

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We acknowledge that we are in Treaty 1 territory, and that the land is the traditional lands of the Anishinabe and Dakota Nations, and the homeland of the Métis Nation

ANNOUNCEMENTS SHEET

THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HARVEST SUNDAY 10 October 2021

Welcome! We extend a warm welcome to our guests, and invite you to sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary. Unfortunately, however, we are not yet able to resume our after-service fellowship time.

Online Services - An abbreviated version of the service is recorded each Sunday, and uploaded to YouTube. If you would like to receive the link to the recorded service each week — or even just occasionally — please let John know.

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are

- Joel 2.21-27 - A promise of restoration
- Psalm 101.1-9 - "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!"
- 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 - Rejoice, pray, and give thanks
- Matthew 6.25-34 - "Do not worry about your life"

The readings for next Sunday will be

- Job 38.1-7 (34-41) - God speaks to Job
- Psalm 104.1-9, 24, 35c - "Praise the LORD, my soul!"
- Hebrews 5.1-10 - Jesus: a high priest
- Mark 10.35-45 - "Not to be served, but to serve"

The Reader today is **Margaret Dunn**.

The Greeter this month is **Marg Clark**.

This Week in First Church:

- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study, by Zoom
- Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Finance & Maintenance Committee meeting, by Zoom

Coming Up:

- Sunday, 17 October - Endowment Fund Sunday
- Sunday, 7 November, 5:00 p.m. - Fall Supper (take-out)

Thanksgiving - Strictly speaking, Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday, rather than a church holiday. Although it has existed in some form or other in Canada since 1879, the current date of the second Monday in October was not set until 1957. At that time, the purpose of the day was proclaimed by Parliament as being “a day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed”. As such, it’s a most appropriate holiday to observe in the worship life of the church as well. For this reason, the Sunday of the Thanksgiving weekend has traditionally been called Thanksgiving *Sunday* in the Presbyterian Church, although the name was changed to *Harvest* Sunday in recent years, to emphasize that it’s first and foremost the annual *harvest* for which we give thanks to God on that day. We thank God, therefore, for the natural processes he has set into place by which our supply of food is replenished each year, as well as for the work of those who plant, tend, and harvest the crops we depend on.

Food Bank Offering - In today’s service, we are accepting **donations of non-perishable food** for the local Salvation Army Food Bank, as a fitting way of expressing gratitude to God for his provision of food. Donations can be placed on the table at the back of the sanctuary, and will be delivered to the Food Bank during the week.

Office Hours - Since Thanksgiving Day is a holiday, John will not be in the Church Office this week until Wednesday morning. If a pastoral need should arise before then, please call him at home (239-6719).

Attention, Knitters - A generous donation of yarn has been given to the Soup Kitchen. The coordinators would like this to be made into **tuques and mitts** for men, women, and children that can be put into their Christmas goodie bags (given at the end of December dinner). If you can help, please make contact with Debby at 204-871-1231.

Vacation - As announced in the Newsletter, John will be taking his final week’s vacation from Monday, 18 October, to Sunday, 24 October. Our service on Sunday the 24th will be led by Raymond Reichelt, and the sermon will be preached by Ruth Magnuson, the Executive Director of Winnipeg Inner City Missions (WICM). We have supported particular projects at WICM at various times in the past, and will continue to promote particular appeals from time to time. John will arrange pastoral backup for the week leading up to that Sunday. If a pastoral need should arise, please contact your elder or Raymond to find out which ministers are available to assist you.

Proverb of the Week -

*Fools show their annoyance at once,
but the prudent overlook an insult.* (Proverbs 12.16)

Attendance Limit - The latest public health orders limit attendance at our services to either 25 people or 33% of capacity, whichever is greater, if not everyone has been double-vaccinated. 33% of the seating capacity of the sanctuary works out to 58 people, so we're well within the allowable limit! Last Sunday, our attendance was 17 (in addition to the pianist and the minister), which was the highest attendance we've had since we resumed in-person services at the beginning of September.

Protocols - In order to protect each other from transmission of the COVID-19 virus, please follow these protocols in our Sunday services, until further notice:

- Wear a mask. Those participating in leading the service may remove their masks when they are speaking, so that they may be more easily understood.
- Maintain physical distance (2 meters) from others (except members of your own household).
- Use hand sanitizer when entering the sanctuary.
- An offering plate has been set out at the back of the sanctuary.
- Remain seated throughout the service, including for the hymns.
- Bring your own cushion and/or Bible each week, if desired.
- Prefer that washrooms not be used.
- There will be no coffee/fellowship hour.
- Refrain from shaking hands, etc.
- The names of attenders will be recorded each Sunday, so that we have a record of who attended on which Sunday, in case contact tracing should need to be done later.

Prayer Calendars - Copies of the Prayer Calendar for October are ready to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary. Don't forget your copy!

Mission Moment

Supporting New Ministries

In 2019, with support from Presbyterians Sharing, The Presbyterian Church in Canada started Cyclical PCC, a church planting support initiative. Since its beginning, God has blessed this initiative with 47 faithful, dedicated and innovative people who feel called to begin new ministries. Rani Ibrahim, a participant in Cyclical PCC, said that the relationships he has formed with other Presbyterian leaders have been especially meaningful.



Turkey Fall Supper

Take-out

Sunday, November 7th, 2021

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

****Must** pre-order by Saturday, Oct. 30th ******

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