

# 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 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 6 February 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

- Numbers 4.1-6, 15 - Moving the "tent of meeting"
- Psalm 23 - "The LORD is my shepherd"
- John 4.21-26 - "Neither here nor in Jerusalem"
- 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 - Gifts of the Spirit

The readings for next Sunday will be

- Leviticus 19.1-2, 9-18 - Various commandments
- Psalm 146 - "Praise the LORD, my soul!"
- Mark 12.28-34 - The most important commandment(s)

The Greeter this month is **Winnie Duncan**.

**Keith Kelly** will be reading the scripture readings and preaching the sermon today. We thank him for taking part in leading today's service.

**This Week in First Church:**

- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study - by Zoom
- Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - F&M Committee meeting - by Zoom
- Saturday - Deadline for reports for the Annual Report

**Coming Up:**

- Sunday, 13 February - PWS&D Sunday
- Sunday, 27 February - Annual Meeting

**Our Sympathy** - We extend our sympathy to **Harold Graham and family** in the death of **Donna Graham** this past Monday.

**Weekly Prayer Focus** - At its January meeting, 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. We will pray about this every week in the Prayers of the People. 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](mailto:bsneesby@mymts.net)) by this Saturday (the 12th), so that we can have the Report ready to distribute on the 20th, a week prior to the meeting.

**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 Malawi, the Mulanje Mission Hospital provides care and support to orphans through its community-based program. **Vocational skills, such as livestock farming, are taught to out-of-school children as a means for achieving economic empowerment.** Brian lives with his grandmother. Through the program, he started goat farming, which has allowed his family to pay for food and other necessities and has also helped him establish a sustainable livelihood. "After the mother of the children died, things have been difficult. We had nothing to depend on during hard times, but now things are becoming smooth as we can sell goats and buy grain and other basic needs," his grandmother expressed. This project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.