

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS SHEET

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ASCENSION SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION

17 May 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 **Hilda Bruinooge** for hosting today.

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Everyone who has been baptized in any denomination of the Christian church is invited to participate in the Communion, including children. It's our custom here at First Church to wait until everyone has been served, so that we all consume first the bread, and then the grape juice, together.

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

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

The Greeter this morning is **Hilda Bruinooge**.

The Reader today is **Raymond Reichelt**.

Scripture Readings - The readings for today's service are
Acts 1.1-11 - Jesus' Ascension
Psalm 47 - Clap your hands
Ephesians 1.15-23 - Seated at God's right hand
Luke 24.44-53 - Jesus' Ascension

This Week at First Church:

- Monday, 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study - The second of a 5-week study on faith and mental health - by Zoom

Coming Up:

- Wednesday, 27 May - Meal-in-a-Bowl

The Christian Year - This past Thursday was **Ascension Day**, the festival that commemorates Jesus' "ascension", or return to heaven, which is described in **Acts 1.1-11**. Acts 1.3 says that Jesus appeared to the disciples over a period of 40 days following his resurrection, and so Ascension Day is the 40th day of the Easter Season, always falling on the Thursday following the 6th Sunday of Easter. The Sunday either before or after Ascension Day is designated "Ascension Sunday".

Jesus' ascension marked the end of his ministry on earth, and his return to his glorious existence in heaven. From then on, his ministry on earth would be continued by his followers, the Christian church, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The ascension reminds us that Jesus is not just a person of the past, but also a person of the present — and of the future. In Acts 1.1-11, we find not only the account of Jesus' ascension, but also the promise that he will someday return from heaven.

The symbolic color for Ascension Day is **white**, symbolizing joy and celebration.

(adapted from Announcements Sheet, 22 May 2022)

Mission Moment

We are called to serve God with our many gifts. We belong to a denomination that is connected by faith, governance, history and mission. *Presbyterians Sharing* is one of the ways that Presbyterians across Canada work together to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love and hope in our communities, in Canada and around the world. Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share God's love. When we work together, we can accomplish so much more than we can on our own.

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“MEAL – IN – A – BOWL” SUPPER

Wednesday: MAY 27

Meat, Potatoes & Veggies all in a bowl of

THICK HOMEMADE SOUP

Served With

Homemade Bread and Biscuits

SOUP:

MEXICALI PORK SOUP

or

HASH BROWN POTATO SOUP

DESSERTS:

PEACH ANGEL FOOD CAKE

or

CARROT CAKE

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\$15.00 AT THE DOOR

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