

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 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 3 September 2023

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:

- Jeremiah 15.15-21 (*p. 748 OT, blue Bible; p. 907, red Bible*)
- Psalm 26.1-8 (*responsive*) (*p. 551 OT, blue Bible; p. 656, red Bible*)
- Romans 12.9-21; (*p. 200 NT, blue Bible; p. 1363, red Bible*)
- Matthew 16.21-28 (*p. 25 NT, blue Bible; p. 1156, red Bible*)

The Greeters this morning are **Rob and Cheryl McPherson**.

The Reader today is **Lalaine Buan**.

Coming Up at First Church:

- Tuesday, 12 Sept., 7:00 p.m. - Bible study begins
- Tuesday, 12 Sept. - Deadline for submissions for the September Newsletter
- Wednesday, 13 Sept., 6:30 p.m. - Finance & Maintenance Committee meeting, by Zoom

Newsletter - It is newsletter time again – please send your reports to Lisa before September 12th. The newsletter will be sent out on the 15th. There is no grace period this time!
Any questions contact Lisa – bsneesby@mymts.net

Mission Moment

Parbati Damai lives in Nepal with a spinal cord injury she endured after falling down a hill three years ago. During that time, her family took her to the local hospital for emergency treatment, where she underwent multiple surgeries and started using a wheelchair. However, with her husband and sons working during the day, she was often left at home in her wheelchair for 10 to 14 hours daily, causing pressure sores to develop on her body. Parbati's local health facility couldn't provide her with the help she needed, so they referred her to the Green Pastures Hospital for further treatment. There, with the support of PWS&D's partner, she received treatment and counselling free of charge. Parbati hopes to complete her treatment and return home soon.

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

Today - Copies of the ***Today*** daily devotional booklet for September and October have been placed on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you card - please take a moment to read the Thank You card from the folks at Westwood Presbyterian Church thanking us for our donation of cookies, which they received in June (it's on the bulletin board downstairs).

Needed for Place of Hope Church - Once again, you can help the ***Place of Hope Indigenous Presbyterian Church*** by donating empty 4-litre ice cream pails, with lids, or by baking cookies. Please, no peanut butter or nuts in the cookies. Put the cookies in *Ziplock* freezer bags. The cookies will be kept in our church freezer until they are delivered to Gwen Henwood in Winnipeg. Deadline for donations is Sunday, October 8th. If you have any questions call Margaret Dunn, (204) 239-1580.