

# 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 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

11 April 2021

**Welcome!** We extend a warm welcome to our guests, and invite you to sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary. Unfortunately, however, we are not yet able to resume our after-service fellowship time.

For the time being, John continues to record an abbreviated version of the service each week and to upload it to YouTube, for those who don't yet feel comfortable attending services in person. He sends out the YouTube link by e-mail each Sunday, along with the service script. Hard copies of the script can be printed and mailed out to anyone who would like them. If you would like to receive them, just call John at the church office.

**Scripture Readings** - The readings for today's service are

- Acts 2.32-37 - A snapshot of the early church
- Psalm 133 - "How good and pleasant it is ..."
- 1 John 1.1 - 2.2 - "This we proclaim"
- John 20.19-31 - The risen Jesus appears to his disciples

The readings for next Sunday will be

- Acts 3.12-19 - "God raised him from the dead"
- Psalm 4 - "Answer me when I call to you"
- 1 John 3.1-7 - Children of God
- Luke 24.33-48 - The risen Jesus appears to his disciples

The reader today is **Keith Kelly**.

The Greeters this month are **Wally Kimpton and Debbi Miles**.

### **This Week in First Church:**

- Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - F&M Committee meeting, by Zoom

### **Coming Up:**

- Sunday, 18 April, following the service - Annual Meeting
- Tuesday, 20 April, 7:00 p.m. - New Bible study begins
- Sunday, 2 May - Spring Dinner (take-out)

**Protocols** - In order to comply with government-imposed restrictions, and to protect each other from transmission of the COVID-19 virus, please follow these protocols in our Sunday services, until further notice:

- Use the South entrance to enter, and the Office entrance (at the front of the sanctuary) to leave
- Wear a mask when entering and leaving the church, and while singing. Masks may be removed when seated, if you're sitting either by yourself or with people you live with.
- Maintain physical distance from others (except your own household)
- Do not sit right at the aisle
- If possible, sit in the same spot each week
- Pick up a purple card from the table at the back, and, when you leave, use it to mark the spot where you sat, so that those sanitizing the pews after the service know which pews need to be sanitized.
- Offering plate is at the back as you come in
- Remain seated throughout the service, including for hymns
- Each week, bring your own cushion and/or Bible if desired
- Prefer that washrooms not be used
- There will be no coffee/fellowship hour
- Refrain from shaking hands, etc.
- The names of attenders will be recorded each Sunday, so that we have a record of who attended on which Sunday, in case contact tracing should need to be done later.

**Annual Meeting** - Our Annual Meeting will be held next Sunday (the 18th) (finally!), immediately following the service. Because of the pandemic restrictions, we will not be able to have a lunch, however. The meeting will therefore be held in the sanctuary, and we will try to make it as brief as possible. Please remember to bring your copy of the **Annual Report** with you. A few hard copies are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary for those who don't have e-mail.

**Cleaning** - There are sign-up sheets for **sanitizing the sanctuary** and for **vacuuming the sanctuary** on the music stand at the back of the sanctuary. If you're able to take a turn looking after one of these tasks in the coming weeks, please sign up.

**Available** - A few copies of the Spring issue of *Presbyterian Connection*, our national church's newspaper, are available at the back of the sanctuary. It includes four photos taken at our take-out Fall Supper last November!

**FOCUS**, the local group that grows a crop for the **Canadian Foodgrains Bank** every year, is appealing for donations to help cover the costs of producing this year's crop. Last year, FOCUS's growing project raised \$200,000 for the CFB. To date, FOCUS has 460 acres of land lined up for this year's growing project, in the MacGregor, Portage la Prairie, Oakville, and Elie areas. The crops will be canola, cereals, sunflowers, and soybeans. A few copies of their information leaflet are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary for those who are interested in supporting this project. Donations should be sent directly to FOCUS, at the address given on the leaflet. Official receipts will be sent out early in 2022.

### **Mission Moment**

#### **Annakala Finds Answers at Shining Hospital**

In Nepal, Annakala Nepali was living in significant discomfort. Severe problems with her fingers, along with loss of sensation in her legs and tingling in her body were followed by vision problems. In Annakala's community, many people prefer traditional healers to address their medical problems—Annakala decided to do the same. However, she still suffered after the visit. Her daughter-in-law, on seeing her in pain and suspecting that it might be due to leprosy, encouraged Annakala to visit the *Presbyterian World Service & Development*-supported Shining Hospital. Once she was admitted to the hospital, she was officially diagnosed with leprosy and started treatment, which has improved her symptoms and pain. Annakala is very grateful for the Shining Hospital's care, love and support.

**Spring Dinner** - (see poster, below)

# Roast Ham & Meatballs



## Take-out

Sunday, May 2, 2021

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**\*\*Must pre-order by Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>\*\***

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