

# Presbyterian Church

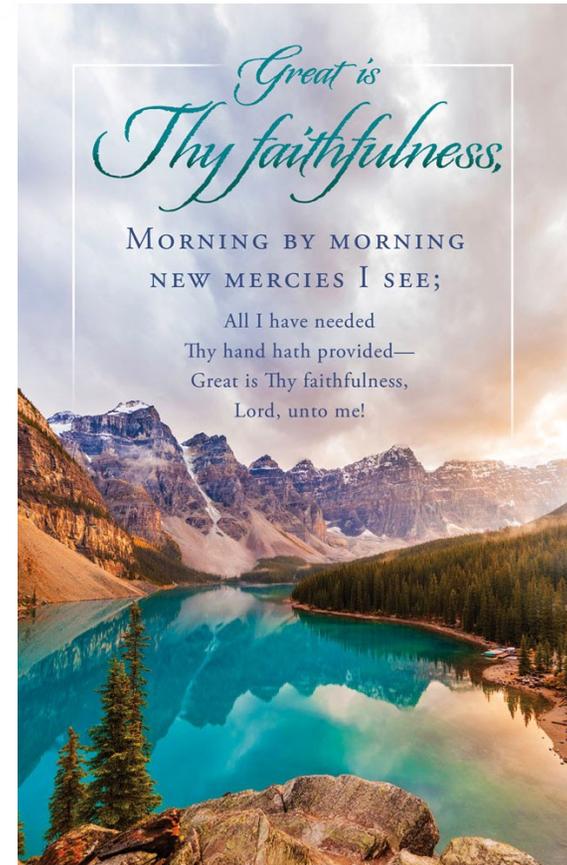
**Messy Church Day** at Camp Kintail is on Saturday May 23 from 9:30 am to 4 pm. This is a family day for all ages with chapel, crafts, games, great food and campfire. High ropes for ages 9 and over and Climbing Wall for ages 7 and older. \$17 for ages 3 and up, \$64 max/family. Please contact Brenda Calder for more information or to register: [baclder053@gmail.com](mailto:baclder053@gmail.com) or 519-323-7037.

**Speaking of Camp Kintail**, registration for summer camp is now open and spots are filling up quickly. The Christian Education and Congregational Life Committee is willing to help financially any child or young person wanting to attend. You can find more information at the website: [campkintail.ca](http://campkintail.ca)

**After almost 33 years as our church secretary**, Wendy McConnell has made the decision to retire. She will be done the weekend of Easter. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please let speak to a member of the Board of Managers know or see Rev. Will.

**Message from our local VON:** Grief can bring many different emotions and experiences, and finding supportive ways to care for yourself during this time can be helpful. You are warmly invited to join our upcoming Mindfulness & Grief: 8-Week Webinar Series, offered through VON Grey Bruce's Bereavement Support Program.

Mindfulness is the practice of gently bringing our attention to the present moment. For many people living with grief, mindfulness can provide supportive tools for navigating difficult emotions, creating moments of calm, and developing compassionate awareness of their experience. This 8-week virtual series will take place on Mondays 10:00 am- 12:00pm from April 6, 2026 and will be held over Teams. Each week participants will explore a different theme related to mindfulness and grief, drawing on insights and practices from a variety of authors and mindfulness teachers. Sessions will include gentle guided meditation and opportunities for reflection through journaling. The program is free of charge, though pre-registration is required. If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please feel free to contact [cassandra.johnston@von.ca](mailto:cassandra.johnston@von.ca) or call 519-376-5895 ext. 2.



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**Sunday,  
March 15, 2026**

Musical Prelude  
Words of Welcome:  
Birthdays or Anniversaries:  
Announcements:  
Call to Worship:  
Blessing:  
Praise and Worship:  
Prayer of Adoration and Confession:  
Confessional Moment: The Lord's Prayer  
Children's Time: Elijah taken up to heaven (2 Kings 2: 1-18)  
Children's Music:  
Prayer for Guidance from the Holy Spirit:  
Scripture Reading: John 9: 35-41 (NIV)  
Sermon

## **Spiritual Blindness**



Closing Prayer: "Lord in your mercy ... " & "Hear our prayers"  
Offering: "Joyful, joyful" (verse 1)  
Dedication: Prayer  
Closing Hymn: "I heard the voice of Jesus say" DB 671  
Benediction and verbal amen: Forward in Faith

## **The Announcements**

**Welcome to today's service.** We invite all to join us following the service for a time of refreshment and fellowship in the hall downstairs.

**We extend our condolences to** Joyce Henry and family on the death of Joyce's son, Troy who died this past Monday. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date for Mr. Henry. We also continue to hold in our prayers the family of Clara McFadden. Her funeral was held here in the church on Thursday.

**There will be two prayer times this week:** Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Wednesday at 10 a.m. Both take place at the home of Dawn Erison, 287 South Street East.

**Session** has its next meeting this Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m.

**Everyone is invited to** Darlene Hastie's 85th Birthday Celebration being held on Sunday, March 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Durham Curling Club.

**The Board of Managers** gather for its next meeting on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m.

**The CECLC is hosting a potluck lunch** and games afternoon on Saturday, March 28. The potluck lunch at noon will be followed with cards, board games, shuffle board, etc. After the games, the CECLC will provide dessert. If you don't like playing games, come enjoy lunch and socialize.

**Trinity Anglican Church** is hosting its annual St. Patrick's Day Supper on Tuesday, March 17. It is a ham and scalloped potato meal with vegetables, salad, tea and coffee. Takeout is available from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. with the sit-down meal taking place at 6 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. For tickets, contact Carol Sewell at 519-369-3226.

**Spencer Bristow** will be in concert on Saturday, March 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Chesley Bijou Theatre. This will be a full band experience with tribute songs of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Ricky Nelson, Roy Orbison and other singers of the 50s, 60s and 70s. Tickets are \$25 each and call be obtained by calling 519-503-7898 or buying at the door. Spencer has been a participant of our Christmas music nights.