

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS SHEET

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

19 April 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 a soup lunch after the service downstairs in the Church Hall, no charge. We thank **Mardine Garnham** and **Margaret McNutt-Reichelt** for arranging the lunch.

We thank **Norman Collier**, who is leading our service today.

Welcome & Announcements - **Margaret Dunn**.

The Greeter this morning is **Mardine Garnham**.

The Reader today is **Lalaine Buan**.

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are
Acts 2.14a, 36-41 - Peter's Pentecost sermon
Psalm 116.1-4, 12-19 - I love the Lord
1 Peter 1.17-23 - Redeemed with the blood of Jesus
Luke 24.13-35 - The road to Emmaus

This week at First Church:

- Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. - Meal-in-a-Bowl
- Thursday, 7 p.m. - Session meeting, by Zoom

Bible Study - the study books (on the book of Philippians) are **still** back-ordered! The latest estimated delivery date is the middle of May.

The Christian Year - We are now in the **Season of Easter**, the fifth of the six seasons of the Christian Year. It began on Easter Sunday, and is fifty days in length, including eight Sundays. The final Sunday of the season is Pentecost, which, this year, happens to fall on the 24th of May.

Instead of readings from the Old Testament, the Revised Common Lectionary specifies readings from the Acts of the Apostles for this season each year. On Pentecost, of course, the readings all have to do with the giving of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' followers.

The symbolic color for the Easter Season, as for Easter Sunday itself, is **white**, signifying joy and celebration. The color for Pentecost is **red**.

(adapted from "Announcements Sheet", 1 May, 2022)

Lunch after the service - Don't forget: there's a soup lunch downstairs after the service, brought to you at no charge by Mardine Garnham and Margaret McNutt-Reichelt.

Mission Moment

In 2022, the Rev. Konnie Vissers launched Rooted: Centre for Theology and Eco Justice, creating four urban children's gardens in Guelph and Hamilton through local congregations. By 2023, summer camp and Sunday School programs integrated eco-theology and gardening, reaching over 90 campers. Last summer, a children's garden at Kortright Presbyterian Church hosted workshops and a five-week class on sustainable gardening, food justice, and creation care. With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, upcoming plans include a greenhouse garden and a fruit tree guild. By combining faith, practical skills, and positive coping strategies, this unique mission teaches children to connect with God, care for creation, and support local food security. These programs offer hope, cultivate love for nature, and empower young people to engage in meaningful climate action while taking home free, organic produce to share with their communities.

Food Bank - The supplies are low. The items most needed are spaghetti sauce, soup, stew, canned meat, beans and peanut butter. Let's see how we can help! This Sunday (19 April) will be the last day to bring items.

Newsletter - Please submit your reports for the newsletter to Lisa Sneesby at bsneesby@mymts.net by May 1, 2026.

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“MEAL – IN – A – BOWL” SUPPER

Wednesday: APRIL 22

Meat, Potatoes & Veggies all in a bowl of

THICK HOMEMADE SOUP

Served With

Homemade Bread and Biscuits

SOUP:

HAM & WILD RICE

or

SPLIT PEA

DESSERTS:

LEMON CAKE

or

BLACK FOREST 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

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PLEASE ORDER BY 6 p.m. APRIL 20