

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS SHEET

### THE 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST REFORMATION SUNDAY 30 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 Greeter this week is **Marg Clark**.

The Reader today is **Raymond Reichelt**.

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

- Micah 6.6-8 - What the LORD requires of his people
- Psalm 46 - "God is our shelter and strength"
- Philippians 1.3-11 - Thanks and prayer for the Philippians
- Matthew 28.16-20 - The "Great Commission"

**This Week in First Church:**

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

**Coming Up:**

- Sunday, 6 November - Daylight Saving Time ends
- Sunday, 6 November, 5:00 p.m. - Fall Supper

**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 know of someone else who may be 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.

**This Week** - We have been notified by Manitoba Hydro that they will be blocking off a portion of the lane between the church and the City Hall this Thursday (3 November), as they do some work at the City Hall. The parking area behind the church will remain accessible, but anyone parking there will need to enter from Tupper St. rather than Royal Rd.

**Assessment Report - Highlights** - The Session is making available to the congregation highlights of the Assessment Report written for us by the Rev. Mark Lewis in the fall of 2020, as part of the New Beginnings process for congregational renewal. A **nine-page document** has been sent out by e-mail, and a few hard copies have been set out on the table at the back of the sanctuary. The report as a whole is very *detailed* and very *lengthy* — 78 pages in all! The Highlights document includes the following: 1) a Summary of the report, 2) four possible “Future Scenarios” for our congregation, 3) Concluding Remarks by Mark Lewis, and 4) an appendix that lists Five Strategies for a “New Beginning” for a congregation. The four possible future scenarios are set in the year 2025, and assume that we have gone through the entire New Beginnings process, which, unfortunately, we have not been able to do. However, they are interesting, and worth reading. If we had been able to continue the New Beginnings process, we would've discussed the Assessment Report in a series of small group meetings, and then decided how we as a congregation wished to proceed. If you would like to see the entire report, let John know, and he will e-mail it to you.

**The Christian Year** - The 31st of October is **Reformation Day**. On that day in 1517, **Martin Luther**, a professor of theology at the University of Wittenberg in Germany, posted on the door of a prominent church an invitation to a debate on the church's practice of selling “indulgences” in order for people to receive forgiveness of their sins. The invitation also stated Luther's own position in 95 points, and thus came to be known as his “95 Theses”. That event sparked an upheaval in the church — a period of debate, conflict, and reform that lasted for more than 100 years, and came to be known as the **Reformation**. A number of Protestant churches (including the Presbyterian Church) came into existence during that time.

Another prominent figure in the Reformation was **John Calvin**, from France. In the 1540s and 50s, he established in Geneva, Switzerland, a separate branch of the Reformation from Luther's. Now known as the **Reformed Tradition**, this branch of the church is the one to which our own Presbyterian Church in Canada belongs, along with the United Church, the Christian Reformed Church, and many other denominations around the world.

Reformation Day is not only an occasion to commemorate the accomplishments of the Reformers, but also to recognize that the church *always* needs reforming in order to stay true to God's wishes and purpose for his people. The symbolic color for Reformation Day is **red**, in recognition of the fact that a great many people lost their lives during that turbulent time.

**Gifts of Change** - Copies of the 2022-23 “Gifts of Change” catalogue are now available, and have been set out on the table at the back of the sanctuary. The catalogue lists various ministries and projects toward which people can make direct donations, through the national church — such as “Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene” on page 7, “Care for Children in Romania” on page 11, and “Help a Child Discover Camp” on page 14. Each project/ministry description indicates what can be done with donations of various amounts. To make a donation, you can fill out the form on page 3, and mail it, along with your cheque, to Church Offices in Toronto, using the envelope enclosed in the catalogue. Alternatively, you can make your donation using your credit card, either by phone or online (details on the back cover).

**Prayer Calendar** - The Prayer Calendar for November is now available. It has been sent out by e-mail, and a few printed copies have been set out on the table behind the back pew. We thank Margaret Dunn for putting the Prayer Calendar together every month.

**Hurricane Fiona** - We have all seen images of the devastating impact of Hurricane Fiona on the Atlantic Provinces. Donations toward the relief effort can be made to PWS&D, either through our congregation, using a cheque, or through PWS&D’s website ([www.WeRespond.ca](http://www.WeRespond.ca)), using your credit card. The federal government *was* matching donations made to the Canadian Red Cross, but the deadline for matching donations (23 October) has now passed. You can check the PWS&D website also for other projects that PWS&D is providing funding to.

**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!

### **Mission Moment**

**When the war in Ukraine started, Irina’s family was torn apart.** Her husband joined the territorial defence force to serve his country, while Irina and their two children sought refuge at her parents’ house. The sound of bombs exploding nearby made it clear that the situation was still unsafe, and Irina determined to find a safer place for her family. On their way to the evacuation point, bombs started falling on the settlement. Irina was fortunate to see a convoy of cars passing by, which her family hastily joined. Eventually, they were able to catch a train to western Lviv, where they found safe shelter at a refugee centre run by Hungarian Interchurch Aid through the ACT Alliance, supported by *Presbyterian World Service & Development*.



# Turkey Fall Supper

Take-out

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**\*\*Must pre-order by Saturday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> \*\***

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