

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT COMMUNION SUNDAY

15 December 2024

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Everyone who has been baptized in any denomination of the Christian church is invited to participate in the Communion, including children. The Communion bread is gluten-free. It's our custom here at First Church to wait until everyone has been served, so that we all consume first the bread, and then the grape juice, together.

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.

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

The Greeter this morning is **Lalaine Buan**.

The Reader today is **Raymond Reichelt**.

Scripture Readings -The readings for today's service are

Zephaniah 3.14-20 - A promise of restoration

Isaiah 12.2-6 - *Responsive reading* - On that day you will say...

Philippians 4.4-7 - Rejoice... the Lord is near

Luke 3.7-18 - The ministry of John the Baptist (part 2)

This Week at First Church:

- Saturday - Men's breakfast group, 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Envelopes - The Christmas envelopes are on the table, ready to be picked up, at the back of the sanctuary. Christmas envelopes won't be mailed this year unless the postal strike ends soon.

Newsletter - Similarly, the newsletter won't be mailed out this time.

Mission Moment

Supported by *Presbyterians Sharing*, Edmonton Urban Native Ministry serves the needs of the local Eastwood community with compassion and care. Their comprehensive services include a daily hot meal program, distribution of clothing and essential supplies, a bi-weekly food bank, as well as spiritual and emotional support initiatives, such as Sunday worship and counseling sessions. The Rev. Tim Sungill Choi, the ministry's Executive Director, describes their role as a humble well, providing life-giving water to thirsty travelers. By extending a helping hand, offering essential resources, and standing in solidarity as allies, they help to empower Indigenous individuals and communities to navigate their paths, even amidst uncertainty.

No Christmas Eve Service - Sadly, there won't be a Christmas Eve service at our church this year. Please consider attending a service at one of the other churches in the community.