

**ST. DAVID & ST. MARTIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

444 St. Laurent Blvd.
Ottawa, Ontario K1K 2Z6
Interim Moderator: Rev. Blair Bertrand
Moderator Pro Tem: Rev. Meg Patterson

**27 SEPTEMBER 2026
11:30 AM EDT
6:30 PM EAT**

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Leading Worship: Rev. Meg Patterson

Music: Jennifer Channen

ENTRY OF THE BIBLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: For the beauty of the autumn day,

People: And the comfort of friends nearby;

Leader: For the invitation to love and be loved,

People: For our God who extends that call;

Leader: For time set apart to nourish the soul,

People: For time to go out into the world armed with love:

Leader: For all these things we give thanks. Let us worship God.

Source: Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

HYMN: *"In the bulb there is a flower"*

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: (UNISON)

Our purpose is: to seek to know God; to nurture spiritual growth; to love and worship God and to do God's work.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See slides at the end.)*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LESSONS FOR THE YOUNG

PRAISE IN THE AFRICAN WAY

**Hakuna Mungu Kama Wewe Ewe Mungu Wangu
by Twasema Asante from Kenya (we think)**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 130

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

People: Lord, hear my voice!

Leader: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

People: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, LORD, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in the LORD's word I hope;

People: my soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

Leader: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, with the LORD is great power to redeem.

People: It is the LORD who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-11

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

MATTHEW 25:1-13

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

“Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

“But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

MATTHIEU 25:1-13

»Alors le royaume des cieux ressemblera à dix jeunes filles qui ont pris leurs lampes pour aller à la rencontre du marié. Cinq d'entre elles étaient folles et cinq étaient sages. Celles qui étaient folles ne prirent pas d'huile avec elles en emportant leurs lampes, tandis que les sages prirent, avec leurs lampes, de l'huile dans des vases. Comme le marié tardait, toutes s'assoupirent et s'endormirent. Au milieu de la nuit, on cria: ‘Voici le marié, allez à sa rencontre!’ Alors toutes ces jeunes filles se réveillèrent et préparèrent leurs lampes. Les folles dirent aux sages: ‘Donnez-nous de votre huile, car nos lampes s'éteignent.’ Les sages répondirent: ‘Non, il n'y en aurait pas assez pour nous et pour vous. Allez plutôt chez ceux qui en vendent et achetez-en pour vous.’ Pendant qu'elles allaient en acheter, le marié arriva. Celles qui étaient prêtes entrèrent avec lui dans la salle des noces et la porte fut fermée. Plus tard, les autres jeunes filles vinrent et dirent: ‘Seigneur, Seigneur, ouvrez-nous!’ mais il répondit: ‘Je vous le dis en vérité, je ne vous connais pas.’ Restez donc vigilants, puisque vous ne savez ni le jour ni l'heure [où le Fils de l'homme viendra].

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

HYMN: *"God, reveal your presence"*

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SERMON: *Our truly non-renewable resource*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OUR OFFERING

DOXOLOGY: *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING

PRAYER FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. Forever. AMEN

HYMN: **"All creatures of our God and King"**

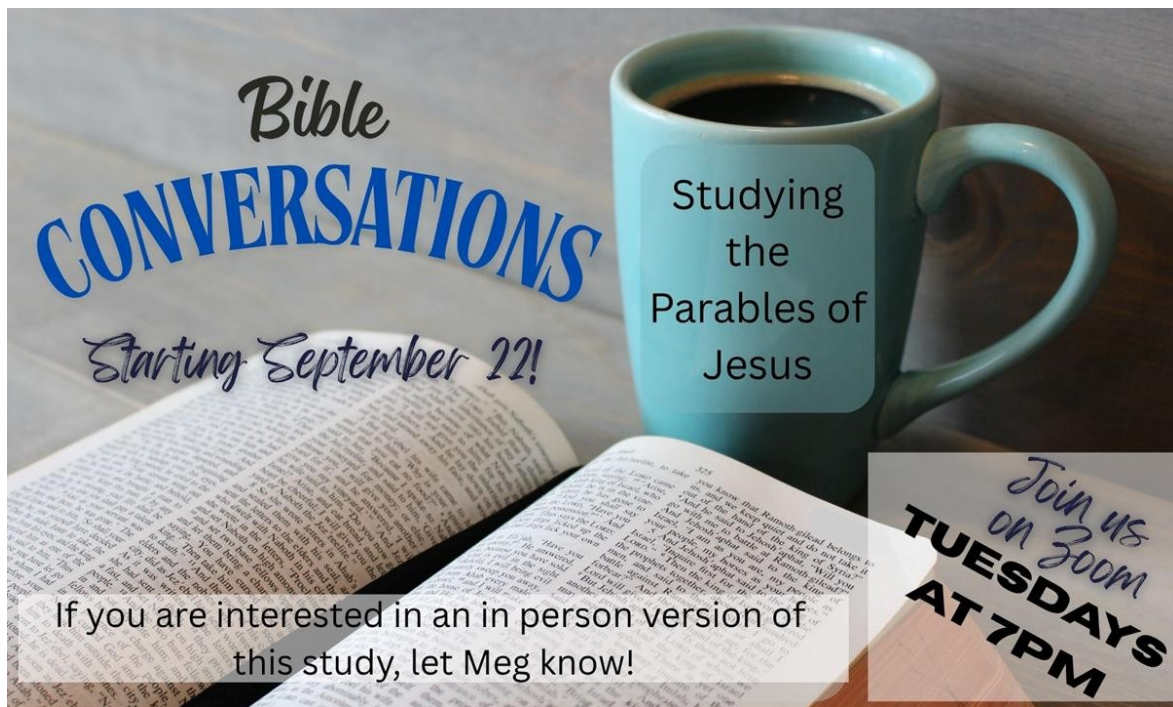
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COMMISSIONING : *"Go Now In Peace"* (Sung)

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN (Sung)

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST



Bible
CONVERSATIONS
Starting September 22!

Studying
the
Parables of
Jesus

If you are interested in an in person version of
this study, let Meg know!

*Join us
on Zoom
TUESDAYS
AT 7PM*

The Animator Presents

**WE ARE
LOOKING FOR NEW
MEMBERS**

**INVEST IN
THE
NEXT
GENERATION**

Join the Youth Working Group



JOIN US IF YOU LOVE

- Event Planning
- Mentoring
- Teamwork

REQUIREMENTS

Monthly meetings, a desire to reach the young people in the Presbyteries, planning fun, exciting large groups events and living out the Gospel

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SHARING THE WORD

Led by Principal Roland De Vries

Registration is now open for Sharing the Word, an online study for lay leaders. This study, led by Principal Roland De Vries, focuses on preaching. It will build competencies for exploring scripture and proclaiming the Good News. For those who are enrolled in the Certificate in Lay Leadership, this is one of four required studies. For more information or to register scan the QR Code.



Voices of our Christian Sisters and Brothers in Palestine

An Opportunity to Learn in Community

EyeWitness

The Reverend Dr. Dorcas Gordon

Dorcas Gordon is the Principal Emeritus of Knox College, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, with a long history of accompanying Palestinian Christian sisters and brothers in their witness.

Between 2012 and 2019 Dorcas with her husband Noel led study tours based on the 2009 Kairos document.

Since October 7, 2023 she has travelled three times to Palestine, and was commissioned to write a report and study guide by the WMS which has just been published.

**Saturday October 3rd
3:00 p.m.**

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