

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

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

24 March 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 **Margaret Dunn** for hosting today.

The Greeter this morning is **Brian Yeo**.

The Reader today is **Philip Dunn**.

We thank **Norm Collier**, who is leading our service today.

Scripture Readings -The readings for today's service are

Zechariah 9.9-12 - Your king comes to you

Psalm 118.1-12, 19-29 - Give thanks to the Lord

Philippians 2.5-11 - Obedient to death

Mark 11.1-11 - Jesus arrives in Jerusalem

This Week at First Church:

- Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. - Meal-in-a-Bowl

- Friday, 10:30 a.m. - Good Friday service

Coming Up:

- Sunday, 31 March - Easter service

The Christian Year - This week, the final week of the Season of Lent, is called **Holy Week**. During this week, we commemorate the events of Jesus' Passion (suffering) in Jerusalem. The significant days in Holy Week are:

- **Palm/Passion Sunday** (today), which commemorates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem (see Luke 19.28-44 and the parallel passages in the other three Gospels)
- **Maundy Thursday** (also called **Holy Thursday**), which commemorates Jesus' last supper with his disciples, his institution of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, his arrest in the garden of Gethsemane, and his interrogation by the Sanhedrin (the council of chief priests, teachers of the law, and elders) (Luke 22.1-65 and parallels)
- **Good Friday**, which commemorates Jesus' interrogation by Pilate, his death on the cross, and his burial (Luke 22.66 - 23.56 and parallels)

The symbolic color for Holy Week is **red**, signifying blood, which reminds us of Jesus' suffering and death — the sacrifice that allows our sin to be forgiven, making it possible for us to be reconciled to God and be adopted into his family.

- *from Announcements Sheet, 10 April, 2022*

Bible Study - No Bible Study this week: it will resume on Tuesday, 2 April.

“MEAL – IN – A – BOWL” SUPPER

Wednesday: MARCH 27

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

SOUP/ENTREE:

CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP

or

SHEPHERD'S PIE

DESSERTS:

ZUCCHINI CAKE

or

POUND CAKE

\$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 MARCH 25

FINANCIAL REPORT, February 2024

	<u>Feb. 1-29/24</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
FINANCES:		
INCOME RECEIVED:	5,259.53	10,238.72
EXPENSES PAID:	<u>5,076.85</u>	<u>8,067.73</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT):	<u>182.68</u>	<u>2,170.99</u>

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING – Total Allocation for 2024 is \$2,000.00:

DONATIONS RECEIVED:	<u>120.00</u>	<u>240.00</u>
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FUNDRAISING:

INCOME:	630.00	1,218.10
EXPENSES:	<u>431.98</u>	<u>607.69</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT):	<u>198.02</u>	<u>610.41</u>

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

Spring Dinner	
Fall Supper	
Catering	
Meal In A Bowl	1,047.40
Supplies	(436.99)

You support for our fundraising is appreciated