

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

17 Royal Rd. S., Portage la Prairie, MB. R1N 1T8
Office Phone: 204-857-4351 email firstpc@mymts.net
www.firstpcportage.com

Interim Moderator: **Gladys Anderson**
email gladys@andersonbunch.com, Phone: 204-476-3027

Organist: **Margaret McNutt-Reichelt**
Clerk of Session: **Raymond Reichelt**

ANNOUNCEMENTS SHEET

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

8 March 2026

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

Welcome & Announcements - **Raymond Reichelt**.

The Greeter this morning is **Brian Yeo**.

The Reader today is **Philip Dunn**.

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are

Exodus 17.1-7 - Water from the rock at Rephidim

Psalm 95 - Come, let us sing for joy

Romans 5.1-11 Christ died for the ungodly

John 4.5-42 - The Samaritan woman at the well

This Week at First Church:

- Monday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study - "Paul: His Life & Teaching", Lesson 9, by Zoom

Coming Up:

- Sunday, 15 March - Communion service
- Friday, 3 April - Good Friday service at St. Mary's la Prairie Anglican Church

Daylight Saving Time - begins on Sunday, 8 March (today). If you are reading this on Saturday, 7 March remember to set your clocks forward an hour! (it doesn't make sense but you've gotta do it)

Good Friday service - Our church will be participating in a combined Good Friday service with St. Mary's Anglican, McKenzie United and Trinity United churches. The service will be held at St. Mary's.

Mission Moment

“I grew up among the baskets of fruit and boxes of soda. From a very young age, I helped,” says 29-year-old Joselin. Her mother, the founder of the Roberto Huembes market in Nicaragua, headed up a family of modest means. “I did not manage to finish high school, since I was a very young mother and I had to work.” Joselin attended skills workshops through a program with *Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)*'s partner. “I became passionate about discovering my strengths and skills for business. I unearthed a dream I had since I was a teenager, and that is to become independent and have my own business.” With the program's support, Joselin won a seed fund and was able to open a kiosk where she sells fruits and many other food items.

Prayer Calendars - Copies of the Prayer Calendar for March are ready to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary. Don't forget your copy!

Today - Copies of the *Today* daily devotional booklet for March and April have been placed on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Lenten Concerts at St. Mary's - a series of four noon-hour concerts on Wednesdays (see poster below).

Watoto Children's Choir - from Uganda - concert on Tuesday, March 10, (this Tuesday) at Highway Pentecostal Church at 6:30 p.m. (see the poster on the bulletin board downstairs).

St. Mary's Lenten Concerts

**Join us for a Series of Four Noon-hour
Concerts this Lent
Concerts from 12:10-12:30
A Soup and Sandwich Lunch is available
following the Concert
\$10**

March 4 - The Campbell Family

March 11 - The Prairie Strummers

March 18 - TBA

March 25 - TBA

