

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS SHEET

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4 May 2025

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 McNutt-Reichelt** for hosting today.

We thank **Raymond Reichelt**, who is leading our service today.

The Greeter this morning is **Sandra Hickox**.

The Reader today is **Ruth Buan**.

Scripture Readings -The readings for today's service are

Acts 9.1-20 - Saul's conversion near Damascus

Psalm 30 - I will extol thee, Yahweh

Revelation 5.11-14 - Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

John 21.1-19 - Miraculous catch of fish

This Week at First Church:

- Monday - Bible Study (Lesson 15 in “Luke”, by N. T. Wright) - 7:00 p.m., by Zoom

Concert at St. Mary’s – Wild Rice Jazz Concert (see poster, below)

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!

Today - Copies of the May-June issue of the devotional guide *Today* are now available, and have been set out at the back of the sanctuary. Feel free to take one home with you, to use in your daily devotional reading.

Mission Moment

Through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*, the Presbyterian Church in Canada supports many vital outreach ministries across Canada. One such ministry is Rivière des Prairies, a mission of the Presbytery of Montreal that plays a significant role in outreach within the city’s east end. This mission focuses on connecting with immigrants where there is a growing presence of new Canadians, mainly from Cameroon. Rivière des Prairies celebrates multilingualism in its church services and children’s programming, creating an open and welcoming space for newcomers to Canada. Through these efforts, the mission fosters a strong sense of community and supports individuals on their shared faith journey.

The Christian Year - We are now in the **Season of Easter**, the fifth of the six seasons of the Christian Year. It began on Easter Sunday, and is fifty days in length, including eight Sundays. The final Sunday of the season is Pentecost, which, this year, happens to fall on the 8th of June.

Instead of readings from the Old Testament, the Revised Common Lectionary specifies readings from the Acts of the Apostles for this season each year. The readings from the Letters for this season are mainly from the Book of Revelation this year. The Gospel readings for the first three Sundays are various accounts of the risen Jesus’ appearances to his disciples. On the 4th Sunday of Easter, the Gospel reading is always from John Chapter 10, in which Jesus speaks about being the “good shepherd”; and on the 5th, 6th, and 7th Sundays of Easter, the Gospel readings are from the “Supper Discourse” in John Chapters 14-17. On Pentecost, of course, the readings all have to do with the giving of the Holy Spirit to Jesus’ followers.

The symbolic color for the Easter Season, as for Easter Sunday itself, is **white**, signifying joy and celebration. The color for Pentecost is **red**.

(adapted from “Announcements Sheet”, 1 May, 2022)

WILD RICE JAZZ CONCERT

FEATURING GARETH RICE AND FRIENDS

SUNDAY MAY 18TH

2:00 PM

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