

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 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

21 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
Proverbs 8.1-11
Psalm 116
John 8.42-47
John 8.1-11

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, 5:00 p.m. - Meal-in-a-Bowl
- Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting, by Zoom
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

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

We are God's people, called to serve God with our many gifts. We belong to a denomination that is connected by faith, governance, history and mission. *Presbyterians Sharing* is one of the ways that Presbyterians across Canada work together to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love and hope in our communities, in Canada and around the world. Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share God's love. When we work together, we can accomplish so much more than we ever could on our own.

Furnace Repair - Thanks to everyone who was involved in arranging the repair of the furnace last week. As you may remember it was very chilly in the sanctuary last week! Shewfelt's carried out the repair on Monday.

“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
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