

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAYFIELD

11 am Fourth Sunday of Easter 2022 05 08

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 Revelation 7:12

One: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

One: Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

All: Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING THE PEACE

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

Hymn **Saviour, like a shepherd lead us** **#485**

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

TANAKH* Psalm 23 [B#501/W#553]

HISTORICAL Acts 9:36-43 [B#128/W#133]¹

EPISTLE Revelation 7:9-17 [B#249/W#271]

GOSPEL John 10:22-30 [B#104/W#107]

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

HYMN **With the Lord as my guide** **#574**

MESSAGE **Rev. Dolson**

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

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOUR TO GOD

QUOTE Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude. A. A. Milne, author, Winnie the Pooh

PRAYERS OF PEOPLE, BLESSING OF GIFTS

HYMN **He leadeth me** **#650**

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

*Tanakh, an acronym derived from the names of the three divisions of the Hebrew Bible: Torah (Instruction, or Law, also called the Pentateuch), Nevi'im (Prophets), and Ketuvim (Writings). Resources include: PCC Worship Planner, Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary and Companion, www.workingpreacher.org/

Morning Prayer

Holy God, you call people to be your family out of every tribe, language, and nation, to love and serve you daily in a world of beauty, complexity, and diversity. Help us to respect the dignity of difference as we seek to be one with you and each other this day and always. Amen.

Evening Prayer

O Shepherd of all, you have brought us to the close of another day; for this gift and the blessings we now name, we give you thanks... All that we have and all that we are come from you; and so, trusting in the goodness of your divine care, let us lie down in peace and tomorrow we may rise to greet you in joy. Amen.

Daily Prayer Rev. 7:9-12

Almighty God, to whom all honor belongs, you gather people from every tribe and language to praise your name eternally. Join our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day in the glorious light of Christ. Amen.

Readings next week

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Bring your **used postage stamps** and unwanted **spectacles** into church. So many ways to help others and reduce our landfill waste.

Questions for Reflection

Psalm 23 affirms that God in the midst of despair and joy. How do our lives change when we trust this great promise of God?

MISSION MOMENT: Presbyterians Sharing is transforming lives in Central America and Mexico. Based in Guatemala, General Coordinator Judith Castañeda and the staff of the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America (CEDEPCA) are empowering women and girls through their ministry of accompaniment. Women learn how to take on leadership roles in churches and their communities through faith-based activities about their personal and legal rights, and the importance of formal education. After completing CEDEPCA's Healthy Relationships course, one woman said, "I feel like a different woman. Before, I used to live locked in my home with a domestic routine, but now I have new friends, we do creative things."

The **Presbyterian Connection** newspaper unites Presbyterians across Canada through stories, reflections, interviews and articles that allow us to share and develop our faith. It is distributed four times per year, free of charge. <https://presbyterian.ca/presbyterian-connection/> or contact the National Church Office at 1-800-619-7301 ext. 243 to set up a free paper subscription.

Explore life, faith and meaning together. The **Alpha** Film Series begins Thursday July 7 at 12 noon! The Alpha multi-week course creates a space online where people discuss life's big questions in a friendly, open and informal environment.

Following the worship service you are invited to linger in the sanctuary. There will be a short discussion time to ask a question or concern and, hopefully, learn a little more about this wonderful faith community. You are encouraged to participate in this new opportunity.

Volunteer opportunities: Your help is needed!

Greeters to welcome people

Readers for scripture

The 2022 General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada will be held online June 5–8. The Assembly considers matters affecting the ministry and mission of our denomination. Commissioners, who are responsible for the business of Assembly, will discern and make decisions. The 2022 General Assembly Reports are now available for all information relating to the General Assembly.

<https://presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2022/>

Friday, May 13 11 am–3 pm Thousands of people are harmed by substance use and addictions each year. You are invited to learn about ways in which churches can respond. **Addictions Public Health Crisis: Equipping churches to respond well** Register on the PCC website: <https://presbyterian.ca/2022/05/06/symposium-addictions-crisis/>

Dates to note:

29 May Communion Sunday

5-8 June General Assembly online

8 June Joint Finance & Session meeting 7 pm

July 7 Alpha Film Series begins at 12 noon

Ukraine Crisis Appeal: We continue to 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 and www.redcross.ca PWS&D partners with

Canadian Foodgrains Bank to advocate for awareness and action. You can help! For more information on how to get involved in advocacy initiatives <https://foodgrainsbank.ca>