

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BAYFIELD

11 am Sunday 2022 10 16

WE GATHER

PRELUDE *a time of quiet reflection*

Hymn **Be still and know** **#64**

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: God promises justice and teaches persistence

All: God teaches us to care for each other

One: Let us worship our God of comfort and challenge

All: We offer prayers and praise to our God of hope and healing.

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 **I'm gonna live so God can use me** **#648**

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE¹

TANAKH* Genesis 32:22-31 [B#30/W#33]

TANAKH Psalm 121 [B#571/W#633]

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 [B#213/W#230]

GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8 [B#81/W#83]

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

MESSAGE **Rev. Dolson**

HYMN **Take time to be holy** **#638**

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

THE OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND LABOUR TO GOD

QUOTE Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think.
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow – poet, educator

PRAYERS OF PEOPLE, BLESSING OF GIFTS

HYMN **What a friend we have in Jesus** **#746**

TO GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Amen** [3-part choral]

Following the worship service you are invited to linger for conversation and fellowship.

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

Bring your **used postage stamps, clean outer milk bag, egg cartons,** and unwanted **eye glasses** into church. So many ways to help others and reduce our landfill waste.

Have you heard the news? **Deb Cosford** is a part of the cast for *Over the River and Through the Woods*. The play will be performed until Oct 23rd. More information <https://www.thelivery.ca> at The Livery in Goderich.

Morning Prayer

God of justice, you work on behalf of those who are poor, marginalized, and disregarded. Fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit so that I can begin this day praying earnestly for someone who faces injustice. Help me to see and to participate in your love and justice. Give me the eyes and ears of faith as I walk the paths and hallways of my daily life. Help me to be attentive to news local and global. Then, seeing and hearing through the light of Christ, encourage me relentlessly to pray and work without losing heart. I ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Evening Prayer

God of mercy, I come to you now with my energy running low as the lights of the evening. Like stars in the darkness, I send out my prayers for justice to you.

Daily Prayer

Oct 16 Students and Colleges Sunday We give thanks to God for our three theological colleges—The Presbyterian College (Quebec), Knox College (Ontario), St. Andrew's Hall/Vancouver School of Theology (British Columbia) and we pray for students as they prepare for ministry.

Oct 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty We pray for an end to poverty, as well as for guidance and strength for those who are working to eliminate poverty and helping meet the needs of all who are experiencing it.

Oct 18 We pray for guidance and creativity for the Women's Missionary Society Council Executive and the 2024 Planning Team as they meet Oct 17–19.

Oct 19 We pray for the members and work of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.

Oct 20 We pray for the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and for Nancy Lin, Ecumenical Relations Program Secretary, as she recovers from a medical condition.

Oct 21 We give thanks and pray for those working in nursing and long-term care homes and hospitals as they provide care to people, often in understaffed facilities.

Oct 22 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Alberta, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Questions for Reflection

"I will not let you go," said Jacob to the night stranger, "unless you bless me." What does it mean to struggle for a blessing—from others or from God? How does that struggle manifest itself in your life?

Luke's parable of the widow seeking justice encourages us not to be persistent. We are to pray and not lose heart in the life of faith on behalf of the justice God intends. God is pictured in contrast to this unjust judge who neglects justice but does care about his own peace of mind! When we think of ourselves as the widow in this parable, then few of us may have her stamina in the challengings and exhausting work of seeking justice on behalf of the powerless. Perhaps this is the reason Jesus asks

the closing question of the parable: ". . . when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" Will he find faith in us—persistent, tireless faith seeking justice? The Spirit is at work, earnestly, unrelentingly encouraging us to pray. What causes you to lose hope in your own prayer life? What might the Spirit be urging you to pray and work for on behalf of someone else?

Websites of interest: www.biblegateway.com

The Presbyterian Church in Canada www.presbyterian.ca

Dates to note...

- Oct 17 Session meeting at the church
- Oct 23 Kintail Kirk in the Cedars
- Oct 30 Special music Linda Street, soloist
- Nov 6 Kintail Sunday Supper
- Nov 27 1st Advent Communion
- Dec 21 Longest night service
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve with Linda Street, soloist

Your contributions to the church and its ongoing work are appreciated. The Knox Bayfield Session and Finance committee are diligent in their efforts to minimize expenses and meet financial commitments. The

September financial reports: income \$4,416, expenses \$5,645, with the year-to-date deficit \$9,777. Your financial offerings can be made with post-dated cheques, PAR, and e-transfer. For more information reach out to: Brenda 519-524-8645 brmclean@hurontel.on.ca Your regular offerings allow the church to continue its good work.

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

Ukraine Crisis: There are a variety of helpful resources and tools to support welcoming efforts throughout Huron County. <https://www.huroncounty.ca/economic-development/our-services/immigration-partnership/newcomer-settlement/welcoming-newcomers-from-ukraine>

Readings next week

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Your **prayer requests** can be shared in several ways. Contact Rev Lisa or leave a note in the prayer box or the offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Are you curious about **membership** in this congregation of Knox Bayfield? Share your curiosity with Rev Lisa.

Mission Moment: In Pakistan, after repeated and prolonged droughts, Rano and her husband, Jeevo, were left with land that was unable to produce a harvest. As they were contending with worries about how they would feed their family, the situation turned worse when Jeevo's mother died, and they had to take on significant debt in order to pay for the funeral expenses. Jeevo went to Karachi to work, while Rano purchased food and necessities for the family on credit. Unfortunately, Jeevo's earnings were only enough to pay their debt and nothing else. Things finally improved when Rano and Jeevo's family were selected to be part of a Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) food assistance project, where they received food packages of oil, wheat, rice, sugar, tea and salt. *As a church, our Christian response to hunger is put into action through PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank.*

Are you dealing with food insecurity? Reach out to the **Bayfield Area Food Bank** [BAFB] 519-955-7444. Our outreach to the BAFB continues with the focus on **canned goods**. All donations are accepted, of course.

Webinar: 11-3:30 Fri Nov 18th **Symposium on the Affordable Housing Crisis in Canada: How Can Churches Respond?** Canadians are in the midst of an affordable housing crisis. Justice Ministries will host an expert roster of speakers who will address key questions such as: What is driving the crisis? How can churches faithfully respond to housing needs in their community? <https://presbyterian.ca/justice/affordable-housing-crisis-symposium/>