

THE REV. DAVID WHITEHEAD
(B.A., M.Div.)

The Presbytery of Ottawa records our sorrow on the passing of David A. Whitehead on March 8, 2026 and expresses thanksgiving to God for his life and service.

David A. Whitehead, B. A., graduated from Knox College in 1965.

Licensed by the Presbytery of East Toronto April 28, 1965, he was ordained at the request of the Presbytery of Brandon by the Presbytery of East Toronto on May 20, 1965. He was received by the Presbytery of Brandon in September 1965 and recognized as minister of St. Andrew's Church, Thompson, Manitoba on October 15, 1965.

David was received by the Presbytery of Ottawa on September 13, 1966 and inducted on that date to St. Paul's Church, Hawkesbury, Ontario, where he served until March 31, 1974 when he was called to Knox Church, Belmont and St. James Church, North Yarmouth in the Presbytery of London, where he was inducted on April 3, 1974. From there he was called to St. Andrew's Church, Thorold and was inducted there by the Presbytery of Niagara on February 26, 1978.

While still studying at the University of Toronto, David met Linda, and within a year they were married, a marriage blessed with four children: Sarah, Jennifer, Joseph, and Christopher.

Upon Linda's ordination on June 23, 1985, she formally joined David in team ministry for a time at St. Andrew's Church, Thorold, Ontario.

On February 16, 1994, David was translated to the Presbytery of Barrie, where on March 8, 1994, he was inducted to First Church, Penetanguishene and Bonar Church, Port McNicoll. There he served until retirement, and from May 12, 1999 his name was on the appendix to the roll of the Presbytery of Barrie while they resided in Midland.

Subsequently, David and Linda moved to Aylmer, Quebec and on September 15, 2015 his name was added to the appendix to the roll of the Presbytery of Ottawa. They continued to spend and very much enjoy portions of their summers at the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre as long as health permitted.

Predeceased by his daughter Sarah in 2024 and by his wife Linda on August 9, 2025, David is survived daughter Jennifer, and sons Joseph (Csilla) and Christopher (Martha), and five grandchildren.

“There is a time for everything...He has made everything beautiful in its time.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11)