

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS SHEET

THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 30 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. Each service is saved for two weeks, and then deleted.

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are

- Jeremiah 1.1-10 - God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet
- Psalm 71.1-15 - "In you, LORD, I have taken refuge"
- 1 Corinthians 13 (.1-13) - Paul's passage on love
- Luke 4.20-30 - Jesus' inaugural sermon (Part 2)

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

This Week in First Church:

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

Coming Up:

- Saturday, 12 February - Deadline for reports for the Annual Report
- Sunday, 27 February - Annual Meeting

Lay Preacher - Keith Kelly will be preaching the sermon in our service next Sunday. The rest of the service will be led by John.

Weekly Prayer Focus - At its meeting this past Thursday evening, the Session decided that our weekly prayer focus for this year will be the growing polarization in our country and the growing tendency to be nasty and obnoxious toward those whose views are different from one's own. If you have specific suggestions for prayer on this matter at any time during the year, please let John know.

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.

Annual Report - As noted above, our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 27 February. If you are preparing a report for the Annual Report, please get it to Lisa Sneesby (bsneesby@mymts.net) by Saturday, 12 February, so that we can have the Report ready to distribute on the 20th, a week ahead of time.

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.

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

Mission Moment

In October 2019, a devastating fire destroyed much of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland. But, even with this loss and devastation weighing heavy on the hearts of the congregation, they still continued their outreach ministry to support the local community. During the pandemic, congregation members produced hats, mittens and incubator blankets for the local hospital, and also supported the local Food Bank and Salvation Army. Now that the church building has been fully restored and the congregation is able to gather again, they continue to show love to their neighbours by exploring new opportunities for using and sharing their restored space. St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church is supported by gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*.