

July 2026

Dear Presbyterian Music Campers,

Welcome!

On behalf of the PMC Board, we are delighted to welcome you to PMC 2026. We are thankful that you are choosing to spend the week of August 23-29th with us. We hope that this letter will give you information and resources to make your experience at PMC 2026 joyful and fulfilling.

Your Dean Team

We are MJ, Marian and Paul



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All three of us love PMC and especially the worship aspect. Learn more about us here https://www.presbyterianmusiccamp.ca/deans_bios_2026.docx

What's New At Camp This Year

Our theme: ***We are the light.*** Images of light abound throughout song and scripture. Jesus told his disciples “you are the light of the world” and to “let your light shine brightly.” Throughout the week at camp, we will explore various images of light and

what it means to share the light that we have been given. We value inclusion and we will be offering experiences of spirituality for all campers regardless of faith.

Please find more about the daily themes, spirituality opportunities and scripture readings linked here... https://www.presbyterianmusiccamp.ca/theme_resources_2026.docx

Technology: **Base Camp**. The PMC Board wants to find better ways to share information during camp, and so we will be using an app called Base Camp this year. Through your phone or tablet, you will have access to schedules and a map of camp, announcements as well as materials for workshops and worship. Our aim is to reduce the need for verbal announcements during mealtimes and the need for printing, without spending the whole week looking at our devices. For those who still wish to have materials printed on paper, they will be available. More about Base camp linked here

https://www.presbyterianmusiccamp.ca/Basecamp_user_instructions_2026.pdf

Our **Schedule**: We will have fewer scheduled workshops this year and more free time.

The PMC Board wants to create more opportunities for people to enjoy one another and the beautiful Camp Kintail site (including the Lake Huron waterfront), and to make music together informally. More about the schedule for the week (including some brand new workshops!) linked here. <https://www.presbyterianmusiccamp.ca/pmc-2026.html>

Camp Kintail **Facilities**: The Camp Kintail team have been busy improving the site since last year. When you arrive at camp, you will see a newly renovated Arts and Crafts building adjacent to the main lodge. The maintenance facility is now in a new building near the Nest. There is also a new fully accessible washroom in Harmony House.

What's Back This Year

The banquet: On Friday evening, we will once again enjoy Camp Kintail's delicious catering together, and once again the banquet will be followed by a dance. In between the banquet and the dance, you can choose to join us in the Camp Kintail chapel for worship including communion. You are welcome to dress up you like, but this is not necessary. Come as you are!

Preparing for Camp

The PMC Board has prepared a Campers' Guide (https://www.presbyterianmusiccamp.ca/camper_guide_2026.pdf) and packing list (https://www.presbyterianmusiccamp.ca/packing_list_2026.pdf) to help ensure that you bring everything you need. If you forget something, don't worry. Chances are that someone else at camp will be able to help you out, and if you do need to buy something there are plenty of shops in Goderich, 20 minutes drive from Camp Kintail.

Please also take a few minutes before camp to check out our various policies <https://www.presbyterianmusiccamp.ca/documents.html>

Arrival at Camp

The address of Camp Kintail is 85153 Bluewater Highway Goderich, ON, N7A 3X9
The office telephone number is (519)529-7317

Registration will be open from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Sunday August 23rd. Our Camp Registrar, Cathy Whiteside, will greet you with an information package, including a welcome letter, name tags and instructions on moving into your cabin/room. If you have any last minute food or medical information to share, Cathy will direct you to the right person. This will be the time to pay the balance of your fees, if you haven't done so already. There will be assistance to connect your device to wifi and BaseCamp. You will have an opportunity to sign up for workshops and buy some tuckers.

If you expect to arrive after 4:00 pm please contact Cathy (pmcregistrar@gmail.com) by Friday, August 20th to make arrangements to meet with Cathy on your arrival. Please leave a message with the Camp Office at (519) 529-7317 if something unexpected happens while travelling that causes you to be late.

Visitors that you may have coming to camp throughout the week must check in with Cathy Whiteside on arrival. Visitors must fill out a Visitors' Registration Form and pay for accommodations and meal fees as applicable.

Departure will be on Saturday August 29th by 1:30 pm. Please plan to pack on Saturday morning. Our last meal at camp will be lunch on Saturday.

We look forward to seeing you on August 23rd!

MJ, Paul and Marian

On behalf of the PMC Board