

April 8, 2017



**ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**CORNWALL, ONTARIO**

**Welcome** to our worship service this morning. Visitors, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and to sign our guest book in the hall just outside the sanctuary.

**\*Hymns** are normally sung while standing, except for those marked with an asterisk indicating everyone may remain seated. However, those who feel it is better not to stand may remain seated during the singing of any hymn.

Please remember the people of St. John's in your prayers.

### **Lectionary Lessons for This Lord's Day**

Acts 4: 32-35;  
Psalm 133;  
1 John 1; 1-2:2;  
John 20:19-31

### **A PCC Mission Moment for Sunday, April 8, 2018**

#### **A Healing Ministry**

Through *Presbyterians Sharing*, Kenora Fellowship Centre is nurturing healing and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Also called Anamiewigummig, meaning "House of Prayer", the centre provides sanctuary and hospitality for people marginalized and alienated by poverty and addiction.

A weekly worship service held on Sunday afternoons often includes a sharing circle, drumming and the sharing of traditional foods. Through a drop-in centre, detoxification programs, street patrol, and soup kitchen, each day the hardworking staff share God's love as well as friendship, community, and solidarity.

This ministry represents a place of hope for healing and wholeness and serves as a model of Christian community for the wider church.

*Presbyterians Sharing walks with Indigenous peoples*

St. John's Presbyterian Church

April 8, 2018

2nd Sunday of Easter

Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

This is the day to walk in the light.

**This is the day to share signs of peace.**

This is the day to believe where we have not seen.

**This is the day to embrace what we cannot touch.**

Come!

*Let us worship God.*

Hymn

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! 261

Opening Prayer

**God of manifold blessing, come to us this morning.**

**Come and bless us. Come and lead us into the light.**

**We come to rediscover joy.**

**We come to believe where we have not seen.**

**We come to touch the glory of everlasting life,**

**through the power of your Son.**

**We come to truly live.**

**Amen.**

\*Praise Song

The Old Rugged Cross

Verse 1

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross

The emblem of suffering and shame

And I love that old cross where the dearest and best

For a world of lost sinners was slain

## Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

## Verse 2

O the old rugged cross so despised by the world  
Has a wondrous attraction for me  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary

## Verse 3

In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine  
A wondrous beauty I see  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died  
To pardon and sanctify me

## Verse 4

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true  
It's shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where His glory forever I'll share

## **Time with the Young and Young at Heart**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

### **The Scriptures**

Read by **Wes & Carole Libbey**

Responsive Psalm 133  
Epistle Hebrews 4:14- 5:10

OT pg. 586  
NT pg. 210

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God for His Word to us.**

**Hymn of the Month**

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

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**Sermon**

*“Our Triumphant High Priest”* (Hebrews 4;15)

**Presentation of our Offerings and Gifts**

**Offertory Anthem**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn**

Thine be the glory

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**Commissioning (Unison)**

**In the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we now go forth into the world, to fulfill our calling  
as the people of God, the body of Christ.**

**Benediction**

**Sung Benediction—We are Here Joined in Christ**

**We are here joined in Christ,  
called to serve and adore Him.**

**Give us peace, perfect peace,  
patience and hope everlasting.**

**Send us to serve in our Master’s name,  
and to glorify Him.**

**Joined with Christ, and through Christ,  
praise our Father forever**

## News for the Pews

Everyone is invited to the MacLellan Room  
for a time of fellowship.

Coffee hour is courtesy of **Kerry Adams**

### Easter Cheese Drive

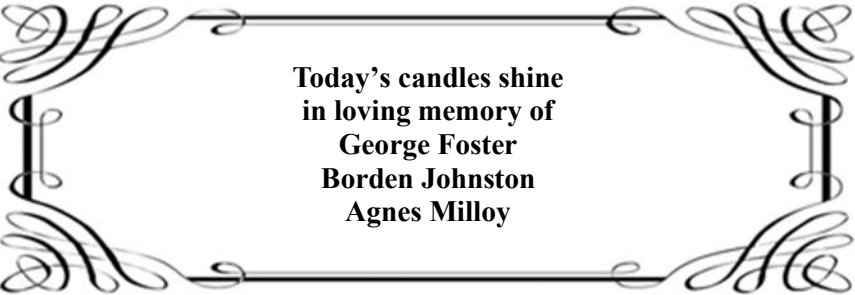
Thank you to everyone who participated in the Easter Cheese Drive. We raised \$472.46 to go toward our boiler debt – the thermometer went up a little! Every amount helps. There will be another cheese drive for the Thanksgiving holiday in October!

Many thanks to Lisa Angus for doing such an excellent job of managing our church office over the past few years. We are sad to see you go Lisa, but wish you all the best in your new position.

At the same time, we welcome JoAnn Periard to the Office/Bookkeeper position. She has been working with Lisa to transition to the job during the past two weeks.

Please take a minute to welcome JoAnn to our church family the next time you are in the church.

Jennifer Adams BOM Office/Finance Chair



**Today's candles shine  
in loving memory of  
George Foster  
Borden Johnston  
Agnes Milloy**

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come, this church opens wide its doors and offers welcome to all in the name of  
The Lord Jesus Christ.

**St. John's Presbyterian Church**  
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**Today's Greeters:** Kerry Adams, Jack McMartin

**Today's Ushers:** Steven Mullin, Laurel Adams

**Inspirational Quote**

**We are drawn to Your feet in worship; Your creation facing its creator.**

**Hearts laid bare by Your light, humbly asking for Your mercy.**

**We come to You as a people in need of assurance and forgiveness.**

**We come to You as a people in need of healing and wholeness.**

**We come dependent upon Your love.**

**Draw us close, enfold us in Your arms.**

**Fill us with Your Spirit that we might reflect Your light within this dark world.**

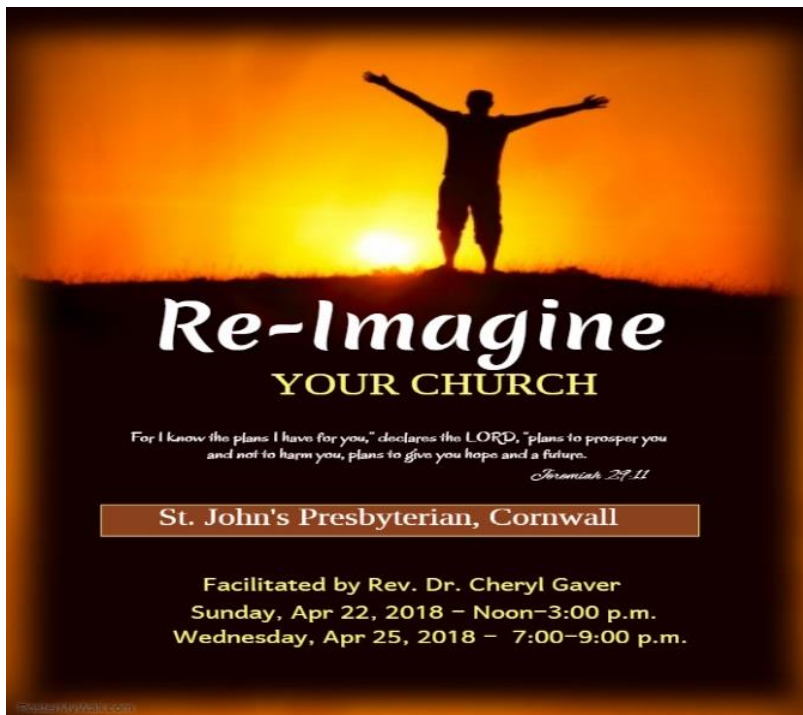
**Speak Your word with boldness and draw others to your feet.**

**We ask this through Your dear son Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**

*Worship  
& Praise*





## **Re-Imagine Your Church! & "Probortunities"**

This three-session workshop helps congregations figure out their strengths / challenges and develop their vision for their specific congregation; explore what drew people to Jesus and the early Church; and begin turning "problems" into "opportunities".

Join us Sunday, April 22, noon-3:00 p.m. and Wednesday, April 25, 7:00-9:00 p.m. A third date will be scheduled if needed and decided upon by those attending.

Take care.

Cheryl  
Rev. Dr. Cheryl Gaver  
Presbytery Ministry Animator

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, Session sent a request to Presbytery for permission to establish the Search Committee. At the Presbytery Meeting on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, permission was granted.

The following have been set as Terms of Reference to establish the Committee and to guide the work of the Committee:

- The Convener of the Search Committee will be Cynthia Seguin.
- The Interim Moderator, Robert Martin, myself, the Interim Minister, and Cynthia, as Convener, will establish the Search Committee and present it to the Session before the work of the Committee begins.
- The Committee will be responsible for creating the Congregational Profile.
- Elders will be involved in gathering some of the information required for the Profile.
- To be a part of the Committee you must be a member of St John's who participates regularly in the life of the church.
- The committee will have no more than 11 members.
- The work of the Committee is confidential.
- The quorum for decision making is two thirds.
- There cannot be more than 1 member of a family relationship on the committee.
- Members will be removed from the committee if they are chronically absent.
- The Session will receive a regular report.
- The session will approve the Congregational Profile before it is sent to Presbytery for Approval.
- The Search Committee will prepare a recommendation for a Leet, which is a term meaning list, of one candidate.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Cynthia by email at [cynthia.seguin14@icloud.com](mailto:cynthia.seguin14@icloud.com) or call at (613) 936-8188.

