

# 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 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST COMMUNION SUNDAY

2 October 2022

**Welcome!** We extend a warm welcome to our guests, and invite you to sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to remain for coffee and fellowship, downstairs in the Church Hall, following the service.

The Greeters this week are **Rob and Cheryl McPherson**.

The Reader today is **Philip Dunn**.

*Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Everyone who has been baptized in any denomination of the Christian church is invited to participate in the Communion, including children. The Communion bread is gluten-free. **Today we return to serving the bread and juice the way we used to do, before the pandemic broke out.** It's our custom here at First Church to wait until everyone has been served, so that we all consume first the bread, and then the grape juice, together. Please place your used Communion glasses into the hymnbook rack in your pew, and they will be collected following the service.*

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

- Lamentations 1.1-6 - "How deserted lies the city!"
- Lamentations 3.19-32 - "I remember my affliction"
- 2 Timothy 1.1-14 - "Do not be ashamed"
- Luke 17.5-10 - Sayings on faith and service

Next Sunday's readings will be

- Deuteronomy 26.1-11 - A liturgy of thanksgiving
- Psalm 147 - "How good it is to sing praises to our God!"
- Philippians 4.4-9 - "By prayer ... with thanksgiving"
- John 6.25-35 - "Food that endures to eternal life"

### **This Week in First Church:**

- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study - by Zoom
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

### **Coming Up:**

- Sunday, 9 October - Harvest (Thanksgiving) Sunday
- Sunday, 16 October - Stewardship Sunday

**Thanksgiving** - Next Sunday, Harvest (Thanksgiving) Sunday, we will again be receiving a special offering of **non-perishable food** for the local **Food Bank**, as we have done for the past few years. Sharing food with those in need is a particularly appropriate way to give God thanks for his provision of food. The **most-wanted food items** are: canned fish or poultry; canned fruit or vegetables; canned stew, chili, or brown beans; baby food or formula; peanut butter; pasta (whole grain or whole wheat); rice; canned spaghetti sauce or tomatoes; cereal (high-fiber, non-sugar-coated); canned soup. Donations can be placed at the front of the sanctuary as people arrive for the service.

**Brochure** - Copies of the new *Presbyterians Sharing* brochure for this year have been set out on the table behind the back pew. John had intended to set them out last Sunday, but forgot! They highlight various ways in which our givings to *Presbyterians Sharing* are put to use, across the country and around the world. Please pick up a copy and take it home with you — there are **lots!**

**Stewardship Sunday** - The Session has decided against having a Stewardship *Visitation* this year (2022), but we will have a **Stewardship Sunday** on Sunday, 16 October. Following the service that day, everyone is invited to stay for a **meal** in the Church Hall — spaghetti!

**Treasurer** - Mardine Garnham has given notice of her intention to step down as treasurer of our congregation. We are therefore looking for someone to take over the position from her. Financial records are kept on the church's computer, so the new treasurer would need computer skills as well as knowledge about creating financial statements, etc. If you're interested, or have questions, please speak to either Mardine herself (239-0497) or Keith Kelly (857-5712), the convener of the Finance and Maintenance Committee.

**Special Committee** - The General Assembly of our church has become aware of cases of marginalization and racism that have been experienced by people of ethnic and racial minorities within the entire Presbyterian Church in Canada. It has therefore created a special committee to listen to stories of people's experiences, and ultimately, to develop a formal statement of confession to God and to marginalized ethnic groups and individuals within the church. The Special Committee is interested in hearing from people who have had negative experiences of this kind, or have witnessed them. Anyone who would like to share their story with the Special Committee can contact them by e-mail at [special.committee.pcc@gmail.com](mailto:special.committee.pcc@gmail.com). The committee's co-conveners are Peter Bush and Linda Park.

**Presbytery News** - The Presbytery recently approved a request from Knox-Zion Church in Carberry that the congregation be dissolved (that is, that it cease to exist). The congregation's final Sunday morning service, then, will be held on Sunday, 16 October; and, at 2:00 that afternoon, the Presbytery will hold a Service of Dissolution, at which time the dissolution of the congregation will take effect.

**Emergency Appeal for Pakistan** - PWS&D is appealing for donations to help with the assistance it is providing to people in Pakistan affected by flooding and landslides caused by unusually heavy monsoon rains this summer. Some 33 million people are affected, and some 6.4 million people require emergency assistance. PWS&D is helping to get desperately needed food assistance to over 2,000 families. For details, go to PWS&D's website ([www.WeRespond.ca](http://www.WeRespond.ca)), and click on "Pakistan Flood Response" under the heading "Latest News". You can make a donation to PWS&D online using your credit card (click on the "Donate Now" button on the website), by sending a cheque to PWS&D at 50 Wynford Dr., Toronto, Ont., M3C 1J7, or through our own congregation. Please mark your donation "Pakistan Relief", so that it gets to the right place. Donations can also be directed toward other specific projects listed on PWS&D's website.

**Place of Hope** is a part of Winnipeg Inner City Missions. The residents of Place of Hope participate in the First Steps to Employment Project. This helps them to develop wholesome and productive lifestyles and skills that lead to employment.

**Place of Hope** - has an urgent need for essential items to place in suites when new people move in. Each suite requires a set consisting of the following items: toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, hand soap (liquid or bar), toilet paper, and dish soap.

If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated. A donation box labeled "Place of Hope" can be found at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for your support!

**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**

After Mikabens' first birthday in Haiti his health began to deteriorate rapidly, showing signs of severe malnutrition. His parents brought him to the hospital, where he was diagnosed with severe acute malnutrition and consequently admitted for therapeutic nutrition treatment. Mikabens has since gained close to two kilograms and will shortly be able to return home. *Presbyterian World Service and Development's* partnership with Zanmi Lasante (Partners in Health) and Canadian Foodgrains Bank is helping many young children in Haiti overcome critical malnutrition.