## 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

# 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

# 23 November 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 **Lisa Sneesby** for hosting today.

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

Welcome & Announcements - Raymond-Reichelt.

The Greeters this morning are **Bruce & Lisa Sneesby**.

The Reader today is **Philip Dunn**.

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are Genesis 12.1-7
Psalm 40.1-11
Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-10
John 20.24-29

#### This Week at First Church:

- Wednesday Meal-in-a-Bowl 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday Session meeting 7:00 p.m., by Zoom
- Saturday Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

## Coming Up:

- December 16 Service of Remembrance and Hope
- December 24 Christmas Eve service

**Bible Study** - The Bible Study group has completed the study on the Gospel of Luke and will resume on January 5.

**Decorating the Sanctuary** - Next Sunday, which is the first Sunday in Advent, following the service, we will decorate the sanctuary, after which lunch will be served, no charge, thanks to Mardine Garnham, Margaret McNutt-Reichelt, and Lisa Sneesby.

# **Christmas event at Trinity United Church**

Whoop & Hollar Folk Festival is launching a new **Christmas event at Trinity on December 12**, billed as **"Christmas Spectacular"**.

This not-to-be-missed holiday concert will feature the iconic Red Moon Road and their *Simple Kind of Christmas* show, featuring a 6-piece band with strings, tubular bells, and impressive vocal harmonies. It's sure to be a festive and magical evening set in the decorated sanctuary and great acoustics of the church.

Tickets are \$40 and available at whoopandhollar.com/tickets or the church office. Children and youth under 18 get in free, and non-perishable food donations are welcome.

**Service of Remembrance and Hope** - will be held on Tuesday, December 16 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Anglican Church. Light refreshments will be served following the service. The service will be recorded for those who are unable to attend.

**Salvation Army Kettles** - If you are interested in staffing a kettle this year, information and sign-up forms are online: <a href="mailto:saportage.ca">saportage.ca</a> or call the local Salvation Army at 204-239-7213.

**Jazz Concert at St. Mary's** - Sunday, December 7 at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's la Prairie Anglican (more details to follow)

### **Mission Moment**

With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, Edmonton Urban Native Ministry walks alongside Indigenous families and communities, offering support, healing, and hope. This past summer, Indigenous youth leaders led a Vacation Bible School. What began as a one-week program blossomed into a summer of weekly outings, providing lasting joy and spiritual growth for the children who attended. The ministry's Executive Director, the Rev. Tim Sungill Choi, emphasizes that these efforts go beyond immediate assistance: they are seeds of lasting transformation. Together, they are laying a foundation of faith, community, and renewed strength for a hopeful future.

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FINANCES:

 INCOME RECEIVED:
 3,070.55
 44,703.58

 EXPENSES PAID:
 3,608.31
 29,933.21

 SURPLUS (DEFICIT):
 (537.76)
 14,770.37

## PRESBYTERIANS SHARING – Total Allocation for 2025 is 2,000.00

DONATIONS RECEIVED: <u>100.00</u> <u>1,575.00</u>

**FUNDRAISING:** 

 INCOME:
 735.00
 5,443.00

 EXPENSES:
 216.01
 1,504.76

 SURPLUS (DEFICIT):
 518.99
 3,938.24

SUMMARY of the surplus (deficit) - the amounts are included in the above year-to-date fundraising information:

Spring Dinner

Fall Supper (93.61)

Catering

Meal In A Bowl **4,493.98** Supplies **462.13**)

Your support for our fundraising is appreciated

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"MEAL – IN – A – BOWL" SUPPER Wednesday: NOVEMBER 26

Meat, Potatoes & Veggies all in a bowl of THICK HOMEMADE SOUP
Served With
Homemade Bread and Biscuits

SOUP:
HAM & VEGETABLES
or
PIEROGIE SOUP

**DESSERTS**:

APPLE CAKE WITH BROWN SUGAR GLAZE
or
STRAWBERRY POKE CAKE

**TAKE OUT or DELIVERY ONLY** 

\$15.00 AT THE DOOR PICK UP from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER
PLEASE PHONE LISA SNEESBY
(204) 385-2847
LEAVE A MESSAGE OR TEXT (204) 857-2926

PLEASE ORDER BY 6 p.m. NOVEMBER 24