## 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

# 20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST REFORMATION SUNDAY

# 26 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 **Brian Yeo** for hosting today.

We thank **Keith Kelly**, who is leading our service today.

Welcome & Announcements - Margaret McNutt-Reichelt.

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

The Reader today is Margaret Dunn.

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are Judges 11.27-36
Pslam 119.1-8
Timothy 3.16-4:5
Matthew 16.5-12

### This Week at First Church:

- Monday Bible Study: Lesson 23 "Watching for the Son of Man" 7:00 p.m., by Zoom
- Saturday Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

### **Coming Up:**

- November 2 Fall Supper
- November 16 Service of Communion

**Food Bank** - Thank you to everyone who brought food for the Salvation Army Food Bank! We collected: 10 jars of peanut butter; 25 boxes of cereal and 6 boxes of instant oatmeal, as well as:

7 tins of vegetables, 1 tin of salmon, 3 boxes of Kraft Dinner (KD), 2 boxes of "Shake & Bake" and 1 box of "Hamburger Helper"; for a total of 55 items.

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

Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale - at St. Mary's Anglican, Saturday, 8 November (see poster, below)

The Christian Year - The 31st of October is Reformation Day. On that day in 1517, Martin Luther, a professor of theology at the University of Wittenberg in Germany, posted on the door of a prominent church an invitation to a debate on the church's practice of selling "indulgences" in order for people to receive forgiveness of their sins. The invitation also stated Luther's own position in 95 points, and thus came to be known as his "95 Theses". That event sparked an upheaval in the church — a period of debate, conflict, and reform that lasted for more than 100 years, and came to be known as the Reformation. A number of Protestant churches (including the Presbyterian Church) came into existence during that time.

Another prominent figure in the Reformation was **John Calvin**, from France. In the 1540s and 50s, he established in Geneva, Switzerland, a separate branch of the Reformation from Luther's. Now known as the **Reformed Tradition**, this branch of the church is the one to which our own Presbyterian Church in Canada belongs, along with the United Church, the Christian Reformed Church, and many other denominations around the world.

Reformation Day is not only an occasion to commemorate the accomplishments of the Reformers, but also to recognize that the church *always* needs reforming in order to stay true to God's wishes and purpose for his people. The symbolic color for Reformation Day is **red**, in recognition of the fact that a great many people lost their lives during that turbulent time.

(from "Announcements Sheet", 30 October, 2022)



# Turkey & Meatballs Fall Supper

Take-out

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

\*\*<u>Must</u> pre-order by Saturday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> \*\* 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.



# ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 36 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SW, Portage la Prairie CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE AND BAKE SALE Saturday, November 8, 2025 11am to 2pm LUNCH FOR SALE SOUP, BISCUIT, DESSERT Adults - \$10 Adolescents (12 to 6 years) - \$5 Children (5 and under) - free

COFFEE, TEA, ICE TEA, WATER - NO CHARGE