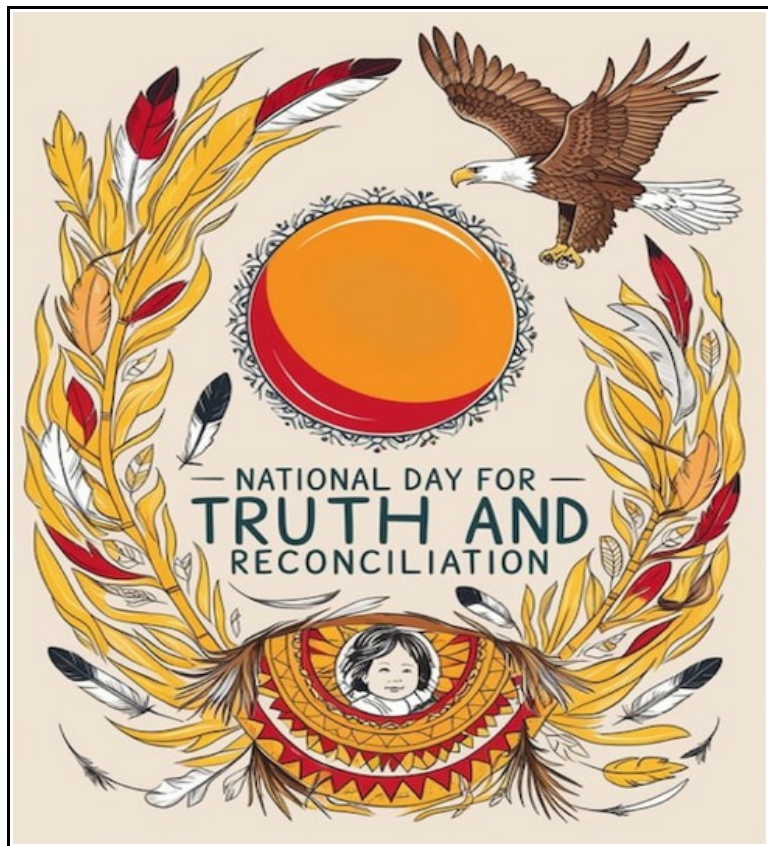




*Zion Evangelical United Church
1886 ~ 2026*

*Empowered by God's Love
for 140 Years!*

Our Mission Statement

*"To be a welcoming, Christ centered community,
empowered to share God's love and to make disciples
for Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship,
teaching, prayer, and acts of caring."*

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Rev. Sheldon Alley

Prelude

Shelley Jodoin

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Alley

We would like to acknowledge that the lands on which we live, work, study, and worship are the unceded, unsundered territory of the Algonquin Anishinabe Nation. For countless generations, the Algonquin people have been stewards of the lands and waters along the beautiful Ottawa River—and its tributaries. We honour their enduring relationship with this land, their deep cultural and spiritual connection to the river, and their role as protectors of its life-giving flow. We express gratitude for their hospitality, wisdom, and care, and commit ourselves to learning from and supporting the voices and values of the Algonquin Nation. May our presence here reflect respect, responsibility, and a shared vision for a future rooted in reconciliation and harmony with the land and water.

Announcements

Eunice Getz

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Alley

Hymn

Come In, Come In And Sit Down

#395

(Voices United—Red Book)

Call to Worship

Creator God, help us to be discoverers in all your sacred creation. Your good wisdom shows us the interconnectedness of all living things, teaches us about balance, and wellness, and about living in harmony.

**Teach us to seek knowledge from our neighbors and all of nature.
Empower us to share your love through curiosity and respect
with all we meet on our journey of life.**

Help us to discover the power that lies in the wisdom and understanding of our interconnected roles in your Great Mystery of Life. Help us to honour every living thing as something to teach us.

God, may our spirits be in harmony as we gather together in Your time of worship!

Prayer of Confession

God of love and justice; voice of the oppressed; merciful to the broken, we turn to hear your voice. We acknowledge the harm caused by our Church, through the forcible taking of Indigenous children from their families, homes, and communities.

For where there was joy, we took it; laughter, we stifled it; play, we turned it to tears; and family, we broke it.

We ask for forgiveness for our active participation in the running of the residential schools and taking children from their families. We commit to the ongoing process of undoing our own internal sense of superiority. We continue to work for healing and reconciliation of our own brokenness.

We ask that you care for the families who lost children and You help bring home all those children who remain nameless in unmarked graves. Loving and Healing God, you know the names and stories of all the missing and harmed children, and those who never made it home. Hold them all in your love.

For the intergenerational harm that is caused through the denialism of truths, we ask for strength to walk together as Indigenous and Non-Indigenous people. We repent and renew our commitment to walk a new path of seeking understanding.

Comforting God, we pray for healing in the communities and families of all who experienced residential schools. We ask for strength and wisdom, compassion and understanding to fully pursue reconciliation, opening our hearts and minds to you. Amen.

Prayer of Assurance

Our Creator is the mystery and fullness of love and truth, giving us humility to seek forgiveness when we have caused harm; instilling in us open hearts to share love of self and neighbour; to seek wholeness out of brokenness; to live raising each other up in love and strength, rather than wielding authority and control over others. **Thanks be to the God of glory, justice, and compassion. Amen.**

Youth Time

Choir

“Until Then”

Prayer for Understanding

Eternal God, you know our hearts and minds. Bless this time together that in reading, hearing and reflecting on your Word together, we may be changed. We surrender this time to you and ask for your blessing upon it. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Margaret Ferguson

Philippians 2: 1-13 (pg 1139)

Responsive Reading

Psalms 78: 1-4, 12-16

(Please see back of bulletin)

Scripture

Matthew 21: 23-32 (pg 955)

*“Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**”*

Message

Rev. Alley

Hymn

The Solid Rock

#526

(Offerings are held during prayer of dedication and placed on altar)

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Today, we have been blessed with the gift of humility and the courage to face difficult truths with strength and gentleness.

**We ask you to bless these humble gifts we offer to you today.
We ask that they may be used to strengthen others in their
journey to wholeness. Amen.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Healing God, we praise you and we thank you for all your gifts.
Hear now our prayers as we lift our voices and say, **“Lord in your
mercy, hear our prayers.”**

Grant that your church might be a light in the darkness, a refuge in
uncertainty, and an example of love in action to bring forth a world
healed by love. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Bring together the people of this nation in reconciliation and
peace, that together we might build a community whose
foundation is the recognition of the dignity of all people. **Lord in
your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Light a fire in our hearts, that we might feel compelled to show
your love in our actions and words through the moments of our
daily lives. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

May your peace and justice prevail in areas of conflict around the
world, that all people everywhere may know liberty and be free to
live into their God-granted potential. **Lord in your mercy, hear our
prayer.**

Mend what is broken and make whole what is missing in the lives
of all who suffer and grant your healing power to those in need.
We pray for those named or silent. **Lord in your mercy, hear our
prayers.**

**Loving God, you have always provided all that we need and
showed us the path to abundant life made manifest in your Son,
our Lord, Christ Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and
reigns, One God, now and always.**

And now we join together and pray in the way we were taught saying, “Our Father...”

First Nation's Version of The Lord's Prayer

(An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament)

**O Great Spirit, our Father from above,
we honour your name as sacred and holy.
Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways
in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below.**

**Provide for us day by day—the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.
The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.
All the things we need for each day.**

**Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way
we release others for the things done wrong to us.
Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your
good road, and set us free from the evil one
and his worthless ways.
Aho! May it be so. Amen.**

Hymn	<i>I Love To Tell The Story</i>	#444
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Benediction

May our path that we walk show the footprints of God's love; our turning be toward the way of the risen Christ alive among us with the power of the Holy Spirit, building right relations; of respect, equity and compassion among all God's people, and within all of creation. We rejoice in the vastness of God poured out in all creation. **Amen.**

Postlude Shelley Jodoin

ZION'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family & Friends of Zion,

Welcome everyone to this morning's time of worship. We are grateful to have our Wesley friends with us this morning. We give thanks to our musicians who are providing our music and to those who have come together to sing in our choir.

Our Sunday School Program is open for any children who would like to join. The program activities consist of lessons, music, crafts and games. If you are interested in helping with the children in Sunday School, no experience is needed, however, a Vulnerable Sector Check is required. Please contact Kathy at 613-732-4443 or email Tara at tftennant@gmail.com.

Coffee Time

All are invited to join us following our service. Thank you to the ladies who came together to provide refreshments for this time of fellowship.

Sympathies

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Beudis and Doug Buder for the loss of Beudis' beautiful sister, Ann Jackson, who passed away on September 21st. Visitation and Service information is available through Malcolm, Deavitt & Binhammer Funeral Home.

It is also with great sadness that we announce the passing of Steve Ulicska. Service details are unavailable at this time.

If you have prayer requests for yourself, family or friends please call Heather Lariviere, our Prayer Chain Leader at 613-735-2825. Let Heather know if you would like your name to be printed in our Sunday bulletin.

Keep in your prayers those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, those experiencing or recovering from illness and surgeries and those going through challenging and difficult times.

We especially ask that you remember in prayer, Rev. Dave Bauman and Maureen, The Getz Family, Myrtle Gutz, Rodney & Margaret Krieger, Erna Maves, Evelyn Maves, Burton Maves, Sandra Maves, Les and Janice Reavie, Doreen Schroeder and Martin Verkrusen.

Pastoral Care for Zion and Wesley

Pastor Dave Henderson will visit those in hospital or Palliative Care when requested and serve Communion. Arla Bailey from Wesley and Eunice Getz from Zion will be our contact people to reach out to Pastor Dave. Call Eunice at 613-732-8004 and Arla at 613-732-9438.

Outreach Committee

Please join Sherry for a brief meeting following our Service on Sunday, October 4th.

Zion Fall Tea Party

Our event was very much enjoyed and so many positive comments have been received. We sold 71 of our 77 tickets and 67 guests were able to attend. Esther Prins presented a message of hope based on the Rhythms of Life. She and her husband Curtis shared some beautiful musical pieces.

Thank you to Susan for directing us through each phase of our afternoon with some funny stories, poetry and prayers. Thanks to Mike for assisting with the sound for our guest speakers. Some beautiful door prizes were very much appreciated by our guests. Thank you to Heather for getting all the door prizes put together and thank you to her husband, Denis, for making some lovely table favours for all the ladies.

An incredible amount of organization and work went into preparing for the Tea Party. We are so fortunate to have a team of ladies who came together to decorate our hall, donate door prizes and delicious desserts, shop for food items, and prepare all our party food items.

The ladies shared every task to make our party run smoothly either by working in the kitchen or serving our guests. Thank you to our team, Kathy, Tara, Debbie, Heather, Susan, Eunice, Betty, Joan Buder, Joan deHaan, Shirley and Sherry.

Thank you to Marlyn for her donations to the Tea Party and for providing items for our Fall Sale Table. Thank you to Larry Grahl for his generous donation of pickles and to Debbie for her donation of delicious homemade jam. Our event raised \$1478 and a portion of the proceeds will support our First Step Options neighbours.

Chair Yoga

Our first yoga session took place yesterday in the church basement. Updates about any future sessions will follow.

Zion's 140th Anniversary Service

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how Zion can celebrate this event, please let Susan Hanniman or Eunice Getz know this week.

Supply Organist / Pianist

Zion church is searching for a supply organist/pianist to fill in one Sunday per month for our 11:00 Worship Services. If you would like more information, please contact our Church Office at 613-732-9493. Leave your name and contact number and a brief message and we will get in touch with you.

New Sign Funds

We have raised \$5563.95 as of September 20th. We are still \$249.90 short of our amount to be paid to Sun Sign Graphics. If you would like to help us finish raising these funds, please write, "New Sign" on your envelope beside Building Account. Thank you for all the donations and support in working toward this goal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4—Outreach Committee Meeting
Following our Worship Service

October 11—Thanksgiving Sunday at Zion at 11:00

October 18—Anniversary Service at Zion at 11:00
Instrumental Trio led by Kirsten Waymann

October 25—All United Churches at Calvin at 10:00

COMMUNITY EVENTS (Please see our bulletin board)

First Step Options—“Baby Bump Party”

- A list of needed items is posted.
- Items you may wish to contribute to this cause can be placed in the purple box at our church parking lot door entrance.

First Step Options—The “Connected” Program

- Starting Monday, September 28th to November 16th from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

First Step Options—“Rhythms of Hope”

- Fundraising Concert on October 3rd from 2:00 to 3:30 at the Pembroke Pentecostal Tabernacle

First Presbyterian Church Fall Harvest Luncheon

- Thursday, October 22nd in Church Fellowship Hall
11:30 to 2:00 at 257 Pembroke Street West
Enter at Parking Lot Back Door
Serving soup, sandwiches, and pie
Tickets—\$25 and can be purchased at Astrid's Florals, or by calling Marina Dennison at 613-732-1657
Gluten free options and Take-Out are available

Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16
Responsive Reading

O my people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
what we have heard and known,
what our fathers have told us.

**We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders he has done.**

He did miracles in the sight of their fathers
in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan.

**He divided the sea and led them through;
he made the water stand firm like a wall.**

He guided them with the cloud by day
and with light from the fire all night.

**He split the rocks in the desert
and gave them water as abundant as the seas;**
he brought streams out of a rocky crag
and made water flow down like rivers.

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