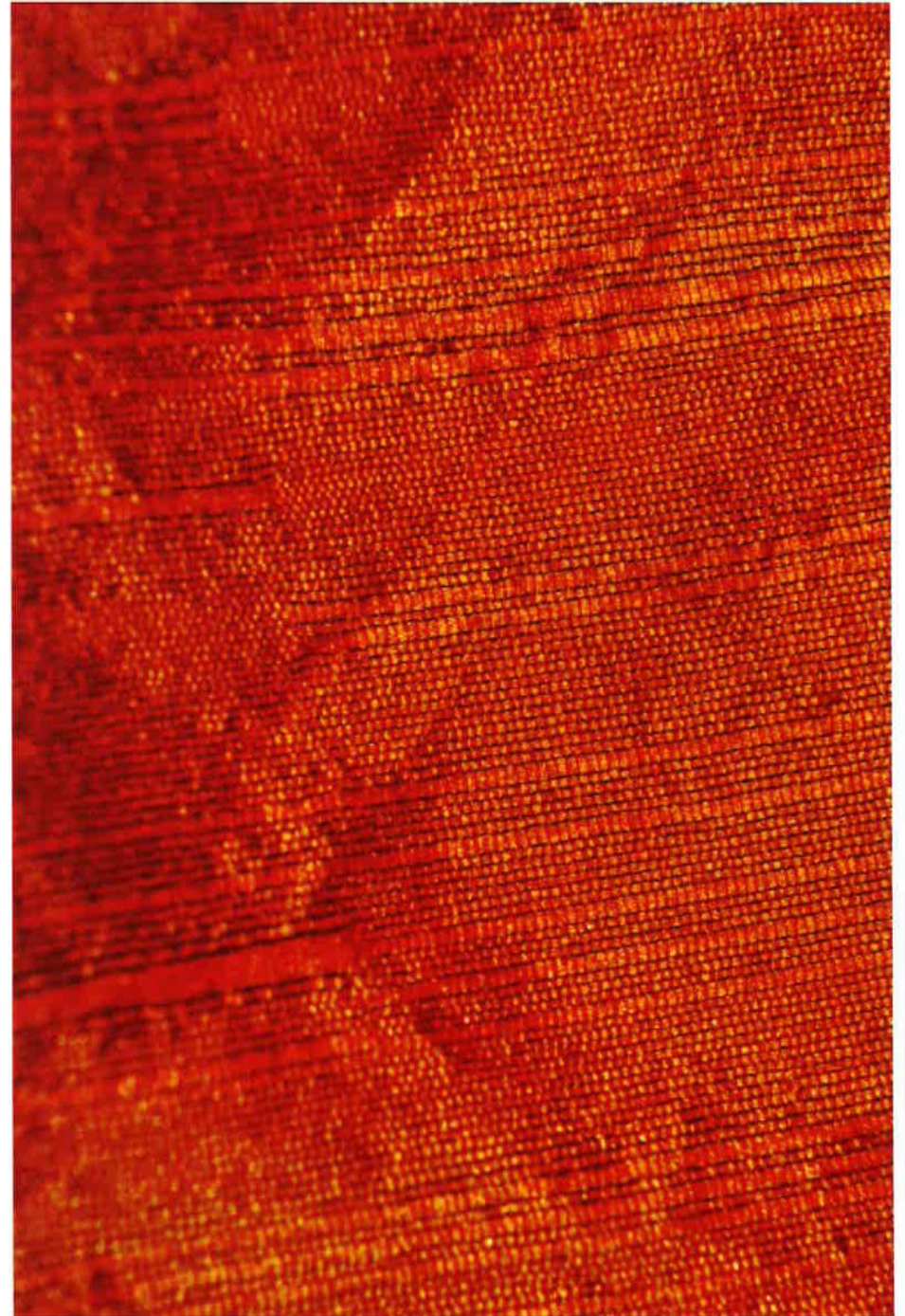


September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also called Orange Shirt Day. It is a national day of memory for the generations of Indigenous children taken to residential schools: for Survivors, intergenerational Survivors, their families and communities, and for the children who never made it home from the schools.

Orange Shirt Day was begun by Phyllis Webstad, a Survivor who at age six had entered the St. Joseph Mission Residential School in B.C. wearing a beloved orange shirt, only to have it taken away and replaced with the institution's uniform. The loss of the orange shirt became symbolic of all that was taken from children at the schools - language, culture, family, and community relationships, spiritual practices, safety, security, identity and sometimes even their lives.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada ran 12 residential schools. In the church's apology we make five fundamental commitments, including listening to and learning from Indigenous people and telling the truth about the past. One way congregations support these commitments is publicly marking September 30th.

More information and resources can be found on the Social Action Hub's Indigenous Justice website, linked through the QR code below.



Order of Service

Sunday, September 27th, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

(*Those who are able are invited to stand. Responsive text is in bold.)

Approach to Worship

- Prelude: *Praeludium* J. Pachelbel
- Call to Worship
- * Processional Hymn: *We cannot own the sunlit sky* 717
- Prayer of Adoration
- Welcome and Announcements
- Introit: *God be in my head* J. Rutter
- * Hymn of Praise: *What does the Lord require of you* 709
- Children's Time
(The children are to follow the banner to the Children's Worship Service)
- Hymn of Praise: *What does the Lord require of you* 709
- Rite of Reconciliation
- Invitation
- Prayer of Confession **(See Insert)**
- Assurance of Pardon
- Sung Response 303
- Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.***

The Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Zachariah 8:16-17 P. 883 OT

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 18:7-14

New Testament Reading: Matthew 5:1-11, 17-18 P. 4 NT

(L: *The Word of the Lord: All: Thanks be to God.*)

* Hymn: Open our eyes, Lord 445
Sermon Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

Response and Thanksgiving

- Anthem: *For the beauty of the earth* J. Rutter
- Offering announcement
- Offertory: *Prayer, from Hansel and Gretel* E. Humperdinck
- * Doxology: ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*** 830
- Offertory Prayer
- Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
- The Lord's Prayer (*debt and debtors*)

Returning to Service

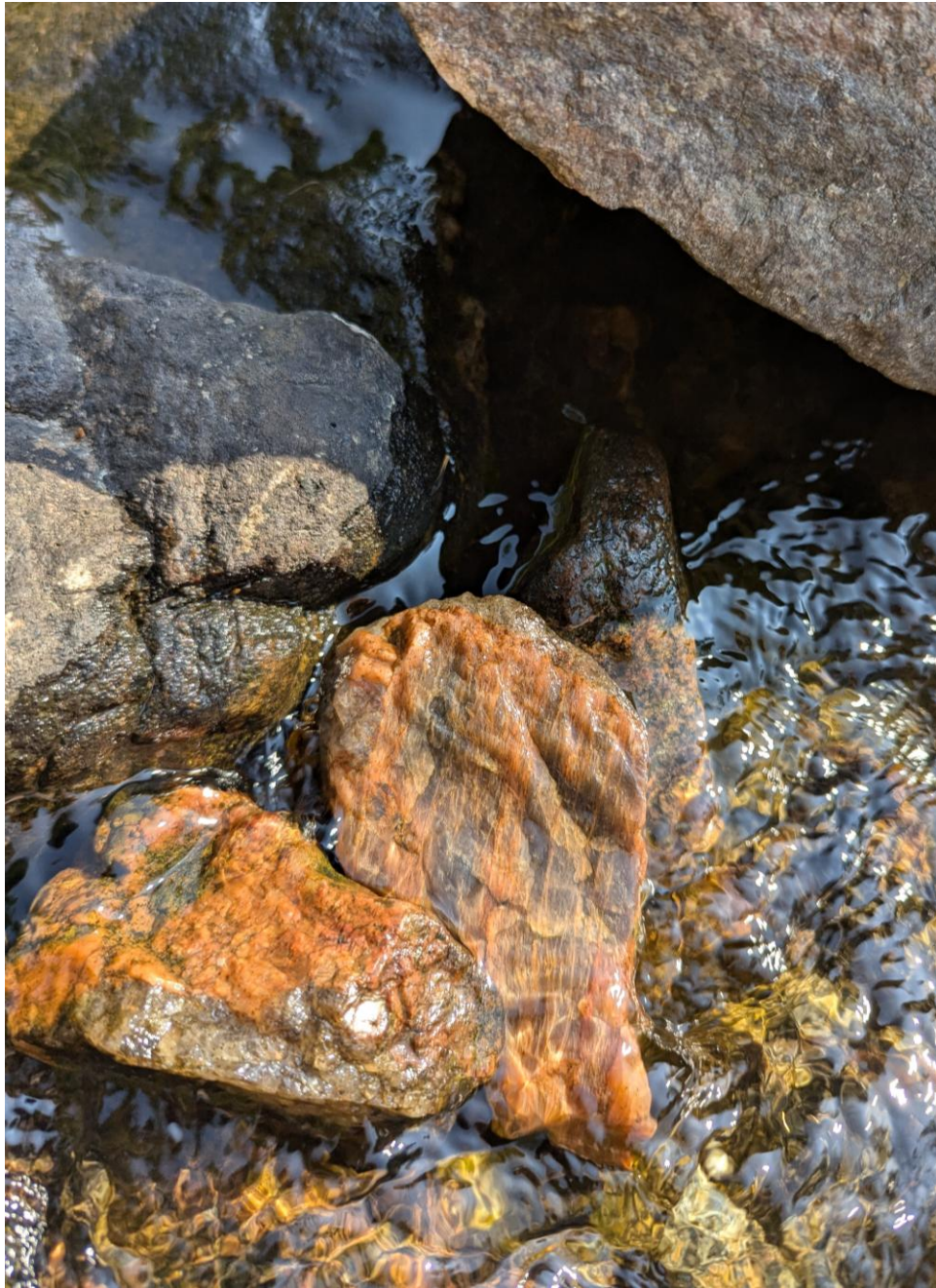
- * Recessional Hymn: *Pray for the wilderness* 716
- * Commission and Benediction
- Choral Amen
- Postlude: *Prelude in A major BWV 536* J. S. Bach

In Worship This Week

Minister:	Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton
Music Director/Organist:	Frances McBurnie
Scripture Reader:	Marius Lavoie
Videographer:	Simon Lloyd

At the Kirk this Week

Today:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service & Children's Worship
Greeters:		David & Paulette Hooley
	11:45 a.m.	Junior Choir Practice
	11:45 a.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday:	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Service with Communion & Children's Worship
Greeters:		Daphne Dumont & Katherine Burnett



Prayer of Confession

Creator God of love and justice, we acknowledge the sin of your church, our complicity in colonization and residential schools, taking children from their families. We are sorry and we repent. We commit to work for truth, healing and reconciliation, but we recognize that for many, that change comes too late.

Creator God, hear our prayer and send healing.

Comforting God, we pray for healing for the families of all impacted by residential schools, for the nations whose children and futures were taken, and for those whose children, siblings, family and friends were taken from home but did not return.

Jesus, hear our prayer and send healing.

We repent and renew our commitment to walk a new path. We honour the children lost and pray for strength and healing for all those still living with the harm the schools caused. For ourselves, we ask for transformation and for the will to do the work reconciliation requires.

Holy Spirit, hear our prayer and send healing. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response

303

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