

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAYFIELD

Third Sunday of Lent 2022 03 20

WE GATHER

PRELUDE *a time of quiet reflection*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HYMN **Let There be Light** **#727**

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come worship God

All: God has called and we respond

One: Come with strength and weakness, with eager spirits and aging bodies,

All: God has called and we respond

One: Come as you are, with devotion and doubt, with weariness and wonder

All: We respond to God's call with worship and praise

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON and SHARING THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

HYMN **You thirsty ones** **#190**

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

HEBREW BIBLE **Isaiah 55:1-9** **[B#685/W#760]¹**

HEBREW BIBLE **Psalms 63:1-8** **[B#527/W#582]**

EPISTLE **1 Corinthians 10:1-13 [B#172/W#180]**

GOSPEL **Luke 13:1-9** **[B#76/W#77]**

May God bless our understanding of this, God's holy word.
The word of the Lord.

HYMN **All the way my savior leads me** **#699**

MESSAGE **The gardener** **Rev. Dolson**

HYMN **I hunger and I thirst** **#198**

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOUR TO GOD

QUOTE You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving. Amy Carmichael, missionary to India

PRAYERS OF PEOPLE, BLESSING OF GIFTS

HYMN **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** **#321**

TO GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Holy, Holy, Holy** **#623**

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¹ Page #'s for pew bibles with Blue or White edged pages

Resources include: PCC Worship Planner, Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary and Companion, <https://www.workingpreacher.org/>

Morning Prayer

Gracious God, this new day carries the potential for growth and new life. Help me to become aware of challenges within me that need care and attention. Sow your word in me that I may grow in faithfulness and understanding. Shake me out of dull routines, so that I may take part in the good news you continue to tell urgently and passionately. In Christ's name. Amen.

Evening Prayer Psalm 63

As I lie down this night in the shadow of your wings, God of my life, I know that you will be with me even as you have helped me through this day. I give thanks for your power and glory, which are present in every circumstance. As I give myself over to rest and sleep, I remember your steadfast love. I pray for your love to surround me tonight and always. In the peace of Christ I pray. Amen.

Daily Prayer

Psalm 63:1-7; John 4:10, 14

Your glory and power, O God, surround us. We lift up our hands and call on your name. We are your people, thirsty for the living water you alone can give. When we consider how you have helped us, giving us a spring that gushes up to eternal life, we cling to you, singing praises with joyful lips; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The **Knox Bayfield Cookbook** has over 150 wonderful recipes provided by the congregation and former Ministers. The books are only \$15. Contact Deb Cosford or leave a message on the Church phone 519-565-2913.

Camp Kintail Sunday Supper dine in or take out starts April 3rd with sittings from 4 - 6 pm \$20 Register: camp office at 519-529-7317 or e-mail admin@campkintail.ca

Questions for Reflection

Luke 13:1-9 tells the story of a fruitless fig tree that the owner is ready to cut down. The gardener, however, asks for a little more time. The gardener wants to tend and cultivate the soil in the hope that figs may yet grow. The gardener is open to a different future for this tree, in spite of its present condition. Think about my own life, or the life of someone I love, in relationship to this story: What needs special tending? What will cultivate the "soil" of daily life so that new growth, new possibilities, might emerge? And what can I learn from this gardener about allowing for a different outcome, a new possibility?

Are you dealing with **food insecurity**? Reach out to the Bayfield Area Food Bank if you are struggling to put food on your table. Make a confidential call to 519-955-7444

Mission Moment: Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support many important outreach ministries associated with Cyclical PCC, a church planting support initiative. One such ministry is Cornerstone Ministries. Cornerstone Ministries provides Christian hope and healing through innovative and supportive practices to struggling single moms and families in the Dunnville area of Ontario. Since moving most of their ministry work online, many more people have been positively impacted by Cornerstone. Through outreach, counselling and practical support, over 200 local families have come to know the God who loves them, helping them to blossom in faith, courage and wholeness.

Readings next week

Joshua 5:9–12; Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16–21; Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

"On the Journey to Reconciliation & Healing" Watch the **St. Marys Presbyterian Church** live-streamed event <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryspresbyterianchurch> Hear the stories, learn about Treaty, UNDRIP, 94 Calls to Action, language & culture, along with what we can each do towards living in right relationship. For more details contact St Mary's: 519.284.2620 smpresch@gmail.com

Your contributions to the ongoing work of the church are appreciated. The February **financial reports** show income \$2,737 and expenses \$5,228 with a year-to-date deficit of \$4,761.

Watch the date!

- March 20 11:30 Annual General Meeting
- April 15 Good Friday
- April 17 Easter Sunday

Ukraine Crisis Appeal: The current conflict in Ukraine has caused massive displacement resulting in an urgent need for food and non-food support. We lift up the people of Ukraine and surrounding regions in prayer.

<https://presbyterian.ca/2022/03/04/praying-for-ukraine/>

There are many ways to take additional action to assist them during this difficult time. **The Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance** are receiving donations through **PWS&D** to respond to the escalating situation in Ukraine. Financial donations online www.WeRespond.ca/Ukraine-Crisis