

# 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 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

16 January 2022

**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 in the Church Hall.

**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. The link to the weekly service can also be accessed from our congregational website, which is at [www.firstpcportage.com](http://www.firstpcportage.com). Each service is saved for two weeks, and then deleted.

**Scripture Readings** - The readings for today's service are

- Isaiah 62.1-5 - A new name for Jerusalem
- Psalm 36 - "I have a message from God"
- 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 - Gifts of the Spirit (Part 1)
- John 2.1-11 - Jesus changes water into wine

The readings for next Sunday will be

- Nehemiah 8.1-10 - Ezra reads the Law
- Psalm 19 - "The heavens declare the glory of God"
- 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a - Gifts of the Spirit (Part 2)
- Luke 4.14-21 - Jesus' inaugural sermon (Part 1)

The Greeters this month are **Lalaine and Ruth Buan**.

The Reader today is **Philip Dunn**.

**This Week in First Church:**

- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study - by Zoom

**Coming Up:**

- Sunday, 27 February - Annual Meeting

**Congratulations** - We congratulate **Lalaine and Ruth Buan**, who became Canadian citizens this past Tuesday! Due to pandemic restrictions, the citizenship ceremony was held online, and Lalaine and Ruth took part in it from home.

**Weekly Prayer Focus** - At its meeting on the 27th, the Session will choose the “Weekly Prayer Focus” for the coming year — a situation or issue that we will pray for in the Prayers of the People every Sunday. This year’s Weekly Prayer Focus has been “people in positions of authority”. The Session welcomes suggestions. If you have one, please speak to one of the Session members, or to John.

**Offering Envelopes** - Offering envelopes for 2022 have been set out on the table behind the back pew. They can be picked up on Sundays, or anytime during the week, during regular office hours. If you would like to have them delivered, please let John know.

**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.

**Attendance Limit** - The current public health orders limit attendance at our services to 25 people, unless we require attenders to be vaccinated.

**Our Sympathy** - We extend our sympathy to Pat Antoski and family, in the death of Pat's sister Betty Wolfe last weekend. Betty lived in Winnipeg.

### Mission Moment

In Haiti, Wilner used to harvest very little, no matter how hard he worked his field. **So, in 2017, Wilner joined an agroforestry program where he received training and learned sustainable agriculture techniques to conserve the soil in his fields and increase crop yields.** His crop yields have now increased, and he has a greater variety of food available for him and his family. Today, Wilner has a beautiful garden with diverse crops, such as corn, pigeon peas, yam, taro, squash, okra, spinach, and forest and fruit trees. This has helped Wilner afford to pay the school fees for his four children and support his family's other needs as well. This sustainable agriculture project is supported by *Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)* in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

### FINANCIAL REPORT, December 2021

	<u>Dec 1-31/21</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
<b>FINANCES:</b>		
INCOME RECEIVED:	5,524.61	96,039.13
EXPENSES PAID:	<u>10,105.59</u>	<u>93,512.05</u>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT):</b>	<b><u>(4,580.98)</u></b>	<b><u>2,527.08</u></b>

**Included in the above Y-T-D income is 15,000.00 from the Manitoba Bridge Grant and 17,143.51 from the Canada Employment Wage Subsidy (CEWS)**

**PRESBYTERIANS SHARING – Total Allocation for year is \$3,200.00:**

DONATIONS RECEIVED:	<u>40.00</u>	<u>3,370.00</u>
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**We have surpassed our annual allocation**

#### **FUNDRAISING:**

INCOME:	480.00	4,181.60
EXPENSES:	<u>139.42</u>	<u>1,586.72</u>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT):</b>	<b><u>340.58</u></b>	<b><u>2,594.88</u></b>

**A summary of the surplus (deficit) from the following events (the amounts are included in the above year-to-date fundraising information):**

Spring Dinner	<b>2,908.50</b>
Fall Supper	<b>(544.90)</b>
Catering	<b>260.78</b>
Meal In A Bowl	
Presby. Pie Sale	

**Unfortunately our Fall Supper had to be cancelled after we had incurred some expenses**

**Thank you for your generous donations to the Christmas offering. The total amount received was \$1,255.00**