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of Perth Ontario



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D'ARCY ST.

NORTH ST.

DRUMMOND ST. E.

GORE ST. E.

HARVEY ST.

CRAIG ST.

WILSON ST. E.

St John the Baptist 1816 *Roman Catholic Church*

The Military Settlement was just beginning when the first clergyman, a Roman Catholic priest, arrived. Abbé Pierre de La Mothe, a former military chaplain, began his ministry here as early as June 1816. Celebrating Mass and other sacraments in area homes, he laid the foundation for the first church, St. Bridget's, built near the corner of Harvey and Drummond Streets in 1820. Perth was established as the first Roman Catholic Parish in the Ottawa Valley in 1823, one of only six parishes in all of Upper Canada (Ontario), with Father John MacDonald as founding pastor. His successor, Father John McDonagh, oversaw the construction of the present church at Brock and Wilson Streets in 1848. Under the patronage of St John the Baptist, it is the oldest church structure in Perth. A large addition brought the building to its current size by 1900, with its impressive interior and vaulted ceilings enhanced by beautiful stained glass windows.

Catholic education, currently centred in St. John Catholic Elementary and High Schools, traces its roots back to the earliest days of the Perth settlement.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish continues to be a vibrant faith community in Perth and area, with such outreach efforts as community dinners and the sponsorship of a Syrian refugee family.

38 Wilson St E // 613-267-1043
Mass: Saturday 5:15pm, Sunday,
9:00 & 11:00am
www.stjohnperthontario.com

St Andrew's 1817 *Presbyterian Church*

Rev. William Bell emigrated from Scotland to Perth and conducted his first church service in an upper room of 'Adamson's Red Inn' (Craig St). Bell established the First Presbyterian Church and helped start churches throughout the rural area. In November of 1830, Rev. Thomas Wilson held his first meeting to establish St. Andrew's Church, Perth. In May of 1857, the two congregations were united. St. Andrew's first church was built in 1898 to accommodate both congregations. Destroyed by fire in 1923, construction of the present church located at the corner of Drummond and North St. was started in 1927. Having a history that stretches back to the earliest days of settlement, the desire of St. Andrew's is to make a significant spiritual contribution to the community of Perth.

Today the congregation is marked by the warmth of strong, biblically based preaching and a desire to reach out into the community with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Prayer plays a central role in the life and worship of St. Andrew's and its people. Guests, whether on holiday or looking for a church home, will find themselves warmly welcomed by members of the congregation and encouraged to participate fully in the life of our church. We want to be a blessing to both guests and members alike.

1 Drummond St W // 613-267-2481
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30am
www.pccweb.ca/standrewsperth

St. James the Apostle 1819 *Anglican Church*

The 'United Episcopal Church of England and Ireland' as we were first called, began ministry here under the Rev. Michael Harris, who was ordained by the Bishop of Quebec to the "Mission of Perth." Mr. Harris served as an officer during the War of 1812, after which he returned home to Ireland where he studied Theology - returning to Canada to begin his ministry. A church building was erected in the early 1820s on the same site as the present church. In 1836, by means of a Royal Charter, this pioneer house of worship was raised to 'Rectory' status (one of 10 such in Upper Canada). The current church building was built in the late 1850s, using the architects Fuller and Jones (the same had designed the Parliament buildings in Ottawa). Being an 'Established' church (with Church of Scotland), St James' clergy were often called upon to fulfill other functions in the community. The St. James parish family is a centre of worship, teaching, care and service reaching out to the wider Perth community by hosting Community dinners, Skate church and working alongside projects like The Table Community Food Centre, the CARR Refugee Sponsorship, and looking for new partners to increase safe and affordable housing initiatives in our area.

12 Harvey St // 613-267-1163
Sunday Services: 8:00am & 10:00am
www.stjamesperth.ca

St. Augustine's Chapel
(2nd line of Drummond at Richardson's Corners)
Sunday Services: 2nd & 4th Sundays
(from Easter to Christmas): 9:15am

First Baptist Church 1841

In 2017 First Baptist Church celebrated 175 years of ministry in the town of Perth. Growing out of a Baptist revival movement in Lanark County (1839-1840), an evangelist, Robert Fyfe, became the first minister of the Perth congregation (1842). The meeting house, a clapboard building located on D'Arcy Street was replaced in 1889 by the present red brick structure, and later modernized in 1963. From its early beginnings the congregation has been committed to meeting the spiritual and social needs of the community, expressing concern for labourers, i.e. canal workers living in shanties, ladies programs of practical aid for local, northern and overseas relief, and for homelessness.

Today the congregation is committed to being a multi-generational church where God's word is proclaimed and God's love is lived out. We assist many local ministries, providing a network of support for seniors, food for the hungry, and support for those dealing with addictions. If you are new to the Perth area or have been on an extended holiday from church, come and get to know us. We are passionate about sharing the love, grace and truth of Jesus Christ within our local community. You are always welcome to join us, get involved and share your creative ideas with us. We are a church in the heart of Perth, with a heart for Perth.

17 D'Arcy St
613.267.2023
Sunday Service: 10:30am
www.firstbaptistchurchperth.com

The Salvation Army 1885

Captain Low and Cadet Hill, two Army Lassies opened up the Salvation Army work in Perth. Services were held at the Town Hall and then at the Curling Rink, which became their meeting place. In 1907 they secured a meeting room over McLean's Store and in 1921 purchased the building at 72 Foster St., which housed the Hall and upstairs the Quarters for the Officers until 1970. In 1938 outreach services were recorded at the Lanark County Jail and the House of Industry. In May 1958, Commissioner Wycliffe Booth, grandson to the founder visited the Perth Corps. In 1958 outposts were established in Lanark, Sharbot Lake and Maberly. A Thrift Store was opened in the 1970's and continues today. In 1973 it was moved from the basement of the church to 158 Gore St East. In 1972 the building at 190 Gore Street was purchased as the Corp Hall, from the Free Methodist Church. It remained there until the Perth Corps was closed and amalgamated into the Smiths Falls Corps, now known as Mississippi Rideau Lakes Corps, in 1998. The Thrift Store then at 70 Foster Street accommodated the Family Services upstairs, which continued the work of the Army led by Rev. Bev Longmire. She later moved the Family Centre to 40 North Street, where lunches were served Monday to Friday. The Family Centre closed in 2013 but the Family Services and Thrift store keep the flag flying at 95 Wilson Street West, continuing ministry to those in need within the community.

95 Wilson St W // 613.267.6260
www.samississippirideaulakes.com

St. Paul's 1926 ***United Church***

St Paul's United came into existence after the national union of three Canadian Protestant congregations (Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregationalist) by an Act of Parliament to form the United Church of Canada in 1925. The local congregation has deep roots in Perth's historic past and was formed when two congregations, Knox Presbyterian (1817) and Asbury Methodist (1821) voted to join the new union in 1926 to become St Paul's United. Located at the corner of Gore and D'Arcy streets on the site of the former Knox Presbyterian Church, dating back to 1841, a two-story Christian Education wing was added in 1964. In 1979 a renovation to the sanctuary was completed, improving upon the warm intimate and acoustically sound space of the sanctuary. In 2018 a major renovation to the sanctuary and ancillary space resulted in a modernized audio/visual system, redesign of the altar/platform area, enhanced lighting, painting, air conditioning, universal washroom, ramping, and self-serve elevator to increase accessibility. The congregation has served many generations of faith in the Perth and area community through: its witness to the Christian Gospel in worship and strong preaching; celebrating communion, baptisms, weddings and funerals; spiritual care of congregants; and service to the wider community both locally and globally. A warm welcome awaits you at this community hub for creativity, discovery and growth, so come to visit and worship.

25 Gore St W
613-267-2973 / 613-390-1820
Sunday Worship: 10:00am
www.stpaulspertth.ca FB: **stpaulspertth**

Glad Tidings 1935

Pentecostal Church

Rev. Robert M. Burgess established the first Pentecostal work in the town of Perth.

The Town Hall was used to hold the earliest services. A congregation of 150 was founded within months of arriving, indicating a strong support for the Pentecostal message.

As the flock grew in size, it necessitated moving to alternate locations, until finally in 1937 the first church structure was built at 33 Lewis Street. Additions and renovations were added in 1981. A new building, known as Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church, was built in 2005 and is located at 160 Wayside Drive (2 kms east of Perth). Several capable pastors have served in the pulpit throughout its history, with many men, women and children embracing the Gospel.

The church's mission is to make disciples and baptise people in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, while the phrase, "we purpose to love God and love people" is the vision that the church strives to live by.

Adult, youth and children's programs continue to keep the emphasis of a personal and vibrant faith in Christ alone, at the heart of all that happens at Glad Tidings.

160 Wayside Drive
613-267-3295
Sunday Service: 10:00am
www.gtpcperth.com

Asbury 1953

Free Methodist Church

The Free Methodist Church began as a small worship gathering in Perth under the leadership of Rev. Donald White. They met in the Foster Street Public School. Soon after, services were held in the I.O.D.E. Hall over Stedmen's Store where a Sunday School was started and grew very quickly. In the fall of 1954, a Free Methodist Society was organized with 9 charter members who had a strong desire to reach out to the community with the message of God's Love. They purchased a lot at 190 Gore Street and erected a church building nearly entirely by volunteer members. They began to minister out of that building to a large number of families through their Sunday School, even before the building was completed. By the spring of 1965, they needed more space for their ministries and a building at 144 Gore Street (formerly the Methodist Church), which was owned by Crown Assets Corporation and used as an armory, was offered for sale. They purchased it, undertook renovations of the stone structure to restore the sanctuary and converted the basement as a Sunday School area. Adopting the original name of the building, Asbury Free Methodist Church has continued to minister to the body of believers through worship, fellowship and discipleship as well as outreach to the community of Perth with God's Love to this day!

144 Gore St // 613.267.2345
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Sunday Service: 10:00am
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