



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday, September 29, 2024

September Sermon Series Conclusion

What it Means to be a Christian:

Tips for growing in your Christian walk

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." (Rom. 12:12)

Prelude: *Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (BWV 639) Johann Sebastian Bach*

(Organist: Artiom Loginov)

I call to thee, Lord Jesus Christ, I pray thee, hear my crying;

Both lend me grace within this life and let me not lose courage.

*Processional Hymn: *Approach, my soul, the mercy seat*

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Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

The Call to Worship (Ps. 5)

Parsa Moshkanifarahani

L.: Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my sighing.

P.: Listen to my cry for help, for to You I pray.

L.: In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice.

P.: In the morning, I lay my requests before You.

L.: Let all who take refuge in You be glad

P.: Let them ever sing for joy.

L.: Let us worship God!

Introit: *O Heavenly Father, Hear our prayer*

Richard Shephard

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

The Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time: ***Jesus I Need You***

Hope be my anthem, Lord when the world has fallen quiet

You stand beside me, Give me a song in the night

Jesus I need You, Ev'ry moment I need You

Hear now this grace-bought heart sing out

Your praise forever

Beauty for ashes, You find the weak and contrite heart
Shoulder its burdens, And carry it into the light

Jesus I need You, Ev'ry moment I need You
Hear now this grace-bought heart sing out
Your praise forever REPEAT

Remember love, Remember mercy
Christ before me, Christ behind me
Your loving kindness, Has never failed me
Christ before me, Christ behind me REPEAT 2X

Jesus I need You, Ev'ry moment I need You
Hear now this grace-bought heart sing out
Your praise forever REPEAT

Remember love, Remember mercy
Christ before me, Christ behind me
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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

George Meek

Scripture Readings:

Responsive Reading: Psalm 121

Zhenyi Li

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
- ² **My help comes from the Lord,**
who made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴ **He who keeps Israel**
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
- ⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day**
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- ⁸ **The Lord will keep**
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Epistle: James 5:13-16

NT p. 231

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

NT p. 81

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *Sweet spirit, comfort me*

Crawford R. Thoburn

Sermon: Unrelenting Faith

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *What a friend we have in Jesus*

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We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

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*Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Take time to be holy*

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We are Sent Out as God's People

*Charge and Benediction

*Musical Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen**

Postlude: *March Pontificale*

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

*** if you are able, please stand**

Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshiping here with us today. We hope that you feel comforted in our fellowship and that you leave here refreshed and inspired in your personal life.

You are invited to fill out a pew card or sign the guest book in the lobby.

**** **We welcome all children in worship. If you need to take a child out during the worship service, the service can still be heard in the lobby. All children under the age of 5 are welcome to remain in worship or go with a parent or guardian to our pre-school and nursery room in the Christian Education Wing. Please speak to an usher for assistance.**

*Please feel free to appreciate the Postlude at the end of the service.
If you do leave the sanctuary during the postlude,
please do so quietly. Thank you.*

IMPORTANT Nursery and Preschool Update

Great News! Our Sunday School enrolment has gone up! Our challenge is we need volunteers! We are seeking parents and others to volunteer to help supervise in the Sunday school and/or the nursery/pre-school room occasionally. You will not have to teach if you do not wish to. Contact the Church office, George Huang, Rev. Heather, or Amy Girard.



Sunday School Today

A one-room Sunday School class is available for our junior youth today after Praise Time.

All children grades 1-6 are welcome.

Please join us after church at the Coffee Hour
in the Fellowship Hall!



Calling all Kids!

**Come and Join our Amazing
CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR**

Rehearsals at 9:40am in the chapel.

Questions: contact Jones at jones.peterson@gmail.com



World Communion Sunday Breads of the World Service

Join us on Sunday October 6

To celebrate our cultural diversity and our unity in Christ!

On October 6, we invite you to bring
a type of bread and a spread to go with it
from a country in your heritage.



We also invite you to wear a piece of clothing
representing your country of birth or ancestry.

We will present the **Breads of the World** during worship and pray
for the countries of the world they represent.

We will then share those breads and spreads at our coffee hour in
the Fellowship Hall after church.

**If you wish to bring a bread of the world
please sign-up on the sheet in lobby.**



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada. We also mark Orange Shirt Day, a Survivor-led movement that called for a national day for truth and reconciliation, on the same day.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada ran 12 residential schools. As a result, the PCC bears a collective responsibility to truth and healing. In the 1980s and 1990s, the truth about abuses children suffered at residential schools began to be heard. Over the next decades, more truth about the pain and harm inflicted at the schools have become part of our common memory, in large part because of the courage of Survivors and intergenerational Survivors who are standing against a legacy of colonial violence and racism, seeking healing from their harmful and deadly impacts.

In 1994, The PCC offered a Confession for its participation in the residential school system, which set the church on a path of reconciliation. In learning to walk that path, the church has learned much about, and understands more deeply now, the harm it caused. In June 2024, General Assembly adopted an Apology for the church's role in residential schools and colonization, which comes out of the church's learning and is a response to that learning.

For a copy of the apology, please go to:

<https://presbyterian.ca/2024/06/05/2024-general-assembly-highlight-of-the-third-day/>

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. We pray as a church to be guided into truth knowing that such truth may disturb and judge us. Living Faith: 4.3.2



We need additional volunteers to help run the **sound and livestreaming systems on Sunday mornings.**

It is not complicated. Speak to Abel.
If Abel is able, you can be able too!

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Duty Elder: Carolyn Adamson and Julie Meek

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday September 29, 2024

9:40 am – 10:15 am

Children's Choir – Chapel

11:00 am

Worship Service

Tuesday October 1, 2024

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

ESL Class – Chapel

Thursday October 3, 2024

7:30 pm

Chancel Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Sunday October 6, 2024

9:40 am – 10:15 am

Children's Choir – Chapel

11:00 am

Worship Service – World Communion Sunday

Breads of the World Service

Bible Study Opportunities!

Sunday Morning Discovery!

Discussing deep life questions through the lens of the Bible.

Sunday mornings from 9:45 -10:30

Beginning Sunday October 6



ESL Classes

ESL classes are held on Tuesdays
at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Chapel.

The Open Door

The deadline for the autumn issue of "The Open Door" is

Monday, September 30, 2024.

Please forward your articles to Garth Low at

garth.low@garthlow.com.

Written submissions can be put in the Open Door newsletter mail
box located by the Chapel.

Hymn

Approach, my soul, the mercy seat

Approach, my soul, the mercy seat,
where Jesus answers prayer;
there humbly fall before his feet,
for none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea,
with this I venture nigh;
thou callest burdened souls to thee,
and such, O Lord, am I.

Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
by Satan sorely pressed,
by war without and fears within,
I come to thee for rest.

Be thou my shield and hiding place,
that, sheltered near thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
and tell him thou has died.

O wondrous love! to bleed and die,
to bear the cross and shame,
that guilty sinners, such as I,
might plead thy gracious name.

Hymn

What a friend we have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear;
what a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer.
Oh what peace we often forfeit,
oh what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

Hymn

Take time to be holy

Take time to be holy; speak oft with thy Lord.
Abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy; the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy; let him be thy guide,
and run not before him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow thy Lord,
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy; be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive beneath his control.
Thus led by his Spirit to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.