

**St. Cyprian's Anglican Church
and Iona Presbyterian Church**
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Church office hours: Tuesdays & Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship by Zoom and in person 10:30 a.m.



**Transfiguration Sunday
February 15, 2026**

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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Mississauga. We acknowledge this territory's significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live, upon it and whose practices and spiritualities were tied to the land and continue to develop in relationship to the territory and its other inhabitants today.

Morning Prayer

(from Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship* and the PCC "Worship Planner")

Leader and Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Oakes

Welcome

Processional Hymn #5: *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Leader: The God of glory rules over the earth in majesty and mystery.

People: **We praise God's holy name!**

Leader: The Spirit of God empowers and calls us to minister together in unity.

People: **We come to honour God's purposes with love and loyalty.**

Leader: The Christ of glory shines in this place.

People: **We praise God's holy name!**

Prayer of Adoration

Leader: God of grace and of wonder, you are the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you and the strength of those who serve you. In you we have our beginning and our end and in you we find our life's purpose. We come to worship, to marvel in your goodness and seek your truth, as we offer all

praise and honour to you, with Christ and the Holy Spirit, One God, mighty and merciful, now and always.

In recalling all that you do and all that you are, we remember what we have done and who we are; and so to begin again with you and each other, we confess our sins:

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

All: **God of mystery and mercy, we confess that we too often mistake our own desires for your will. We are distracted by our own desires and disappointments and we cling to fantasies and false promises. We fear for the future rather than seeking signs of hope and we preserve what is, rather than work for what you desire to be. Forgive our sins against you and against one another, we pray, in thought, word, and deed, and help us become who you made us to be, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Leader: Scripture reminds us that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), but “if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). So let us receive the truth that we are forgiven through God’s love in Jesus Christ. God offers us mercy and new of life this day, as every other day. Let us at peace with God, with ourselves and with one another.

People: **All glory be to God. Amen.**

The Peace

Leader: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: God of word and wisdom, as we read the scriptures, open our eyes to see your wonderful truth. May our hearts embrace your Word and may the Holy Spirit direct us in following it in our lives in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: 2 Peter 1:16–21 – Marcus Berger

Reader: A reading from first chapter of the second Epistle of Peter, beginning at verse 16.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eye-witnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 99

Leader: **¹The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!**
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

People: **²The LORD is great in Zion;**
he is exalted over all the peoples.

Leader: **³Let them praise your great and awesome name.**
Holy is he!

People: **⁴Mighty King, lover of justice,**
you have established equity; you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.

Leader: **⁵Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool.**
Holy is he!

People: **⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests,**
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

Leader: **⁷He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;**
they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

People: **⁸O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving**
God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Leader: **⁹Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;**
for the LORD our God is holy.

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world**
without end. Amen.

Gradual Hymn #619: *Fairest Lord Jesus* (vv. 1–2):

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1–9 – Mary Nagrani

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the seventeenth chapter of Saint Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

17 After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. **2** There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. **3** Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

4 Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground, terrified. **7** But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” **8** When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn #619: *Fairest Lord Jesus* (vv. 3–4)

Sermon: “Christ in Glory” – John Oakes

Choir Anthem: “*If You Love Me*” (Joel Raney)

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray and to present to you our intercessions for others. By your Holy Spirit, be present to guide us so that our prayers may serve your will and show your steadfast love for all. Loving God, with gladness we praise you for creating and sustaining all things. We thank you that you

have made us in your own image to glorify you, to love one another and to care for your creation. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ who saves and redeems us by grace through faith in him, and for your precious Holy Spirit, who empowers and equips us for your service. We also praise you for the many other ways in which you bless us, including those which we now name . . .

Please add your own prayers of thanksgiving

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the church and all those serving as leaders in it, including Bishops Andrew, Kevin and Ryscilla, Interim Moderator Alex, John our priest and pastor, and others in leadership at St. Cyprian's and Iona.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask for peace among the nations, especially those of Ukraine, Russia, Syria, and many others torn apart by armed conflict and strife.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We lift up those in positions of authority and responsibility at all levels of government, including Prime Minister Carney, Premier Ford and Mayor Chow. Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the victims of poverty, the homelessness, racism and hunger and for all who seek to meet their needs. Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**
Leader: We intercede for those who are suffering from sickness of any kind, or from grief and loneliness, including Diane, Edna, Judy, Margaret, Jessima, and all others whom we now name . . .

Please add other names silently or aloud

Lord in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**
Leader: We lift up our own needs and those of others who are especially on our minds and hearts this morning . . .

Please add other names silently or aloud

Lord in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer.**
Leader: Eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Offertory Invitation

Leader: God reached out to the world in Christ Jesus, calling us to share God's transforming love. We offer our gifts as a sign of our readiness to follow God, praying they will become tangible tokens of that transforming love.

Offertory Hymn #354: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Prayer of Dedication

Leader: God of love that transforms lives, we offer our gifts in gratitude for all we have received in Christ, your beloved Son. Take our gifts and transform them into acts of love that will bless the world in his name. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All: **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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.**

Leader: Glory to God.

All: **Whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation. In the church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever, Amen.**

Announcements

Benediction

Leader: Go into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Love God and one another, follow Christ, rejoicing in the power

of the Holy Spirit; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #460: *Shine Jesus Shine*

Dismissal

Leader: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome!

Welcome to St. Cyprian's and Iona, as we continue our combined worship and ministry at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. After today's service, we invite everyone to join a joint fellowship time together **in the Iona space.**

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Reginald Ford from Una Ford and Family

Sunday Study Series

We continue our Sunday series, “**A Life Worth Living**,” in the Fellowship Room at noon today. A **free lunch** will be followed by a **Bible Study on Philippians with Nicky Gumbel** on video. We aim to **finish by 1:30 p.m.** All welcome!

Noon Meditation

The Wednesday meditation is taking a week's break this week. It will resume on February 25 with David Rudd and others at 12 noon on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9321564941?pwd=QmhLdDZ6ekQ2a1FLMmRWK2tXU0F0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 932 156 4941

Passcode: 1080

Friday Zoom Bible Study

Rev. John's **weekly Zoom Bible Study**, which generally meets on Fridays at 7 p.m., on Zoom, **is not meeting through Lent**. Instead, members are encouraged to join the Wednesday evening services online

Wednesday Services in Lent

On Ash Wednesday, February 18, there will be a Holy Communion service with imposition of ashes at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Basic coverage should also be available on Zoom.

On Wednesday evenings through Lent, there will then be a Zoom-only Compline or Evening Prayer service at 8:00 p.m., using the Sunday Zoom link.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**St Cyprian's Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 17,
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Tickets are now available from: Carol Berger, Hanson Lam, Stacey Leslie as well as Bob in our Church office (no cost but allows us to help with preparations).

Raffle Prizes gratefully accepted if you would like to donate.

Desserts are welcomed on February 17 to complete our meal.

Sign-up sheet available . . . help is always appreciated

St. Cyprian's Annual Vestry Meeting

St. Cyprian's Annual Vestry meeting will be held on Sunday, February 22, at 12:15 p.m. following the service. All parish members and attenders are invited and encouraged to attend.

A light lunch will be served, with sandwiches and drinks provided. A sign-up sheet is available on the front table to add items to complete our lunch. We appreciate your assistance.

Iona Annual Meeting Preparations

Iona's annual meeting will take place on **March 1** after church. Ministry reports are due with Bob at the church office by **February 15**.

Ministry Opportunities

There are **ministry opportunities** in a number of different areas, for which **volunteers are welcome**. To help, **please contact Rev. John or one of the St. Cyprian's wardens or Iona elders**.

Happy Birthdays

Stacey Leslie Feb 15

Ava Nicole Banfield Feb 20 (2007)

Michael Banfield Feb 20

Vonnie Heywood Feb 22

Happy birthday, Happy birthday, God loves you.

Happy birthday and may all your dreams come true.

When you blow out the candles, one light stays aglow

It's the love light of our Lord for all to know.