



# Westview Words

Farewell Edition, Fall 2023

## From the Interim Moderator

Who imagined we'd end up here?

When I was appointed interim moderator in 2019, I was quite sure I'd only be with you for a year, during which a new minister would be called and Westview and Faith would continue with their joyful, hugging, spirit-filled worship and service to the world beyond their church walls. Instead, after considering various options, we are grieving the last days of a beloved Christian community.

Once again, the philosophy of Beatle John Lennon comes to mind. "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans".

A few words from the Book of Proverbs also come to mind.

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.  
In all your ways acknowledge God, and God will make straight your paths.*  
Proverbs 3:5-6

I believe the 75-year Westview journey is one marked by trust in God right up to the end. As you reflect on your part of the journey, I'm sure you can recall many signs of God's guiding Spirit along the way. People and events will spring to mind. You will remember family and friends who sat in the pews with you, as well as ministers and musicians who led you in worship. Dinners and parties. Bazaars and yard sales. You will remember the smiles and tears of weddings, baptisms and funerals. And so much more.

Though ministry at Westview will soon end, Christ Jesus will continue his ministry through his church. You will find new places to worship and the proceeds from the sale of the Westview building will contribute to Indigenous Ministries across Canada, support ministries within the Presbytery of East Toronto, and spark hope in Presbyterian congregations across the land who receive various kinds of funding from national agencies. Like the story of Easter, through death springs new life.

It has been a blessing for me to serve this congregation. I am deeply grateful to the elders for the faithful and loving way they fulfilled their duties. I feel I must single out Cathy, Glen, Nick, and Phyllis, who humbly and happily provided spiritual, administrative, technical and musical support that enabled Westview to continue ministry, week ... after week ... after week ... through this final vacancy and the darkest days of COVID.

As the final days slip by, I encourage you to ponder the words of Jesus when he said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." John 14:27

In Christian service,

Don Muir  
Interim Moderator

# Worship at Westview

**In-Person and on-line worship, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Westview worship livestream @9:30 a.m. Sundays**

**Two ways to connect:**

**Westview's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WestviewTO> . If you haven't already, don't forget to "like" us so that you will automatically receive notifications when we are live.**

**Westview's website: <https://wvchurch.wordpress.com/>.**

After serving the Lord and our community for 75 years, our Westview congregation has now arrived at the point where we can no longer sustain our ministry due to a lack of sufficient financial resources and low attendance. The Westview congregation has had to make the difficult decision to dissolve (close) Westview Presbyterian Church, and this was approved by the Toronto East Presbytery on Tuesday October 3 2023. This dissolution (closing) will be effective December 31, 2023. It is indeed a time of great sadness, but also an opportunity for individual renewal of faith and service for the people of Westview.

**Our final worship service will be held on Sunday November 26 2023 at 9:30 a.m.** It will be held in-person, but also broadcast online for those that are unable to attend. You are all invited to join us and give thanks for our church family and celebrate the Lord's work that has taken place through us since 1948.

Sunday, November 5: Remembrance Sunday  
Rev. Jim McKnight  
Clocks go back one hour!



Sunday, November 12: Rev. Jim McKnight

Sunday, November 19: David Taylor

Sunday, November 26: Christ the King Sunday  
Westview's final worship service  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Rev. Victor Kim



We thank God that our church community has been able to continue to support local, national and international ministries for many decades. We are also deeply grateful for those who encourage our congregation with prayer and finances.

If you would like to make a financial contribution to our Children's Fund, which supports the PWS&D Garu Rehab Program in Ghana, your donations will be gratefully received via e-transfer to:

[westview233@gmail.com](mailto:westview233@gmail.com)

or by cheque mailed to the church:

Westview Presbyterian Church  
233 Westview Blvd, Toronto ON, M4B 3J7

or by cash or cheque in the offering plate on Sunday mornings

## Stewardship Moment

All Christians are but God's stewards.  
Everything we have is on loan from the Lord,  
entrusted to us for a while to use in serving Him.

John MacArthur



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To our Westview friends and family,

We had our session meeting last week where we were able to discuss the closing of Westview. We know that this decision was not an easy one to make but we trust that God's guidance led your congregation to this decision.

Know that we will continue to pray for Westview and the journey ahead. We will continue to pray for your members, your Session and especially for you, Phyllis, Cathy, Glen and Nick, who we know have put your heart and soul into keeping Westview open and functioning.

It has been a beautiful journey worshipping with the wonderful people at Westview, and your congregation is always welcome to worship with us. Our thoughts and love to all of you.

Love,  
Your Faith Family

*Sharon Maharaj*  
*Clerk of Session*  
*Faith Presbyterian Community Church*  
*140 Dawes Road, East York, Ontario*

### **Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church Invitation**

**Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church** welcomes our siblings in Christ from **Westview Presbyterian Church** to join us as they are able for our services and programs. Fallingbrook is thankful for the relationship that we have made with the Westview congregation over the years and we hope that this may continue in the future. Rev. Angela J. Cluney wishes to extend a special thank you to the Westview congregation for your gracious kindness and support of her ministry over the past 22 years.

**Fallingbrook Worship Services** are held weekly at **10:30 a.m.** in the Sanctuary at **35 Wood Glen Road** and on livestream via our website or Facebook Live.

There is a parking lot behind the Church for ease of building access with a lift for accessibility between floors. The church can be accessed via the TTC from the 12 Kingston Road bus at the Wood Glen stop on the south and the Queensbury stop on the north.

**Fallingbrook is an Affirming Congregation.** The Sunday worship services are available on video via Facebook and the website after the service ends on Sunday mornings. A time of Fellowship following the services commences in the Friendship Hall. **All are welcomed to join us!**

#### **Upcoming Service Highlights:**

**December 3: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent & Communion service** with Guest organist: Nick Jessome

**December 10: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent** with Guest organist: Nick Jessome

**December 17: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent & Lessons & Carols Service** with music by: the Fallingbrook Church Choir and accompanied by: Anne Ellis

**December 24: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent** with special music

**December 24: Christmas Eve Service** with special music at 7 p.m.

**December 31: First Sunday after Christmas Worship – 12 Days of Christmas**

#### **Upcoming Special Events:**

**Fallingbrook Church Bazaar – Saturday, November 11** from **10 a.m. -2 p.m.** We will have crafts, knitting, home baking, preserves, pajamas and a raffle for Baskets. Sit down with friends at our Snack Shack!

To learn more about our events, programs or Fallingbrook please contact us at:  
416-699-3084 or [fboffice@rogers.com](mailto:fboffice@rogers.com) or via our website: [fallingbrookpresbyterian.com](http://fallingbrookpresbyterian.com).

**Best Wishes:** On behalf of the congregation of Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church and their Minister, we wish the congregation of Westview Presbyterian Church God's richest blessings as you journey in this next step of your faith. **May God continue to live through you sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, extending the love of God Almighty and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit! For you are all a blessing!**

Greetings neighbours at Westview PC,

The congregation of Clairlea Park Presbyterian Church are praying for you as you mourn the closure of your church. This is a difficult time for you all.

As you seek a new faith community, we extend this invitation to you to come and experience an opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth through our uplifting worship services any Sunday at 10.30am. The "church with a big heart in a small building" as we are fondly known as, is situated at 3236 St. Clair Ave E. one block east of Pharmacy.

We offer a thriving church school, weekly prayer meetings, bible studies, ladies and men's fellowship groups, fellowship dinners, along with a choir.

Our church family is a warm, friendly welcoming one, we are certain you will feel at home among us in our growing faith community.

We look forward to meeting you!

Blessings,

Joyce Donaldson.  
Clerk of Session.

Westview Presbyterian Church

Dear Session and Congregants,

Receive Calvary greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour.

I am extremely sorry and disheartened to learn of the closing of Westview, but I assure you that we serve a Loving and Caring God who is always with us.

We at Wexford Presbyterian Church have a growing congregation and we welcome with open hearts new members and adherents, as well as Elders and leaders who are willing to serve. I am therefore graciously extending an invitation for your congregation to join our Sunday services which begin at 11:00 am -12.00. We are located at 7 Elinor Ave., Scarborough, On M1R 3H1 (Lawrence and Pharmacy area).

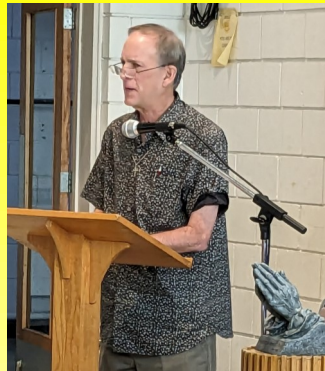
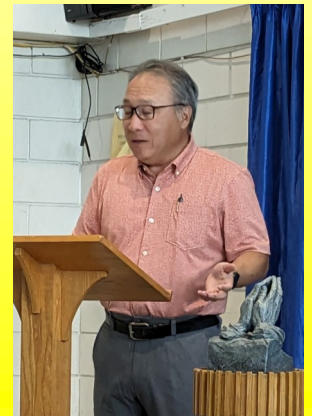
I am available at any time to answer any questions or concerns you may have. With your permission, we can drop flyers as well, to be inserted in your Sunday church Bulletin. This invitation is not about growing our church. This warm invitation is about staying together as a community. Together with your gifts and talents our community can be a better community. We are better together. Remember the words of the prophet Isaiah 41:10. "So do not fear, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand". God is with you the people of Westview Presbyterian Church during this time. I can be reached at 416-759-5947 (Church) or 647-389-8803 (Mobile if you have any questions).

I pray that you will give this invitation your earnest consideration and I look forward to welcoming you to Wexford with your gifts and talents to be part of our family. Please see below a flyer with a little bit of information about who we are and what our goal is.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

In Christ's love,  
Rev. Sandrah Mashingaidze, Minister  
Wexford Presbyterian Church  
7 Elinor Ave, Scarborough, ON M1R 2Y7  
416-759-5947 (Church)  
647-389-8803 (Mobile)

# Summer worship with Faith & Fallingbrook



Top left: The Sakerettes lead worship at Faith, July 2nd

Top right: Rev. Angela J. Cluney at Children's Time , July 2nd

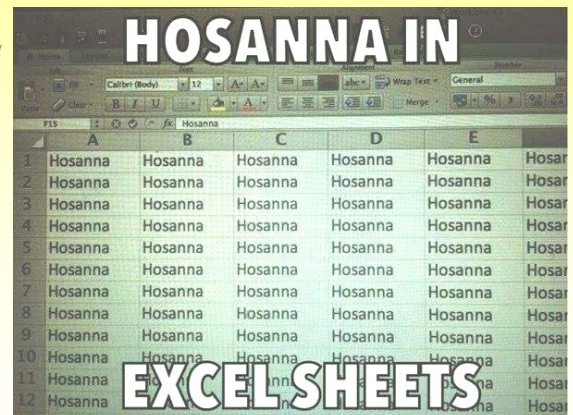
Middle left: Chaplain Dorothy Ungitoh, July 2nd

Middle centre & right: Worship leader Rev. Victor Kim July 23rd

Bottom left & right: Worship leader Ross Lamb July 30th



Lindsay Spence (centre) visiting church family members Gwen Hewitt (left) and Sheila Maxwell (right) at Delmanor Wynford in August.



**AVAILABLE FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA WEBSITE:**

Check out the wide variety of resources available on the PCC website: <https://presbyterian.ca/resources/>

The Presbyterian Connection newspaper is a Christian newspaper that strives to unite Presbyterians from across the country through stories, reflections, interviews and articles, allowing us to share and develop our faith. It is distributed four times per year, free of charge. The Presbyterian Connection is produced by the Life and Mission Agency and was first launched in March 2017, following the closure of the Presbyterian Record magazine. <https://presbyterian.ca/presbyterian-connection/>



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- Rev. Don Muir, Interim Moderator
- Cathy Callon, Clerk of Session
- Nick Jessome, Organist/Choir Director

**AVGEN GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING PROGRAM**

Gift cards not only make great gifts for those hard-to-buy-for family & friends, but are also helpful for using while shopping for yourself! Cards are available in a number of denominations for all the major grocery chains, many department and home improvement stores, and a wide variety of restaurants and specialty shops. Request an order form from Phyllis Spence to see the entire list.

**ORDER DEADLINE INFORMATION: Sunday, October 8th & Sunday, November 12th, with our final order on Sunday, December 3rd. *All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to Westview's Children's Fund for the remainder of 2023.***

Thank you for your support of Westview and its ministries!

**WESTVIEW SIP & CHAT**

**1st & 3rd FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH FROM 2—3 PM**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN HOUR OF GOOD CONVERSATION AND GREAT COMPANY! ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83840585331?pwd=cmNYWWI5amFPZVhScTdOUXhPZGE4QT09>

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