



Kensington Presbyterian Church  
*Growing in faith and sharing God's love*  
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## How Long?

November 12, 2023

**WELCOME**, to worship. We are offering a variety of ways for people to gather. We are welcoming people to worship in person (with singing), as well as through Zoom, YouTube, and this printable PDF.<sup>1</sup> If this is how you are worshipping, know that you are not alone... and if you like, you can invite those who live with you to join you, or connect with others through the phone or outside.

If you have any prayer requests, ideas, or just want to talk, please reach out to your elder or Rev. Peter (Peter@Kensingtonchurch.ca).



<sup>1</sup> note: that the footnotes are not as thorough as an academic paper.

## Announcements

Clicking on or tapping blue text will take you to a web-site

**Concordia Thank You:** We received a thank you for our generous clothing donations to the Concordia international students office. All the clothes have found a new person to keep warm this winter.



**Zoom Prayer Group:** Thursday at 6:30 a.m.

[us04web.zoom.us/j/773730107?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/773730107?pwd=eUo2M09YMEw5dkZvdm9uQmpHNIUrUT09)

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**Jesus & Java:** Join us as we share the joys and questions of faith.

Thursday, 3:30 pm at Beetz, 5914 Sherbrooke @ Clifton

**Family Food & Film Fiestas:** Fridays at 6:30 for pizza

**The Princess Bride.** This is a good opportunity to invite someone. Please let Peter know so we have enough food.

**Drop Box:** Food donations are welcome for the local Food Pantry, diapers for young mothers through Head & Hands, and cloths & accessories for the New Hope Boutique.

**Ethnic mistreatment:** Sunday, Dec 3 at 3 pm - online

The 2023 General Assembly adopted a Confession regarding the ways in which The Presbyterian Church in Canada has silenced, mistreated and slandered the “ethnic contingent” of the church. As part of this a Worship Service of Repentance, Healing and Hope will be held. You can join online [timothyperc.com/repentance](https://timothyperc.com/repentance)

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## *Ceremony of Remembrance*

### Invitation to Remembrance

This is the Sunday closest to Remembrance Day, and so before we gather to worship God, you are invited to remember those who have sacrificed to allow us to live in this freedom, to search for truth, and to enjoy life.

Pipes:

Poem: A Poppy Whispers by Antonia Tannert (grade 7-9 winner)

In flanders fields the poppies grow  
But in our hearts their true meaning shows  
They remind us that peace comes at a price  
They remind us of the immeasurable sacrifice  
This is what a poppy whispers

A poppy whispers for us to feel  
Feel the trembling hands that fought for us  
Feel the pounding hearts full of fear and sorrow  
Feel the weight of each loss, luring you into an abyss  
Feel the steady beating drums as the soldiers march

A poppy whispers for us to hear  
Hear the whispered prayers from loved ones  
Hear the screams of the dying and the silence of the dead  
Hear the gunfire, the shooting and the chaos  
Hear our anthem sung loud and proud

A poppy whispers for us to see  
See the sacrifice it took to achieve peace  
See the solemnity of a flag at half mast  
See the devastation left behind on a battlefield  
See the poppies planted in the fields and on our chests



A poppy whispers for us to remember  
Remember the soldiers who gave their lives to fight  
Remember the ones who died  
and the burdens the survivors carry  
Remember the broken families and homes  
Remember the sacrifices they made  
so you could be free today

In flanders fields the poppies grow  
But in our hearts their true meaning shows  
They remind us that peace comes at a price  
They remind us of the immeasurable sacrifice  
This is what a poppy whispers

Last Post

Moment of Silence

Pipes:

Poem: They shall not grow old.....Peggy Wegrich  
Reveille/Rouse

♪ O Canada.....pg 16 (833)

Pipes



## Approaching God



### Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jésus Christ est la lumière du monde.  
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.



### Call to worship (Matthew 11:28-29)

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.”  
Let us worship God.

🎵 Hymn: Jesus, lover of my soul.....pg 10 (676)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFaiiPv-Q6I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFaiiPv-Q6I)



There is always hope - Banksy



### Prayer of Approach (by Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann<sup>2</sup>)

You brood in the night in its fearfulness,  
You dawn the day in its energy,  
You move at the edge of night  
into the margins of day.  
You live at the hinge between fear and energy.  
You take the feeble night and give us strong day,  
You take our fatigue and bestow courage,  
You take our drawsy reluctance and fashion full-blooded zeal.  
What shall we say?  
You, only you, you  
You at the hinge - and then the day.  
You - and then us,  
from you in faithfulness,  
us for the day,  
us in the freedom and courage and energy,  
and then back to you - in trust and gratitude.

As part of learning to live with you and each other  
we say the prayer you teach your disciples:



### The Lord's Prayer (please use a version you are comfortable with)

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,**

<sup>2</sup> Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth prayers of Walter Brueggemann

and the glory are yours  
Amen.



## *Listening to God*

### Children's time

I don't know about you, but sometimes I find myself wondering, "How long?" How about you?

I sometimes wonder, "How long  
...until I finish my work and get to play  
...until I get somewhere, or  
...until I can have my turn with a library book

Sometimes it's something not nice, like after I fell off my bike I wondered 'how long until my knee doesn't hurt?' How long until the bad stuff stops?

People have asked this question for a long time - including in the Bible. Today's psalm asks it too. (a psalm is a song that talks to talk - like a prayer)

Let's say it together...

### **How long**

will you forget me, Lord? Forever?

### **How long**

will you hide yourself from me?

### **How long**

must I endure trouble?

### **How long**

will sorrow fill my heart day and night?

### **How long**

will my enemies win?

Look at me, O Lord my God, and answer me.  
Restore my strength; don't let me die.  
Don't let my enemies say, "We won, we won!"  
Don't let them celebrate because I am shaken.

**I hold onto your constant love;**

**I will be glad, because you will rescue me.**

**I will sing to you, O Lord,**

**because you have been good to me.**

prayer

*Dear Jesus, When  
things aren't going like  
we want them to,  
help us to trust your  
love.*

Amen



*Comfort - Charlotte Smith*

♪ Hymn: Swing low, sweet chariot.....pg 11  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOe8BHDxv2g](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOe8BHDxv2g) (BB King)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCMBFvhGEHs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCMBFvhGEHs) (choir & organ)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9Y\\_GLT4\\_9I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9Y_GLT4_9I) (Jonny Cash)

### Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
through the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may feel your presence and peace  
to the depth of our souls.

Amen.

✦ Intro to the readings  
We have three readings today.

The first is from Isaiah. Imagine receiving it in times when armies are marching. Danger and uncertainty are in the air. Into this God sends a vision that sounds so unreal, and yet...

The next reading is from near the end of the letter to the church in Ephesus. It's a hard world they live in, though different than the last reading. Here the Roman army enforces peace, but it's so easy to lose honour and have society put you down. How is one to live and engage with the world? Well, here's some advice.

The psalm you've already been introduced to, but we're going to say it again in a slightly different translation. It's worth repeating.



Memorial to the Persecuted - Bearing a Heavy Weight Together - Péter Gáspár

📖 Reading: Please look up the passages in your own Bible,<sup>3</sup> or click on the name to be taken to an online version.

[Isaiah 2: 1-5](#)

[Ephesians 6: 13-17](#)

[Psalm 13](#)

✦ Sermon: How Long?

*Dear Lord, please bless these words  
and the meditations of our hearts. Amen.*

The first sentence of today's psalm resonates within me. "How long, O LORD?"

I've asked it.

How about you?

I know I'm not alone, because we have psalms that very directly ask God, "How long, O LORD?"

For me, I don't ask God this in the times I mentioned in the children's time, but in deeper darkness. There are times when I've felt lost/trapped and can't see a way back to hope (especially not imagining joy). I haven't suffered a long-term illness, but I have asked 'how long' about others who do. I ask it about Barbara W, who was a generous presence here with her dry humour, and now doesn't remember who she is. "How long, O LORD?"

Recently I've been asking it about war. "How long, O LORD?" How long will there be leaders who want more, and send armies to take it? How long will their advisors and generals agree? Most recently I ask this about Putin & Russia.

How long will leaders suppress others until there is so much

<sup>3</sup> If you'd like a new Bible with helpful notes, I recommend the 'Life with God Bible' NRSV from Renovaré. ISBN 0061834963  
or for the more academically inclined, The New Oxford Study Bible NRSV

resentment they strike out? I ask this about Iran & Myanmar.

*How long* will people feel that killing someone who hurt you will make things better - and *how long* will the people of those who are killed try the same thing? *How long* will people feel that retribution brings healing? I ask this about Israel & Palestine.

With Remembrance Day, I've been remembering its origin. With the end of the 'war to end all wars', a time was established not to celebrate winning, but to remember the deaths from war.



Sadly, death and suffering through war has continued since then - leading me to ask, "*How long, O LORD?*" Jesus came teaching of peace through reconciliation. *How long* will people hurt people? The ten commandments says 'do not covet' and 'do not kill' - yet we still do. "*How long, O LORD?*"

*How long* until we are able to live out the promises of peace in the Bible. When will we experience something like what is described through Isaiah? That people will go to the LORD to learn God's ways - and to walk in them. *How long* until we will turn our weapons into tools to support life? In the Biblical example of farmers pressed into military service and needing to provide their own weapons - they had to turn their ploughs into weapons - and looked forward to turning them back again. *How long* until we can turn what is put into weapons into ways that nourish life? *How long* until nations will not take up sword against nation? It's been about two and a half thousand years since Isaiah was written. "*How long, O LORD?*"

There is an answer.

One part of it is learning. There are different ways and words for this. Some are quite easy to say; all are very challenging to live. There's the 'big picture' lenses we talked about last week for interpreting the Bible. Instructions such as 'love God and love others with everything you are and everything you have.' Today's Ephesians passage uses the metaphor of armour - perhaps appropriate when thinking of war. One thing to notice is that only one of the six parts mentioned could be used for hurting. All of them are for safety. More important are what the armour represents. The ways we are to engage with the world are to be with truth, doing what is right (righteousness), "*proclaim the gospel of peace*", the word of God, and to have faith that God will save.

Can this change the world?

Not quickly. It is so easy to fall back on old ways. To grab what we want, or stick out when we're hurt. It is hard to stand up to those in power and tell them "No!" - especially if it puts the lives of those you love in danger. Still, by speaking truth, living right, & sharing the gospel of peace little differences are made - and little differences can shift the course of the world. Practice here at church, and with your family and neighbours - then branch out to politicians and corporations. Imagine if everyone engaged the world with truth, respect, righteousness, and the gospel of peace?

But it is hard, if not impossible, to keep it up  
...without faith.

That's why faith is included in Ephesians as part of the way to engage the world. And the psalm is an example. We hear a short and emotional prayer to God. It is full of longing, pain, and even emotional contradictions. (If God has forgotten the person forever, then what's the point in asking 'how long?') It ends with faith; with trust in God - which enables the psalmist to rejoice and recognize that despite the difficulties that are overwhelming - God does help.

With God, we will notice ways to love, hope & experience healing.



I'd like to wrap up with a story. It is from a dark time: a World War II concentration camp. There is no possible way to justify the systematic rounding up and exterminating of people. As we know, Jews were targeted. Yet, they are also the chosen people of God. They went through the question of "How long, O LORD?" to 'How LORD could you let this happen?' And this led to an interesting event in a concentration camp. Jews gathered and put God on trial for Crimes Against Humanity. Cases were presented for the prosecution and defence before a panel of judges. In the end, God was found to be in the wrong. What happens after you find God wrong? Do you give up? Do you stop asking "How long, O LORD?" Hopefully not. They didn't. They prayed - to God.

When faced with the feelings of "How long, O LORD?", praying to God is the way forward.

To God be all the glory  
Amen.



## Responding to God

♪ Hymn: Breathe on me breath of God.....pg 11 (389)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=1N\\_EXkWA-qM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1N_EXkWA-qM)

🗨 FaithTalk: These are some questions for you to discuss with somebody... or many somebodies.  
Do what you feel safe (and practice stretching a little).

Memories: How are you at waiting? When is it hard? What makes it okay?

Values: The idea of a 'just war' was created to limit the number of wars. What do you consider a just or right reason for a war?

Memories: Have you ever asked God, "How long?" When

you're comfortable, share about the experience.

Wonder: How could cycles of violence be broken? (nobel prize for the solution)

Actions: Consider the advice in Ephesians: live truth, righteousness, peace & faith. Pick one to work on this week and brainstorm how... and hold each other accountable.

Actions: Pray honestly to God, and consider what blessings you have experienced.

### ✦ Spirit Sightings

One way I saw the Holy Spirit working this week was through community. I had people from the community come into my office to talk. People in our community shared shared worries about the well being of others. People associated with Kensington invited others to check out what we are doing.

These are ways God's Spirit is growing love, hope & healing.

### ✦ Offering

Financially, we have set up a donation option on our **website: [kensingtonchurch.ca](http://kensingtonchurch.ca)**. Just click the '**Donate Now**' button, and then the pretty button. It gives you various options that are easy to follow.

You can also donate through **interac e-transfer**. Our name is Kensington Presbyterian Church and the e-mail address is [info@kensingtonchurch.ca](mailto:info@kensingtonchurch.ca).

Mailing a cheque or signing up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (**PAR**) are also good options.

### 🙏 Prayers of the people

We will be praying with this hymn

♪ We lay our broken world.....pg 13 (202)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvmXNG6VXJU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvmXNG6VXJU)



Water from the Rock - Virginia Hayes

♪ We lay our broken world  
in sorrow at your feet,  
haunted by hunger, war and fear,  
oppressed by power and hate.

*Lord, we haunted by war.*

*While the memory of it fades,  
the stories of wars in Ukraine, Palestine & Israel,  
Sudan, Congo, Myanmar, & numerous other conflicts,  
are soaking the earth in sorrow  
to the point of numbing us.*

*We lay our broken world at your feet  
and we pray.*

♪ Here human life seems less  
than profit, might and pride,  
though to unite us all in you,  
you lived and loved and died.



*May your Spirit help all those in the church  
to change the priorities of the world  
away from profit, might and pride,  
to human life.*

*We pray for those who make the choices,  
that they hear the wisdom of your Spirit  
and lead in ways that honour all life.*

*We pray for all those who have no choice but to participate...*

*We pray for those caught in conflicts...*

*We pray for refugees...*

*We pray that we may be instruments of your peace.*

♪ *We bring our broken towns,  
our neighbours hurt and bruised;  
you show us how old pain and wounds  
for new life can be used.*

*We recognize that there are troubles here - in Montréal.  
We're neighbours don't respect each other  
and our community doesn't look after those in need.  
May your Spirit heal old wounds,  
and may we help.*

♪ *We bring our broken loves,  
friends parted, families torn;  
then in your life and death we see  
that love must be reborn.*

*Lord, we need healing too.  
There are those of us whose bodies and minds  
are ill. Please heal them...  
We carry shrapnel from relationships,*

*that hurt our ability to love everyone as you do.*

*Heal us.*

*Lord, help us to see your love,  
to know your love,  
and to share your love  
so that everyone will know your peace.*

*In Jesus name*

**Amen.**

♪ Hymn: All creatures of our God and King.....pg 12 (433)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtT3SRnnG0I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtT3SRnnG0I)

✦ **Benediction** (Numbers 6:24-26)

*The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.*



## Jesus, lover of my soul

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Em Em/B B Em B7 Em B

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,  
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on thee.  
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:  
 4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

Em F Em/B B7 Em B G Am6

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest  
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and  
 raise the fal - len, cheer the faint; heal the sick and  
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me

Em/B B7 Em C G C Am6 G D7 G

still is high: hide me, O my Sav - iour, hide,  
 com - fort me. All my trust on thee is stayed;  
 lead the blind. Just and ho - ly is thy name;  
 pure with - in: thou of life the foun - tain art,

Em B Em D G F# Bm C G

till the storm of life is past, safe in - to the  
 all my help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -  
 I am all un - right - eous - ness: false and full of  
 free - ly let me take of thee; spring thou up with -

Em Am B Em Em/B B7 Em

ha - ven guide; oh re - ceive my soul at last.  
 fence - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.  
 sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.  
 in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

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## Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Optional Refrain  $\text{♩} = \text{♩}^3$

F B<sup>b</sup> F C

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

F F7 B<sup>b</sup> C7 Dm F/C C7 F Fine

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

B<sup>b</sup> F C7

1 I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see?  
 2 If you get there be - fore I do,  
 3 The bright - est day that ev - er I saw:  
 4 I'm some - times up and some - times down,

F C7 F F7

Com - ing for to car - ry me home. A band of an - gels  
 com - ing for to car - ry me home. Tell all my friends I'm  
 com - ing for to car - ry me home. When Je - sus washed my  
 com - ing for to car - ry me home. But still my soul feels

B<sup>b</sup> F Dm F/C C7 F To Refrain

com - ing af - ter me, com - ing for to car - ry me home.  
 com - ing there too, com - ing for to car - ry me home.  
 sins a - way, com - ing for to car - ry me home.  
 heaven - ly bound, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

## Breathe on me, breath of God

TRENTHAM 6 6 8 6 SM

F B<sup>b</sup>/F B<sup>b</sup>m/F F /A C7/GF B<sup>b</sup>6 Dm/B<sup>b</sup>C F B<sup>b</sup>/FGm6

1. Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life a - new, that I may  
 2. Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure, un - til with  
 3. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine, un - til this  
 4. Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I nev - er die, but live with

F/A F B<sup>b</sup>maj7 B<sup>b</sup>6 Gm /B<sup>b</sup> F/C (C F/C) C7 F

love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.  
 thee I will one will to do and to en - dure.  
 earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

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# All creatures of our God and King

*Unison* Eb (/D) Cm Fm7 Bbsus4 - 3 Eb/G Ab

1. All crea-tures of our God and King lift  
 2. Wild rush-ing wind, un - bound-ed, strong, high  
 3. Deep flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make  
 4. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day brings  
 5. Let eve - ry - one of ten - der heart, for -  
 6. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and

Eb/G Fm6 Eb /D Cm Fm7 Bbsus4 - 3 /Ab Eb/G Absus2-1 Eb Cm Bb/D

up your voice and with us sing:  
 clouds that sail in heaven a - long:  
 mu - sic for your God to hear: sing prais - es, hal-le -  
 forth your bless-ings on our way:  
 giv - ing oth - ers, take their part:  
 wor - ship God in hum - ble-ness:

Words: based on Francis of Assisi's "Canticle of the Sun" (1182-1226), translation, William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt Music: Auserlesene Katholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne 1623; harmony, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); descant, Christopher Gower (1939-)

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*Unison* Eb6 F Bb Eb/G Eb /D Cm7 Bb7/D Eb Ab/C Bbsus4 - 3 /Ab

O broth - er sun with gold - en beam,  
 New ris - ing dawn in praise re - joyce,  
 lu - jah! Pierce fire, so mas - ter - ful and bright,  
 All flowers and fruit that in you grow,  
 Praise, All who long pain and sor - row bear,  
 praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son,

*Harmony* Eb/G Bb7/F Eb Ab/C Eb/Bb Ab Eb/G Eb Ab/C Ab6 Bb/Ab Eb/G Fm7 Eb/G

O sis - ter moon with sil - ver gleam,  
 kind lights of eve - ning, find a voice:  
 pierce now the dark with heat and light: sing prais - es, sing  
 let them God's glo - ry al - so show:  
 give God your bur - dens and your care:  
 and praise the Spir - it, Three - in - One:

*Unison* Ab6 Bb7 Cm Bb/D Eb6 F Bb Cm7 Eb6 Fm Bb7/D C7 Fm Eb/G Ab6 Bb 7 Eb

prais - es, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

## We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet

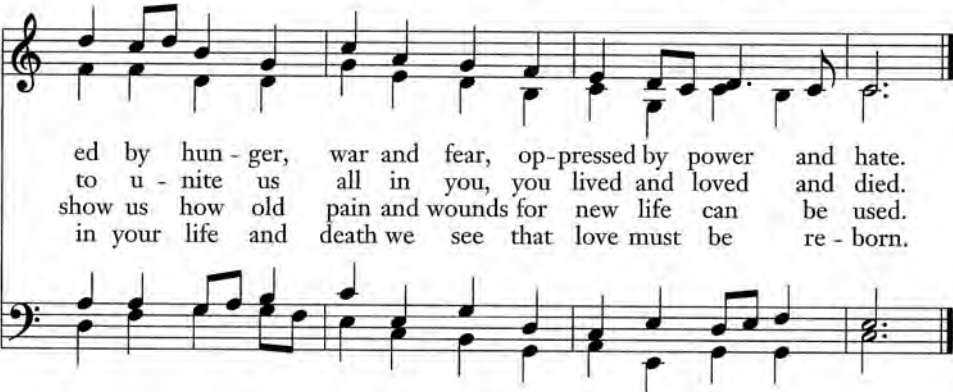
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G/B C G 7 Am G/B C G/D C/E Cmaj7 F



1. We lay our bro-ken world in sor-row at your feet, haunt-  
 2. Here hu-man life seems less than pro-fit, might and pride, though  
 3. We bring our bro-ken towns, our neigh-bours hurt and bruised; you  
 4. We bring our bro-ken loves, friends part-ed, fam-ilies torn; then

Dm /F G C/E C6 G/B G7 Am C/E Gsus4-3 C



ed by hun-ger, war and fear, op-pressed by power and hate.  
 to u-nite us all in you, you lived and loved and died.  
 show us how old pain and wounds for new life can be used.  
 in your life and death we see that love must be re-born.

5. We bring our broken selves,  
 confused and closed and tired;  
 then through your gift of healing grace  
 new purpose is inspired.
6. O Spirit, on us breathe  
 with life and strength anew;  
 find in us love, and hope, and trust,  
 and lift us up to you.

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### DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday, November 12** We give thanks for the ministry and mission of the Well Church (Mississauga) and pray that the congregation will continue to build a firm foundation in Christ.

**Monday, November 13** We give thanks for the many Presbyterians serving on General Assembly Committees as they meet and work to support the many ministries of our church.

**Tuesday, November 14** We pray for international students who have left their homelands to further their education. We give thanks for them, their families and their communities. May their faith in God sustain and comfort them in times of loneliness, sadness, and grief.

**Wednesday, November 15** We pray for the Rev. Mary Fontaine, Moderator of the 2023 General Assembly, and for Hummingbird Ministries, an Indigenous healing and reconciliation effort.

**Thursday, November 16** We pray that we live out the commitment of this church that "all forms of racism are contrary to the will and mind of Christ," and that we seek God's promise of newness and difference if we end this form of violence; that we seek right relations as we recognize the harms done by racism, which continues to foster violence in our society.

**Friday, November 17** We pray that God will continue to raise up leaders with vision, willing to honour and give glory to God by using their gifts for the on-going mission of the church.

**Saturday, November 18** We pray for people who suffer from addiction, that they find hope and guidance through God's love.