

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

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Harvest Sunday

12 October 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 Dunn** for hosting today.

We thank **Wilma Shirriff**, who is leading our service today.

Welcome & Announcements - **Margaret McNutt-Reichelt**.

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

The Reader today is **Philip Dunn**.

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are
Deuteronomy 26.1-11 - My father was a wandering Aramean
Psalm 100 - "Oh be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands!"
Philippians 4.4-9 - "...in everything, by prayer... with thanksgiving, present your requests to God"
John 6.25-25 - "Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life".

This Week at First Church:

- Monday - No Bible Study this week - it will resume next week (October 20)
- Saturday - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.

Coming Up:

- October 22 - Meal-in-a-Bowl
- November 2 - Fall Supper

Food Bank - Once again we will be collecting food for the Salvation Army Food Bank. The most needed items are cold cereal and peanut butter. Let's see how much we can collect by Sunday, October 19th!

Fall Supper - (it's getting cooler out there!) Turkey & Meatballs, November 2nd (see poster, below).

Mission Moment

For 33-year-old Sigere Medison, a single mother in the Balaka District in Malawi, life took a harsh turn when an El Niño weather phenomenon affected her community. “El Niño left a devastating impact on our lives. We used to eat only once a day and sometimes we would go to bed without food. Being a mother of four, with two children under the age of five, it wasn’t easy for me,” Sigere shares. Relief came when *Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)* and Canadian Foodgrains Bank implemented an emergency response with the help of local partner CARD. Sigere received monthly cash transfers for five months. “Since November, life has been smooth. My family has been able to eat throughout the day. I am forever grateful,” Sigere shares with a smile.

The Christian Year - Although **Thanksgiving Day** (which dates back to colonial times) is a well-established festival here in North America, it is a relative “newcomer” to the Christian Year (which gradually took shape centuries earlier, during the Middle Ages). In the Christian Year, Thanksgiving Day is somewhat of a secondary festival, since it has to do with something other than an event in the life of Jesus, or in the history of the church. Nevertheless, it is an important festival, since it affirms that God, as Creator, provides the food we need. On Thanksgiving Day, we give God thanks and praise for the harvest, through which he replenishes our supply of food each year.

In Canada, Thanksgiving Day has been an official holiday since 1879, but has been observed on the second Monday of October only since 1957. In the United States, Thanksgiving falls on the fourth Thursday of November. The Sunday of the Thanksgiving weekend, previously called “Thanksgiving Sunday” in our church, was quietly renamed **Harvest Sunday** by our national church a few years ago, presumably to emphasize the fact that it’s specifically the *harvest* that is the focus of the celebration.

(from "Announcements Sheet" 9 October, 2022)



Turkey & Meatballs

Fall Supper

Take-out

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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“MEAL – IN – A – BOWL” SUPPER

Wednesday: OCTOBER 22

Meat, Potatoes & Veggies all in a bowl of

THICK HOMEMADE SOUP

Served With

Homemade Bread and Biscuits

SOUP:

CREAM OF MUSHROOM

or

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DESSERTS:

TAPIOCA PUDDING

or

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