

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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

14 January 2024

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. We thank **Brian Yeo** for hosting today.

Scripture Readings -The readings for today's service are
1 Samuel 3.1-20 - God calls Samuel
Psalm 139.1-6, 13-18 - "Yahweh, you have searched me..."
1 Corinthians 6.12-20 - Flee from sexual immorality
John 1.43-51 - Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael

The Greeters this morning are **Bruce and Lisa Sneesby**.

The Reader this morning is **Bruce and/or Lisa Sneesby**.

This Week at First Church:

- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study, by Zoom
- Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Finance and Maintenance Meeting, by Zoom

Coming up:

- Meal-in-a-Bowl - 24 January

Request from Lisa re. Annual Report

The reports for the Annual Report HAVE to be into Lisa by January 31st. **No delays!!** The **Annual Meeting** will be held on February 18th, 2024.

The Christian Year - We are now in the **Season after Epiphany**, the third of the six seasons of the Christian Year (the first two being Advent and Christmas). The Season after Epiphany begins on January 7 (the day after Epiphany), and lasts until Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday). Since the date of Ash Wednesday changes each year, the length of the Season after Epiphany also varies.

This season is properly called the Season *after* Epiphany, not the Season *of* Epiphany. It's a season of "ordinary time", which means it has no particular focus or theme (unlike Advent or Easter, for example). The symbolic color for this season is **green** (signifying life), the color for ordinary time.

However, the first and last Sundays of this season do have a special focus: the First Sunday after Epiphany commemorates Jesus' **baptism**, and the Last Sunday after Epiphany commemorates his **transfiguration**. On both of these Sundays, the theme is the revelation of Jesus' true identity as the Son of God, which continues the theme of Epiphany itself (the "manifestation" of Jesus to the world). The symbolic color for both of these Sundays is **white**, signifying joy and celebration.

(from *Announcement Sheet*, 9 January, 2022)

MISSION MOMENT

Sohdi became the sole provider for her family when her husband died a decade ago. A farmer in Pakistan, she plants various crops, but droughts and floods have disrupted food production for three years. In 2021, Sohdi received aid through the Humanitarian, Early Recovery and Development project, supported by *PWS&D*, which provided food aid to households in need. This assistance enabled her family to eat properly even during times of failed harvests. The project also provided support for women artisans to improve their skills and market their goods, making them more resilient for the future. Sohdi is grateful for this support that allowed her to stay out of debt. Now, she dreams of her son's wedding as well as sending her other children to school.

“MEAL – IN – A – BOWL” SUPPER
Wednesday: JANUARY 24

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

SOUPS:

TOMATO CHOWDER
or
TACO

DESSERTS:

FRUIT COCKTAIL CAKE
or
CHOCOLATE TRIFLE

\$12.00 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
LEAVE A MESSAGE

PLEASE ORDER BY JANUARY 22

FINANCIAL REPORT, 2023

	<u>Dec 1-31/23</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
FINANCES:		
INCOME RECEIVED:	7,002.81	64,735.86
EXPENSES PAID:	<u>7,267.71</u>	<u>51,573.75</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT):	<u>(264.90)</u>	<u>13,162.11</u>

Included in the above Y-T-D income is \$5,000.00 from the Endowment Fund. Included in the Y-T-D expenses is the repayment of the \$5,000.00 money received from the Endowment Fund in January.

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING – Total Allocation for 2023 is \$2,200.00:

DONATIONS RECEIVED:	<u>350.00</u>	<u>2,690.00</u>
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FUNDRAISING:

INCOME:	1,863.00	11,133.00
EXPENSES:	<u>186.01</u>	<u>3,779.17</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT):	<u>1,676.99</u>	<u>7,353.83</u>

Summary of the surplus (deficit) - the amounts are included in the above year-to-date fundraising information):

Spring Dinner	893.20
Fall Supper	1,653.78
Catering	1,555.97
Meal In A Bowl	4,029.21
Supplies	(778.33)

Your support for our fundraising is appreciated