

First Presbyterian Church News

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October 2025

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

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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

FROM THE INTERIM MODERATOR

Greetings

As we come into fall, we look forward to the harvest of the vegetables and grain and enjoying the fruit of our work. The hard work we put in, results in the abundance of that harvest. We pray that you and your family or friends have been able to take in that harvest for the next year.

We look around and see the results of wars, poverty and now the results of people and groups wanting more for themselves at the detriment of other people causing people to suffer.

Yet, we who believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ have hope. Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ is coming again. Next Sunday is World Wide Communion when many of the churches celebrate these words. Our hope is grounded in these truths.

As the concerns of the world rage around us, let us put our trust, hope and faith in the words of the communion service.

The Psalmist in chapter 37 said “Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him and He will make our righteousness shine like the dawn.”

When your way is tough and life seems to be overwhelming, when the world around you seems to fall apart, give your ways to God and trust in him and he will direct your ways and give you hope and rest. We cannot solve all the problems in the world but we serve a God who can and will see us through. As we approach fall and winter, we do so in the love and hope we find in Jesus Christ.

Blessings to you and yours,
The Rev. Gladys Anderson
Interim Moderator

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Regularly-scheduled events:

- Bible study – 7:00 p.m. by zoom
- Finance & Maintenance Committee - 2nd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. - by Zoom
- Session meetings - 4th Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. - by Zoom - no meeting in October
- Men's Breakfast – every other Saturday starting Sept. 13th at 9:00 a.m.

FINANCE & MAINTENANCE

Thank you to everyone for still contributing to the church during our summer months whether financially or in work performed. Your help has allowed us to continue to operate. We have been having trouble finding someone to repair the steps at the North entrance, but are continuing to look for someone who can perform the work.

With winter coming, we have contacted the same people as last year to ensure that snow is cleared and removed.

Enjoy the last of the warm weather and may God continue to bless you all and our church as a whole.

Keith Kelly
Chairman

SOUP KITCHEN

The summer was a very busy time at the Soup Kitchen, where we saw numerous days with 50-55 meals served. A number of the volunteers chose to take the summer off, but we were able to manage to prepare and serve meals when others stepped up and filled in volunteer spots. Over the summer, the Soup Kitchen was able to pick up bread/buns/baked goods daily from Sobeys through Second Harvest, a program that redirects food from businesses to organizations needing such products. From Sep – June we will pick-up products from Sobeys on weekends. A new freezer was donated to the Soup Kitchen, a very timely gift.

Margaret McNutt-Reichelt

HAPPENINGS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

- ❖ Nathan Rempel is studying Business Administration at the University of Winnipeg.
- ❖ On September 5 Jean McBurney celebrated her 90th birthday.
- ❖ Charlie Clifford has joined Raymond Reichelt, Wilma Shirriff, Norman Collier and Keith Kelly in leading our worship services. Beginning in November, Charlie will lead worship every other month on the first Sunday.

COMMUNION



Our Communion service will be held on Sunday, October 5th, 2025 10:30 a.m. at McKenzie United Church in conjunction with World-Wide Communion Sunday. We have been invited to join with McKenzie United Church along with Trinity United Church, and St. Mary's Anglican Church. Everyone is invited.

FINANCIALS:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – 2025

JANUARY – AUGUST 2025

FINANCES:

INCOME RECEIVED:	35,842.21
EXPENSES PAID:	<u>23,476.19</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT):	<u>12,366.02</u>

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING – Total Allocation for 2025 is \$2,000.00

DONATIONS RECEIVED:	<u>1,200.00</u>
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FUNDRAISING:

INCOME:	4,043.00
EXPENSES:	<u>931.90</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT):	<u>3,111.10</u>

Summary of the surplus (deficit) – the amounts are included in the above year to date information:

Spring Dinner	
Fall Supper	
Meal In A Bowl	3,409.23
Catering	
Supplies	(298.13)

Your support for our fundraising is appreciated

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT – August 31, 2025**

REVENUE:	MONTH	Y-T-D
High Interest Saving Account – Stride CU	13.16	293.41
Investment Interest – Stride CU		
Share Dividend – Stride CU		108.80
Investment Redeemed – Stride CU		
Memorial Gifts		484.99
Honour Gifts		
Offering Envelopes		
Finance & Maintenance		
TOTAL REVENUE	13.16	887.20

EXPENSES:		
Bank Charges – Stride CU		
Investment Purchase		40,000.00
Finance & Maintenance		
Miscellaneous		
TOTAL EXPENSES		

BANK: STRIDE CREDIT UNION (SCU)	(Chequing Account)	
Opening Balance: January 1, 2025		10,908.75
Total Revenue Year to Date		240.62
Total Expense Year to Date – Investment Purchased		10,000.00
Closing Balance: August 31, 2025		1,502.54

BANK: STRIDE CREDIT UNION (High Interest Saving Account) – Included Below **		
Opening Balance: January 1, 2025	40,047.46	
Total Revenue – Year to Date	293.41	
Total Expenses – Year to Date – Investment Purchased	30,000.00	
Closing Balance: August 31, 2025	10,340.87- Included below **	

INVESTMENTS:				
DATE	BANK	INVESTMENT		AMOUNT
PURCHASED				
April/19	SCU	High Interest Saving Account	**	10,340.87 **
Oct 31/23	Westbourne	Due Oct 31/26 @4.50% 400450		1,500.00
June 4/25	GIC	Due May 28/26 @3.40% 110021047813		40,000.00
		TOTAL INVESTMENTS		\$51,840.87

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Turkey & Meatballs Fall Supper

Take-out

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

****Must pre-order by Saturday, Oct. 25th ****

Call 204-385-2847 to order – leave a
message if no answer

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\$22.00 each

Deliveries can be arranged for those who cannot
pick up.