

Here's what's up at Prairie Spirit

Prairie Spirit United Church

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Weekly Update – Friday 5 March 2021

Worship Service – Sunday 7 March 2021

Join us for Sunday Service virtually:

March 7 – Lent 3 – Communion Sunday - Rev. Paul DuVal will lead us in worship.

Sharon Thom will be our Scripture Reader.

Exodus 20: 1-7 John 2: 13-22

March 14 – Lent 4 -Rev. Deborah Vitt will lead us in worship.

All services available via YouTube.

**We are sad to announce the death of David MacMillan, brother of Bruce MacMillan.
David was living in British Columbia at the time of his death,
but was a long time resident of St. James.**



Sunday After Worship Zoom Chat

Please join us anytime after the end of Worship until 12:30pm

[Click here to Join the Zoom Meeting on Sun 7 March](#)

To connect by phone:

204 272 7920

Enter

Meeting ID: 937 5201 7388

Passcode: 007963

Please submit Weekly Updates to the office by Wed.

Deadline for the next Newsletter will be March 31.

If you would like to register for our Member Only area of the PSUC website, please email the office with your name and email address.

In the Member Only section you will have access to past Annual Reports, Governance Structure, Ministry Profile, Oversight and Executive Minutes, Newsletters and Weekly Updates.

**Cookie Train, Cookie Train...
jump on board....**

Next Cookie train delivery will be **Monday March 8th between 11:30 and 12** in the parking lot. Thanks to everyone, they are much appreciated. You may even be able to have a short visit with others coming!



Cookie Train



Coffee and Conversation on March 10th
Wednesday Morning at 10am

The Happy Gang is inviting YOU to join a Zoom Coffee Time on Wednesday, March 10th from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m. This will be an opportunity to catch up with old friends and have a discussion on a relevant topic for these COVID times. We hope you will be able to make a coffee or tea for yourself that morning and join us from the comforts of your home. The link to join the "Meeting" is below:

[Join Zoom Coffee and Conversation on Wed 10 March](#)

Look forward to seeing you on Zoom!



Lenten Study

Our Lenten Study Group will be meeting on Thursday mornings. Lenten Study will continue this week **Thursday, March 11th at 10:30 a.m.** The zoom link is below:

[Join PSUC Zoom Lenten Study on Thu 11 March](#)

Preregistration is not required, but if you have questions please contact Sherri or Paul.



'Ask Worship'

Worship Team is preparing a weekly question and response feature for the 'Weekly Update' where you ask questions about Worship and the Ministry & Worship Team reply.

Send your questions to the church office by phone or eMail and the Worship Team will respond to one question a week. If you wish further information on any questions asked, just let the Worship Team know and we will get back to you.

Let us learn together about this significant shared experience of our church life!!

Our third question:

How is the music selected for each worship service?

In our previous Ask Worship pieces, we have talked of the three lectionaries that guide us through scripture selection and the seasons of the year that are informed by the lectionaries. The lectionaries and the season also guide the selection of music. The music is chosen by the Music Director in partnership with the Minister(s). Seasons with special services are also discussed with the Worship Team. For seasons like Advent or Lent, a general theme may be chosen, and each week depicts an aspect of the theme, or separate themes are chosen for each week that tie together with the overall season.

Last year, the weeks of Lent were all themed around "A Godly Play". The weeks of Advent are usually each themed around Hope, Peace, Joy, Love - all link together for the season as we anticipate the birth of Jesus. Another aspect of Hymn selection is the context of the life of the congregation. Many hymns have a seasonal base like winter, spring, Thanksgiving, Remembrance and there are hymns that may be appropriate for the celebration of Communion, Baptism, or Confirmation. On occasion, the monthly soloist will also have suggestions that are taken into consideration when choosing music. It is a very collaborative process.

The following is an example of hymn/music dialogue for selections based on all of these factors:

The third Sunday of Advent is the week of Joy, and traditionally celebrates the annunciation of Mary. As we were using Luke's gospel the liturgical year (2020), we told the story of Mary through music. The first piece, 'Gabriel's Message,' depicted the annunciation: Mary is the chosen Mother of God. 'Breath of Heaven' is a piece told from Mary's perspective - she wonders why she was chosen and asks God for strength as she journeys to Bethlehem. The final selection, 'Christmas Lullaby,' is from a musical theatre show, *Songs for A New World*. The speaker draws on Mary and her story for strength as she anticipates giving birth to her own child. These three pieces were bookended by traditional Marian hymns (*Christian songs* focused on the Virgin *Mary*).