

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall

October 1, 2017

World Communion Sunday

10:00 a.m.

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Folder

Organ Prelude

They'll Know We are Christians—Written by Peter Scholtes

Morning Hymn—Written by Gordon Young

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.**

In an upper room long ago,

**Followers of Jesus shared bread and a cup of wine together.**

In the very beginning of the Christian Church,

**Followers of Jesus shared bread and a cup of wine together.**

Down through the centuries in cathedral and catacomb,

**Followers of Jesus shared bread and a cup of wine together.**

As we receive Jesus' life offered to us,

**Let us sing and celebrate His grace and love!**

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Prayer

Lord God, make us freshly aware of your presence today, reaching across the gaps of distance and time. Unite us together with your Church throughout the world. As we worship, enabling your Holy Spirit to bring new life into being, of peace and hope for all the world. May we respond with all of our lives to You, today and always. Now we join our voices as one, as we now pray together as your Son, our Lord, has taught us, **THE LORD'S PRAYER, (Debts) Amen.**

Praise Song    One more step along the world I go    641    vv 1,2,3,4

Time with the Young and Young at Heart, (including Thank You prayer)

## Prayer of Illumination

### The Scriptures

Read by: Jennifer Adams

Responsive Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16

OT pg. 546

Matthew 21: 23-32

NT pg. 22

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God for His Word to us.**

**Hymn of the Month**

**To Bless the Earth**

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### Sermon

*"Bridges to the Future"*

### Presentation of Our Offerings and Gifts

#### Offertory

Beside Still Waters—Written by McGuire/Harlan

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

#### The Invitation

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise and thank You, O our God, because You are loving and just.

You treat all people with love and challenge us to do the same. You care for all your people, even those who feel unfit, unloved, or unlovable.

When we feel that we, or others, do not deserve your love, You invite us to a feast. You sent your child, Jesus to be our friend, to receive and heal the hurting, to bring life to the hopeless. He taught us to love one another, challenging us to be open to new ways of seeing, hearing, and living your love. And so, with your faithful people in all times and places, we sing this song of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Even when the world rejected Jesus, on the very night He was betrayed, He sat with his friends, took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them saying; *this is my body given for you.*

**Open us and Feed us, O God.**

After supper, He took a cup of wine, offered thanks and gave it to His disciples saying; *This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you share this cup, remember Me.*

**Open us and Feed us, O God**

And so gracious God, your Church in all times and places continue to share this meal, remembering how much You love us. Send your Holy Spirit upon this meal, upon us, and all who share this bread and this cup throughout the world today, that we may be fed by your love and your word and go from this place refreshed and renewed.

And now we confirm our Christian belief in sharing the words of  
The Apostle's Creed

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**The Breaking of the Bread:**

*Please wait to partake until all are served and we say:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in the one bread.**

**The Sharing of the Cup:**

*Please wait to partake until all are served and we say:*

We lift this Cup to share in the spilled blood of Christ

**Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in the one cup.**

### **Prayer after the Communion (Unison)**

Loving God, we thank You that You have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ Jesus, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

### **Closing Hymn**

Stand up and bless the Lord

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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.

Please join us for coffee hour  
courtesy of Michelle Alexis

## **News for the Pews**

### **Trustees Meeting Today**

A brief meeting will be held in the small waiting room  
opposite the Church Office following worship today.  
Grab your goodies and wander on down to the meeting place.

**Welcome** to our worship service this morning. Visitors, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and sign our guest book in the hall just outside the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to stay after service for refreshments and fellowship.

**\*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 in your prayers, the people of St. John's!**

**Lectionary Lessons for this Lord's Day**

Exodus 17: 1-7

Philippians 2: 1-13

Psalms 78: 1-4, 12-16

Matthew 21: 23-32

**A PCC Mission Moment  
for October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**A Journey Towards Reconciliation**

*Presbyterians Sharing* helps congregations and individuals walk alongside Indigenous people on a journey toward reconciliation. In June, 33 Presbyterians from across Canada visited three of the PCC's seven Indigenous ministries, worshipped at Mistawasis Church and visited the sites where two residential schools were run by the PCC. The group listened to stories of anger and pain and offered apologies. They also witnessed some of the ways in which PCC ministries are transforming lives. At Birdtail Sioux First Nation, site of the Birtle residential school, Doug Hanska thanked the visitors with an honour song. He explains, "The story they did in Birdtail, I know it may not mean much to a lot of people, but to some of us it means a lot," he said. "We can forgive and move on, like our teachings tell us."

*Presbyterians Sharing supports the journey of healing and reconciliation*

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### Sympathy

We extend our condolences to the family of John Robert Eadie who passed away on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. His funeral was held here at St. John's on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Thank You

To the congregation of St. John's Church, thank you so much for the paper towels, wipes, kleenex, word books, and many other items that were donated to Carefor Hospice. All were very much appreciated.

### Presbyterians Sharing

Summer is often a time when we see a drop in givings, and this often affects our commitment to Presbyterians Sharing. Over the summer, we have seen strong support for this cause, and we have met our target in both July and August. Thank you!

The givings for the month of August were \$1,401.00 bringing our total to \$12,060.00. Again, thank you for supporting the Presbyterians Sharing Ministry.

### Celebration

Please come to an Open House celebrating the career of a very special principal and teacher, **Mr. Gary Postma**.

**Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**

**The program will start @ 3:00 p.m.**

Timothy Christian School

12600 County Rd. 18, Williamsburg, Ontario

### Library News

Welcome to your library. We have 2 new books; one is for adults, and the other one is for our youth.

"Devotions from the Garden" is a wonderful collection of thoughts of peace and serenity in terms of a beautiful garden.

"I Am Devotional" is an exciting read for children to learn about God and the people in the Bible.

Please come in this morning and sign these books out, and to check out a few other books that we have out on display.

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