

# 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 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER 2 May 2021

**Online** - Circumstances have again forced us to move our Sunday services online, so our services are again being held by **Zoom**, live, at our regular time of 10:30, today and for the next three Sundays, at least. Each week's service will be recorded and uploaded to YouTube, for the benefit of those who are unable to join us in real time. As usual, each service will be available until the following Sunday, at which time it will be deleted from the YouTube channel. The link to the Zoom meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84737316742?pwd=ZjZlWlRyZzBWR2RkZ1BOUy9nVlVuUT09>; it will be the same every week. After the service, the link to the recording on YouTube will be e-mailed out, along with a copy of the service script. In addition, 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 4.5-12 - Philip meets an Ethiopian official
- Psalm 22.22-31 - "I will declare your name to my people"
- 1 John 4.7-21 - "Let us love each other"
- John 15.1-17 - "I am the vine"

The Reader today is **Lalaine Buan**.

**This Week in First Church:**

- Today, 5:00 p.m. - Spring Dinner (take-out)
- Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible study, by Zoom

**Coming Up:**

- Sunday, 16 May - Deadline for submissions for the June newsletter

**Spring Dinner** - Fortunately, the “powers that be” have told us that we can **go ahead** with the Spring Dinner we had planned for today (5:00), as long as we abide by the necessary protocols.

**Newsletter** - If you have something to contribute to the **June issue** of our congregational Newsletter, please give it to Lisa Sneesby ([bsneesby@mymts.net](mailto:bsneesby@mymts.net)) by Sunday, 16 May, two weeks from today. We plan to have the Newsletter ready for distribution the following Sunday, the 23rd.

**Today** - Copies of the May-June issue of the devotional guide *Today* are now available. They are set out on the steps just inside the office entrance, and copies can be picked up anytime during regular office hours. Copies of the **Prayer Calendar** for May can be picked up from the same spot.

**New Study** - Glenn Ball and Laura Hargrove, the ministers of the two Presbyterian congregations in Brandon, are offering a new study on the first four chapters of *Living Faith*, our church’s official statement of faith (the green booklet). The chapter titles are “God”, “God, Creator and Ruler”, “God in Christ”, and “God the Holy Spirit”. The study is being offered by Zoom on the four Thursday evenings in May, beginning this week (the 6th), at 7:00 p.m. The study guide is available from John, and can either be sent to you by e-mail, or be printed for you. If you are interested, please speak to John, and let him know in which format you’d like to have the study guide. It can also be used for individual study, for those who don’t have access to the internet.

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