

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

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

11 February 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 **Lalaine Buan** for hosting today.

Scripture Readings -The readings for today's service are
2 Kings 2.1-12
Psalm 50.1-6
2 Corinthians 4.3-6
Mark 9.2-9

The Greeters this morning are **Philip and Margaret Dunn**.

The Reader this morning is **Philip Dunn**.

This Week at First Church:

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

Coming Up:

- 18 February (next Sunday) - Communion, Annual Meeting and pot-luck lunch
- 28 February - Meal-in-a-Bowl (see poster, below)

Prayer Calendars - Copies of the Prayer Calendar for February are ready to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary. Don't forget your copy!

Annual Report - The Annual Report for 2023 has been sent out by e-mail, and hard copies will be available for those who don't have e-mail. Many thanks to everyone who submitted a written report, to Lisa Sneesby for putting them all together, and to Mardine Garnham for printing the hard copies!

The Christian Year - Today is **Transfiguration Sunday**, the final Sunday of the Season after Epiphany. This Sunday highlights the transfiguration of Jesus, an event described in Luke 9.28-36, as well as in the parallel passages in Matthew and Mark. The transfiguration was one of the most extraordinary events in the life of Jesus, but it served to show the disciples Peter, James, and John beyond any doubt that Jesus was the Son of God. The voice of God speaking from the cloud reminds us of Jesus' baptism, at which God also spoke from heaven, identifying Jesus as his Son. Both Jesus' baptism and his transfiguration were "epiphanies", that is, events in which Jesus' divinity was manifested, or revealed. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek word for "manifestation".

The symbolic color for Transfiguration Sunday is **white**, signifying joy and celebration.

The Christian Year - This Wednesday is **Ash Wednesday**, the first day of the Season of **Lent**. Lent is a season of preparation for the festival of Easter. It emphasizes the need to turn away from sin, and renew one's commitment to God.

Ash Wednesday gets its name from an ancient ceremony called the "imposition of ashes" which was done on the first day of Lent (always a Wednesday). In this ceremony, the priest would sprinkle ashes on the heads of worshippers, or place a smudge of ash on their foreheads, to symbolize their consciousness of their mortality, their remorse for their sin, and their desire to repent. At the same time, he would say, "Remember that you are dust, and that to dust you will return", an adaptation of Genesis 3.19. Ashes have been a symbol of penitence since Old Testament times. Traditionally, the ashes for Ash Wednesday come from burning the dried palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration.

Today, denominations that follow traditional worship customs (such as the Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran churches) continue to have a special service on Ash Wednesday. During the Reformation, however, Reformed and Presbyterian churches abandoned the observance of Ash Wednesday and Lent, along with some of the other festivals and observances of the Christian Year. In some Presbyterian congregations today, though, there is a revival of interest in the Ash Wednesday tradition.

The symbolic color for Ash Wednesday, and all of Lent, is **purple**, symbolizing penitence and preparation. (*The Christian Year items, above, are from "Announcements Sheet", 27 February, 2022*)

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - At St. Mary's, this Tuesday, 13 February (see poster, below).

Meal-in-a-Bowl - 28 February (see poster, below).

Thank You - to Mardine for preparing the announcements last week, in Philip's absence.

Annual Meeting - Our Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday (the 18th), following the service and a pot-luck lunch.

**St. Mary's la Prairie
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Tuesday February 13, 2024
5pm until the Pancakes are gone!**



Come enjoy a delicious meal of pancakes, sausage, beverage and dessert for \$10!, kids under 12 \$5 and under 5 free.

**St. Mary's Parish Hall
36 2nd St. SW**

“MEAL – IN – A – BOWL” SUPPER
Wednesday: FEBRUARY 28

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

SOUPS:

BEAN CHOWDER
or
MEATBALL

DESSERTS:

SKOR CAKE
or
MINI-CHEESECAKES

\$12.00 AT THE DOOR
TAKE OUT or DELIVERY ONLY
PICK UP from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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