanistan, providing women with care during pregnancy and delivery.

Thursday, January 16 We pray for God's blessing and guidance as students begin their studies in January at the PCC theological colleges.

Friday, January 17 We pray for courageous individuals and organizations defending human rights around the world.

Saturday, January 18 We pray for the children of ministers whose experiences of the church and faith come with unique challenges and blessings.

Sunday, January 19 We thank God for the dedication of workers and volunteers of food banks, women's shelters, breakfast and lunch programs, and other local outreach projects.

Monday, January 20 We pray for all LGBTQI people around the world who continue to be persecuted, arrested and killed simply for being who they are.

Tuesday, January 21 We pray for the Christian Educators who are gathered at the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators conference. May they leave the conference inspired and prepared to lead faith formation in their congregation.

Wednesday, January 22 We pray that governments develop and continue programs to reduce poverty and for all people who do not have enough healthy food to eat, a safe home or a community of friends.

Thursday, January 23 We pray for the Committee on Church Doctrine as it continues its work in supporting congregations to faithfully respond to end-of-life decisions.