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CAP & GOWN SERVICE

WEDNESDAY MAY 13, 2026 10:00 A.M.
MANNING MEMORIAL CHAPEL



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COME NURTURE YOUR SPIRIT

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE REV'D DR. MARJORIE LEWIS, CHAPLAIN AND DEAN OF THE CHAPEL

please stand, as you are able, where indicated by †

PRELUDE

† HYMN

Diverse In Culture, Nation, Race

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Words: Ruth Duck

Tune: ROCKINGHAM

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Rev'd Dr. Marjorie Lewis
Chaplain and Dean, Manning Memorial Chapel

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be the name of God from age to age, for wisdom
and power belong to God, who changes times and seasons.

All: **For everything there is a season, and a time for every
matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die;**

One: a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;

All: **a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to keep,
and a time to throw away;**

But I trust in you, O Lord; You are my God.

My times are in your hand.

(Adapted from excerpts of Ecclesiastes 3, Daniel 2, Psalm 31)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BACCALAUREATE PREACHER

SERMON

PARABLE OF HOPE

The Rev'd Dr. Scott Kindred-Barnes
BA '01; MDiv '02, Acadia;
MTh, PhD, University of Toronto

SPOKEN WORD

Ms. Angel Percentie
Class of '26

SUNG INVITATION *Come Bring Your Burdens To God*

Come, bring your bur-dens to God, come, bring your bur-dens to God,
Wo - za nom-thwa-lo wa-kho; wo - za nom-thwa-lo wa-kho;

come, bring your bur-dens to God for Je - sus will nev - er say no.
wo - za nom-thwa-lo wa-kho, u - ye-su a-ka - so - za - thi hayi

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Rev'd Dr. Anna Robbins
President, Acadia Divinity College
Dean of Theology, Acadia University

✦ HYMN

Praise The Source Of Faith And Learning page 11

Words: Thomas Troeger (b. 1945)

Tune: HYFRYDOL; R. H. Prichard (1830)

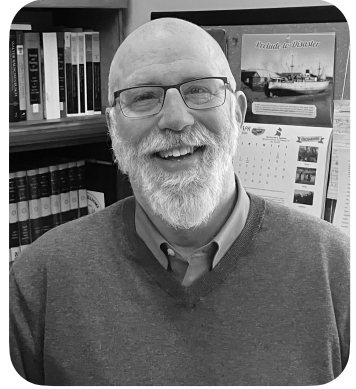
BENEDICTION

The Chaplain

POSTLUDE

REVEREND DR. SCOTT KINDRED-BARNES

Scott grew up in the Annapolis Valley and was an amateur boxing champion before attending university. He completed his BA and MDiv at Acadia and his MTh and PhD from the University of Toronto. As an Adjunct Faculty member of Toronto School of Theology, Scott taught Reformation history and theology at Trinity College, University of Toronto from 2007-2011. From 2011-2018 Scott served as the Minister at First Baptist Church Ottawa, and as the Senior Minister of Wolfville Baptist Church from 2018-2025. Scott and his spouse, Kerry, have two children. He loves spending time with family, reading and writing books, and traveling to historical sites, local and abroad. He has written numerous books and articles on Richard Hooker and the Reformation, and Baptist history. Scott has a heart for people, building community and pastoral care. He began his ministry at Port Williams United Baptist in mid-January 2026.



MORGAN TROMBLEY, CAP AND GOWN SPEAKER



Morgan is an honours biology student with a second major in psychology from Aylesford, Nova Scotia. Morgan is the president of the Acadia Biology Society, coordinates the Biology Help Center, and is the captain of the Acadia Gameday Cheer team.

After graduating from Acadia, Morgan will attend Dalhousie Medical School at the Cape Breton Medical Campus to eventually serve as a family doctor in rural Nova Scotia.

JOYCE ADEYI, GUEST SONG LEADER



Joyce Adeyi is an Honours Computer Science student at Acadia University. Originally from Nigeria and now based in Saudi Arabia, Joyce graduates in 2026 and plans to continue her studies at Acadia through a master's program. Joyce is a recipient of the Myles Family Chapel Choir Award.

ANGEL PERCENTIE, GUEST ARTIST

Angel Percentie is a Bahamian Honours English student with an interest in Caribbean literature, creative writing, and storytelling. On campus, she has held several leadership and service roles, including serving as Editor of *estuary*, Acadia's Creative Arts Magazine, working as a Peer Writing Tutor at the Acadia Writing Centre, and contributing as both a Senior Resident Assistant and student content creator. She plans to continue her studies by pursuing a master's degree in English at Acadia University.



We acknowledge that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the Treaties of Peace and Friendship which Mi'kmaq and Maliseet Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1725. We further acknowledge the histories, contributions, and legacies of the African Nova Scotian people who have shared these lands for over 400 years. We also acknowledge the shared ancestry of all people of African descent in Nova Scotia.

Diverse In Culture, Nation, Race



Di - verse in cul - ture, na - tion, race, We
God, let us be a bridge of care Con -
When chas - ms wid - en, storms a - rise, O
God, let us be a tab - le spread with



come to - geth - er by your grace. God,
nec - ting peo - ple ev - ery - where. Help
Ho - ly Spir - it, make us wise. Let
gifts of love and bro - ken bread, Where



let us be a meet - ing ground where
us con - front all fear and hate and
our re - solve, like steel, be strong to
all find wel - come, grace at - tends, And



hope and heal - ing love are found.
lust for pow'r that sep - a - rate.
stand with those who suf - fer wrong.
en - e - mies a - rise as friends.

Words: Ruth C. Duck
Music: ROCKINGHAM, arr. E. Miller (1790)

Ancient Of Days

Blessing and honour, glory and power
be unto the Ancient of Days.
From every nation, all of creation
bow before the Ancient of Days.

Every tongue in Heaven and Earth shall declare your glory,
every knee shall bow at your throne in worship.
You will be exalted, O God,
and your kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days.

Blessing and honour...

(Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth:
sing unto the Ancient of Days;
for none can compare to your matchless worth:
sing unto the Ancient of Days.)
Every tongue in Heaven and Earth...

Open The Eyes Of My Heart, Lord

Verse

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You, I want to see You.
(repeat)

Chorus

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

To Verse

Ending

Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,

Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You.

Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,

Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You.

God Will Make A Way



God will make a way where there seems to be no
He will be my guide hold me close - ly to his



way side He works in ways we can - not see
With love and strength for each new day



1. He will make a way for me. 2. He will make a way.



He will make a way. By a road way in the



wild-er-ness He'll lead me. And riv-ers in the



des - ert will I see. Hea-ven and earth will fade



but His Word will still re - main. —



He will do some-thing new each day. —

D.S. al Fine

Wounded World The Cries For Healing

Shirley Erena Murray



Wound - ed world that cries for heal - ing, here we hold each
Through our na - tion's pent frus-tra - tion, through the cor - ri -
Hon - our those whose lov - ing spir - it nurs - es hope, re -



oth - er's pain, wound - ed sys - tems, bruised and bleed - ing bear the
dors of stress may there move a kin - lier wis - dom all may
stores and heals, towel and ba - sin used in ser - vice like the



load, the scars of strain; dol - lars ra - tion out com - pas - sion,
feel, and all may bless; tax and tithe are for a pur - pose
Christ who comes and kneels; in the tend - ing, in the mend - ing



hard de - ci - sions rule the day, Je - sus of the
shared to shield the poor and weak; past the symp - toms
may we see the right and fair, in our com - mon



heal - ing Spir - it, free us to an - oth - er way!
of our sick - ness let the voice of jus - tice speak.
quest for whole - ness heal each oth - er by our care.

tune: HEALING SPIRIT
H. Hopson

Called As Partners In Christ's Service



Called as part - ners in Christ's ser - vice,
Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir - ing,
Thus new pat - terns for Christ's mis - sion,
So God grant us for to - mor - row



called to min - is - tries of grace, we re - spond with
Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us fol - low,
in a small or glob - al sense, help us bear each
ways to or - der hu - man life that sur - round each



deep com - mit - ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
nev - er fal - tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
oth - er's bur - dens, break - ing down each wall or fence.
per - son's sor - row with a calm that con - quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar - ing, side by side and
Men and wom - en, rich - er poor - er, all God's peo - ple,
Words of com - fort, words of vis - ion, words of chal - lenge
Make us part - ners in our liv - ing, our com - pas - sion



friend with friend, e - qual part - ners in our car - ing
young and old, blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er
said with care, bring new power and strength for ac - tion,
to in - crease, mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing



to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
make us col - leagues, free and fair.
hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

Praise The Source Of Faith And Learning



Praise the source of faith and learn - ing that has sparked and
God of wis - dom we ack - now - ledge that our sci - ence
May our faith re - deem the blun - der of be - liev - ing
As two cur - rents in a riv - er fight each oth - er's



stoked the mind with a pas - sion for dis -
and our art, and the breadth of hu - man
that our thought has dis - placed the grounds for
un - der - tow, till con - verg - ing they de -



cern - ing how the world has been de - signed.
know - ledge on - ly par - tial truth im - part.
won - der which the an - cient pro - phets taught.
liv - er one co - her - ent stea - dy flow,



Let the sense of won - der flow - ing from the won - ders we sur -
Far be - yond our cal - cu - la - tions lies a depth we can - not
May our learn - ing curb the er - ror which un - think - ing faith can
blend, O God, our faith and learn - ing till they carve a sin - gle



vey; keep our faith for - ev - er
sound where your pur - pose for - cre -
breed lest we jus - ti - fy some
course, till they join as one, re -



grow - ing, and re - new our need to pray.
a - tion and the pulse of life are found.
ter - ror with an an - ti - qua - ted creed.
turn - ing praise and thanks to you, the Source.