

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

CHRIST THE KING THE FINAL SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 20 November 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 month are **Bruce and Lisa Sneesby**.

The Reader today is **Lisa Sneesby**.

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are

- Jeremiah 23.1-6 - A proper king for Israel
- Psalm: Luke 1.68-79 - "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!"
- Colossians 1.9-20 - "The image of the invisible God"
- Luke 23.32-43 - "The king of the Jews"

Next Sunday's readings will be

- Isaiah 2.1-5 - A vision of a peaceful future
- Psalm 122 - "I was glad when they said to me ..."
- Romans 13.8-14 - "The day is almost here"
- Matthew 24.29-44 - The Second Coming of Jesus

This Week in First Church:

- Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. - Meal-in-a-Bowl Supper
- Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Session meeting (by Zoom)

Coming Up:

- Sunday, 27 November - First Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, 27 November - Deadline for submissions for the December Newsletter
- Sunday, 4 December - Hanging-of-the-Greens service

The Christian Year - Today is **Christ the King**, the final Sunday of the **Season after Pentecost**, and the final Sunday of the Christian Year. A new Christian Year begins next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent.

Christ the King affirms and celebrates Jesus' kingship over the world and over the church, as well as in the lives of individual Christians. Today's scripture readings lead us to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' kingship. In the Gospel reading, he is derisively called "the Messiah" and "the king of the Jews" at his crucifixion by people who don't accept him as such; while in the reading from the Letters, he is portrayed as possessing great authority and power.

The symbolic color for Christ the King is **white**, symbolizing joy and celebration.

Treasurers - 1. The Finance and Maintenance Committee is looking for someone to take over the job of **congregational treasurer** from Mardine Garnham, who would like to hand the job off to someone else. 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, budgeting, 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.

2. The Presbytery is looking for someone to take over the job of **Presbytery treasurer** from John Zondag, whose term ends at the February Presbytery meeting (15 Feb. 2023). Those financial records also are kept on computer, so the treasurer would need computer skills. The treasurer doesn't need to be a member of the Presbytery. In addition to making deposits and writing cheques, the treasurer is expected to prepare a financial statement for each regular Presbytery meeting (4 per year), and to prepare a budget each year for the following year. If you are interested, or have questions, please speak to John.

Advent Candles - We are looking for a few people to light the Advent candles on the Second and Third Sundays of Advent, as well as the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve. If you would like to take a turn, please speak to John.

South Door - We thank Bruce Sneesby for putting new weather stripping on the door at the South Entrance. The new weather stripping makes it a little harder to open and close that door, however. A good pull or push is needed!

Leaves - Four bags of leaves in the Church Hall are waiting to be taken to the City's composting site. We thank Rob McPherson for picking the leaves up off the church lawn at the end of October. If someone is able to take the leaves to the City's composting site, please do; since the City ceased picking up bags of leaves on the 25th of October.

Devotional Resource - St. Andrew's Church in Brandon has produced a free **devotional resource for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany**, which it has made available to all congregations in the Presbytery. It contains various scripture readings and meditations, and is designed for use at home. The resource has been sent out by e-mail, and hard copies are available as well. They are set out on the table behind the back pew.

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 “From Sickness to Strength” on page 6, “Equip Christian Leaders in the Middle East” on page 12, and “Transform Lives” on page 15. 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).

This Saturday - St. Mary’s Anglican Church (36 2nd St. SW) will be holding a **Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale** this Saturday (the 26th), from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Items for sale will include baking, jewellery, Christmas decorations, books, puzzles, and more. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Church Hall for details.

Place of Hope

We were asked for hygiene items such as soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper and dish detergent. On November 15th approximately 130 of these items, plus a dozen dishcloths, were delivered to Gwen Henwood, in Winnipeg. She will include our donations, labelled “*from First Presbyterian, Portage*”, with those from Westwood Presbyterian. They will be delivered to **Place of Hope**.

Mission Moment

Through *Presbyterians Sharing*, many people share their gifts to support the mission and ministry of the PCC. Congregations and individuals use their time and skills to develop educational resources, lead conferences and webinars, and provide coaching and mentoring. Teachers are preparing leaders to serve the church, leaders are helping renew and grow ministries, and mission staff are accompanying and encouraging international partners. Volunteers are ensuring that programs run smoothly by guiding study groups, sharing their experiences and insights and much more! **Generous gifts of time, talent and treasure allow us to continue Christ’s ministry, in Canada and around the world.**

Meal-in-a-Bowl – It’s getting colder out there! Time to bulk up for winter (see below)

**“MEAL – IN – A – BOWL” SUPPER
WEDNESDAY: NOVEMBER 23**

**Meat, Potatoes & Veggies all in a bowl of
THICK HOMEMADE SOUP
Served With
Homemade Breads and Biscuits**

SOUPS:

**TURKEY
or
SPLIT-PEA**

DESSERTS:

**TRIFLE
or
CARROT CAKE**

**\$10.00 AT THE DOOR
TAKE OUT or DELIVERY ONLY
PICK UP from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**TO PLACE YOUR ORDER
PLEASE PHONE LISA SNEESBY
(204) 385-2847
PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE**

PLEASE ORDER BY NOVEMBER 21

FINANCIAL REPORT, October 2022

	<u>Oct. 1-31/22</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
FINANCES:		
INCOME RECEIVED:	13,563.27	84,207.66
EXPENSES PAID:	<u>8,436.99</u>	<u>82,439.24</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT):	5,126.28	1,768.42

Included in the above Y-T-D income is \$2,430.96 from the Canada Employment Wage Subsidy (CEWS) and \$25,000.00 from the Endowment Fund

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING – Total Allocation for 2022 is \$3,200.00:

DONATIONS RECEIVED:	175.00	2,920.00
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FUNDRAISING:

INCOME:	615.00	5,620.00
EXPENSES:	<u>53.12</u>	<u>1,483.30</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT):	561.88	4,136.70

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

Spring Dinner	1,794.95
Fall Supper	
Catering	363.84
Meal In A Bowl	2,110.19
Presby. Pie Sale	

Thank you for the generous donation to our Thanksgiving Offering. The total amount received was \$790.00.