

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS SHEET

THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES SUNDAY

20 June 2021

Online - We will continue holding our Sunday services by **Zoom**, live, at our regular time of 10:30, this Sunday and next (the 27th). Each week's service is recorded and then uploaded to YouTube, for the benefit of those who are unable to join us in real time. Each service is now being saved for two Sundays, at which time it is deleted from the YouTube channel. The link to the Zoom meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84737316742?pwd=ZjZWYTgyTzBWR2RkZ1BOUy9nVlVuUT09>; it is the same every week. The link to the recording on YouTube is e-mailed out following the service each Sunday, along with a copy of the service script; *that* link is different every week. In addition, hard copies of the script can be printed and mailed out to anyone who would like them. If you would like to receive them, just call John at the church office.

Summer Services - In July and August, we will be participating in **joint online services** with First Church and St. Andrew's Church in Brandon, as we did last summer. Those services will not be held by Zoom (live), however. Rather, they will be recorded ahead of time each week, edited together, and uploaded to YouTube. The YouTube link will be sent out by e-mail every Sunday morning, so that those who wish to can watch the service at or around our usual service time of 10:30. We will resume worship on our own on the Labor Day weekend (5 September), and hopefully, we'll be able to worship in person by then! The summer preaching schedule is currently being worked out, as well as the vacation schedules of the three ministers (Glenn, Laura, and John).

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are

- 1 Samuel 17.32-54 - David defeats Goliath
- Psalm 9.1-2, 7-20 - "I will give thanks to you, LORD"
- 2 Corinthians 6.3-13 - The hardships Paul has endured
- Mark 4.35-41 - Jesus calms a storm on the lake

The readings for next Sunday will be

- 2 Samuel 1.1, 17-27 - David's lament for Saul
- Psalm 130 - "Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD"
- 2 Corinthians 8.7-15 - Paul's financial appeal
- Mark 5.21-43 - Jairus' daughter; a woman with bleeding

The Reader today is **Ruth Buan**.

This Week in First Church:

- Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Session meeting, by Zoom

Did You Know? Today's Old Testament reading mentions a people known as the **Philistines**, who occupied the southern part of Canaan's Mediterranean coastal region. They arrived in Canaan from areas further west in the Mediterranean around the same time that the Israelites entered Canaan from the east (crossing the Jordan River from what is today Jordan). According to a couple of Old Testament references (including Amos 9.7), the Philistines came from "Caftor", the Hebrew name for the island of Crete. Understandably, there was ongoing competition and conflict between the two nations, both of which sought to capture territory from the other. The books of Judges, 1-2 Samuel, and 1-2 Kings tell of many battles between the Israelites and the Philistines. Major Philistine cities included the coastal cities of Gaza, Ashkelon, Ashdod, and Joppa; and, further inland, Ekron and Gath (Goliath's hometown). In post- New Testament times, after two unsuccessful Jewish revolts against Roman rule (the second one ending in AD 135), the Romans renamed Israel "Palestina", derived from the name Philistia, although the Philistines had ceased to exist as a distinct people centuries earlier.

Bible Study - The Bible study group has completed the study entitled *Growing Older and Wiser*. It will take a break for the summer, and begin a new study early in September. Details on the next study will be announced ahead of time.

Now Available - Copies of the July-August issue of the devotional guide *Today* are now available, and have been set out on the stairs just inside the office entrance of the church. Feel free to come by anytime during office hours to pick up a copy for yourself.

Mission Moment

National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21 is **National Indigenous Peoples Day**. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Presbyterian Church in Canada acknowledges the responsibility that our church, governments and all Canadians have to continue working for healing and justice with Indigenous people. Presbyterians Sharing supports nine ministries that operate in and with Indigenous communities in Canada. These ministries meet physical and spiritual needs by providing meals, counselling, temporary housing and employment assistance. They also strive to heal hearts through art and music therapy, worship services that incorporate Indigenous beliefs, and more.