



Trinity Presbyterian Church Weekly Newsletter

June 22, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE – JUNE 26, 2022

Sermon – “God of rage? God of grace?” (Elaine Tsang)

Scripture – [I Samuel 5](#)

We are pleased to welcome Elaine Tsang to Trinity! You may recall that Elaine joined us for the month of February, when our services were entirely online. Elaine earned her Master of Divinity degree from Tyndale and is currently on staff at Westminster Presbyterian in Ottawa. She will preach from Trinity’s sanctuary on Sunday morning.

At the June 14 meeting of Session, it was decided to lift Trinity’s COVID protocols.

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Trinity’s sanctuary is open for in-person worship, and worship services will continue to be offered via Zoom. The link to Sunday’s service will be sent out from the Church Office on Thursday.



Our services are recorded and made available on Trinity’s YouTube channel: <https://bit.ly/3u7717U>. (Older services remain accessible from Trinity’s website.)

Jennifer has resumed office hours (9 AM – 3 PM) at the Church on Thursdays. She continues to work from her home office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. In the event of an emergency, contact the Church Office (613-836-1429), or Trinity’s Clerk of Session, Marg Connelly.

TRINITY’S CALENDAR

Thursday, June 23

6:30 pm Choir Practice

7:30 pm Praise Team Practice

Saturday, June 25

12:00 pm Praise Team Practice

7:00 pm “Virtuosos of Paris” piano concert

Sunday, June 26

10:00 am Worship Service (in person & Zoom)

Wednesday, June 29

10:00 am Walkers’ Group (meet by Farm Boy, Signature Centre, Kanata)

Sunday, July 3

10:00 am Worship Service (in person & Zoom)



As we prepare for our Canada Day service on Sunday, we invite you to reflect on Canada’s history and to consider wearing something orange to honour and remember the experiences of our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

As noted in last week’s newsletter, a memorial service for Bob Lyon is planned for Tuesday, June 28 at Kelly’s Funeral Home (Kanata Chapel). Bob’s obituary is available [here](#). Note that the obituary contains a link to register to attend the live streamed service.

OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Grocery Card Reminder: Cards for Loblaws, Metro, Sobeys, Farm Boy, and Food Basics will be available by ordering them in advance and they can be picked up at the church.

If you wish to place an order, please contact Marilyn O’Brien by the end of the day on **Sunday, June 26**.

Cards can be picked up at the church on **Thursday, June 30** from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm.



Graduating?

Are you graduating? If you are graduating, or have graduated (high school, college, university, grad studies, etc.) this year, or you know someone who is graduating, please send the appropriate info (name, school, and title of diploma/degree) to the church office (info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com) by June 28.



In order to more easily record the church services and improve the quality of the live-streaming, within the next several weeks we will be transitioning to a new setup.

We are looking for volunteers to operate the new equipment. No previous or technical experience is required and training will be provided. Please let Jennifer know if you are interested (info.trinity.kanata@gmail.com; 613-836-1429). Guy Dalbec will contact you with the details.

We have been fortunate to have the Hickeys running our services almost every Sunday since we began on Zoom. They would like a few weekends off throughout the summer. We will need to find a person or some people to set up and run Zoom at the church. The process can be streamlined so that someone just sets up Zoom, monitors it throughout the service, mutes the mic when the songs are being shared, and unmutes when the song is finished. We have a couple of people who can start the Zoom service, record it, and share the songs from their home, but if you are interested in doing any of that from the sanctuary as well, that would be great. Deb will show any volunteers how to set things up. We would also need a different person who can unmute the computer attached to the sanctuary screens when the songs are being played and then mute it when they are finished. Deb, Mike, or Liam can walk someone through how to do that. Please contact the church office if you would be willing to do this.

If no one other than the Hickeys can do Zoom from the sanctuary, then there will be a few Sundays throughout the summer that Zoom and YouTube will not be available. There also won't be a recording to post on Trinity's YouTube channel later.



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

Virtuosos of Paris

featuring Kunhwa Im (piano)
performing Alkan, Chopin, Liszt

Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 7 o'clock

Registration at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/d/canada--ottawa/events/>

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1817 Richardson Side Road, Carp
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Freewill offering to support Ukraine
and Trinity music programs.
COVID vaccination/masks required.

Kunhwa Im will be performing in Trinity's sanctuary at 7 PM on Saturday, June 25. The program will feature Alkan's *Aesop's Feast*, Liszt's *Transcendental Études*, as well as works by Frédéric Chopin. We hope you will be able to join us for an unforgettable evening!

We are hoping to have a minister sometime in the fall. With this new beginning, we would like to offer Sunday School for the children and teenagers. We will need Sunday School teachers. If you feel this is your calling, please contact Marg Connelly.



STEM Camp is returning to Trinity this summer! Camp leaders will be at Trinity next week, and campers will arrive the following week. Day camps will be run from Monday to Friday each week. We expect approximately 30 to 40 children to be enrolled in the program. Information on the camp can be found at <https://stemcamp.ca/>

Our beautiful flower gardens need tender loving care over the summer. If you can spare an hour periodically to do some weeding, please do so at your convenience.

DONATIONS, OFFERINGS & FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your continued generosity to Trinity. Donations can be made via eTransfer, credit card (via CanadaHelps – note that Trinity incurs a fee for this service), PAR donations, or cheque.

Offerings can be dropped off at the church when Marilyn O'Brien is selling grocery cards, and they will be counted by Marilyn O'Brien and Terry Bishop. For the month of June, that will be on Thursday, June 30 between 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm.

Please do *not* send cheques to the church by mail at the present time. The mailbox at the road is not very secure and we are unable to check it on a daily basis. If you choose to mail a cheque, please send it to Bob & Margaret Connelly's home address.

GRACEFIELD UPDATE

The Trinity Painting and Roofing Team spent June 10 – June 12 acquiring new skills as deck builders. Yes, after first having to shore up Cabin 3 at Gracefield, a team of 8 trinitarians assisted by Stuart and Deb Thomson's son-in-law, Johnny Moreno, built a new 13' by 8' deck for our sponsored cabin. In addition to the Thomson contingent (Brittany Moreno and their three young boys joined us for the weekend) were Kim and Colin Cooper, Shawn Beaton, Elaine Johnston, and Muriel and Brian Laughton.

Part of the team tore down the existing structures in the rain Friday afternoon and the rest of the team arrived to find out that removing what was there exposed a seriously rotten beam. The rotten beam had to be repaired before we could begin reconstruction.

This unforecasted task took until lunch Saturday, whereupon we completed the construction of the deck, working until late in the evening using phone and hand flashlights towards the end.

A rainy Sunday morning found us installing most of the railing and then, after a scrumptious brunch, finishing off the railing and steps. All that remains is to complete the accessibility ramp later this year.

Of course, it wasn't all work and no play. Friday night was games night, playing Bob Horsey's favourite game – Balderdash – and an abbreviated game of Wizard. Winners of both games were the female crew members; better luck next time, boys!

The team also enjoyed a campfire out of the old deck material until the wee hours of Sunday morning finishing off what was a glorious sunny day and moonlit evening at Gracefield. As always, Josh and the kitchen team kept us extremely well fed.



Total project costs to Trinity were roughly \$2,500. If you would like to contribute to the costs incurred, you are invited to make a donation to Trinity – *before July 10* – highlighting that it is for the use of Cabin 3 projects.

BEYOND TRINITY

Catch up on the latest news from Presbyterian Church Canada through PC Connect! The June 2022 edition is available [here](#).

Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program (OPCTP) is planning to offer their Basic Pastoral Care Course on Mondays beginning in September, 2022 -- either in person (afternoons) or via Zoom (evenings). Registration is required by September 7. More details can be found at www.ottawapastoralcare.com or by contacting Josephine Hall (ottawapastoralcare@gmail.com; 613-413-0384).

TRINITY'S UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS – JUNE 19, 2022

Beginning on June 19th, 2022, Trinity's Session has approved the following:

COVID Protocols Lifted

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Recognizing Land Rights

Trinity honours history of Algonquin Anishinabe Nation

On an emotional June evening, Session unanimously vowed to acknowledge the unceded land rights of the Algonquin Anishinabe Nation.

Our church, at 1817 Richardson Side Road, is built on unceded land of the Algonquin Anishinabe people. The Ontario government is actually in negotiations to resolve Treaty 27, signed on May 31, 1819, and covering 36,000 square kilometres in Eastern Ontario.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 2015 refocused the public spotlight on First Nations and atrocities at residential schools across Canada, which were operated by the federal government and national churches.

The Presbyterian Church operated 11 residential schools from the mid-1880s until 1969. The Church first formally apologized for its role in running residential schools in 1994. Former Prime Minister Stephen Harper formally apologized for residential schools on behalf of Canada in June 2008.

Elder Pam Curzon introduced a motion to recognize the unceded lands of the Algonquin Anishinabe Nation as a first step in reconciliation and recognizing the hardships faced by the Algonquin Anishinabe Nation, Inuit, and Métis.



Land acknowledgements have been inspired by the 94 Calls-to-Action published in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada report. Outrage mounted last summer with the discovery of unmarked graves of Indigenous children attending residential schools.

The emotional debate opened the eyes of elders, who voted to recognize the land territories on a regular basis during Sunday services. Session also voted to include the recognition on Trinity's weekly newsletter, the website, and Facebook. The first recognition will

happen in the sanctuary on Sunday, June 26, the last Sunday before Canada Day.

Elder Denis Bourque suggested, fully supported by Session, to install a plaque, acknowledging the unceded lands, in a prominent place in the entry hall at Trinity.

Land Acknowledgements recognize the unique and enduring relationship between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories.

Later, Pam Curzon said she was motivated to ask for the acknowledgement after burying her 92-year-old father two summers ago. It is likely William Plett Bennett, a foster child, had indigenous roots.

“When they started finding unmarked graves, no words can describe my heart break. It is up to our generation to make it right. This is a good first step.”

Now, you may ask, why do we recognize the land?

“To recognize the land is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those whose territory you reside on, and a way of honouring the Indigenous people who have been living and working on the land from time immemorial,” says the Laurier Students’ Public Interest Research Group.

“It is important to understand the long standing history that has brought you to reside on the land, and to seek to understand your place within that history.

“Land acknowledgements do not exist in the past tense, or historical context: colonialism is a current ongoing process, and we need to build our mindfulness of our present participation.

“It is also worth noting that acknowledging the land is Indigenous protocol.”

Indigenous protocol is customary in Indigenous gatherings to acknowledge the land where a gathering is occurring and to thank the caretakers of the land, namely the hosts of the gathering. We, the Trinity family, are continuing this tradition.

If you have comments or opinions, please send them to Sheila Brady. This is an ongoing discussion and it is only through actively listening and learning from each other that our church family will understand and value the contributions of the Algonquin Anishinabe Nation.



Trinity Presbyterian Church’s Land Acknowledgement

Trinity is built on unceded Algonquin Anishinabe territory.

The peoples of the Algonquin Anishinabe Nation have lived on this territory for millennia. Their culture and presence have nurtured and continue to nurture this land.

Trinity honours the peoples of the Algonquin Anishinabe Nation.