

# Prairie Spirit United Church

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**Please call before planning a visit to the church.**

Weekly Update – Friday 28 April 2023

## **Worship on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.**

This Sunday's worship service will be led by Rev. Dr. Jim Christie.

Our scripture reader is Carol Blacher.

The scripture reading is Psalm 23 and Exodus 3: 1-6.

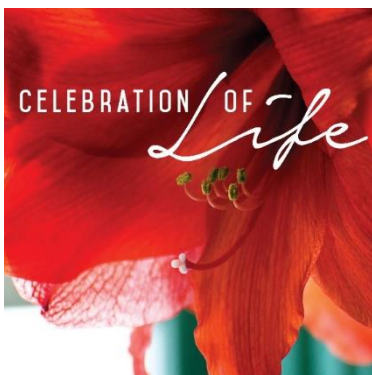
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Sunday May 7th marks the beginning of a four part Worship Series based on the All My Days Worship Series from the Worship Design Studio which speaks to the act of Prayer in the Protestant Tradition.

To capture your attention and bring focus through your senses, these services will be enriched by the receipt of a Prayer Bracelet or String. On the first Sunday of the series - May 7th - you will be offered either a bracelet or string of beads that are representative of God, Letting Go, Silence, Journey, Love, the Holy Spirit and Jesus.



Rev. Tricia Gerhard is leading our series and each service will focus on a bead(s) and be placed in the context of scripture and prayer. A legend and a bag to store it in will be provided to you so be sure to come a few minutes early on the 7th to select your Prayer Bracelet or String and the accompanying bag.



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Celebration of Life for Gerry Langman  
will be held at Prairie Spirit United Church  
on Saturday May 6th.  
at 1 pm.  
Reception to follow.

Prairie Spirit United Church  
New Land Acknowledgement  
23-Apr-23

For thousands of years Indigenous people have walked on this land. The relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives. We acknowledge the First Peoples and their stewardship of the land throughout the ages.

We acknowledge the treaties of Manitoba – Treaties 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10. These are the traditional and ancestral lands of many Indigenous Peoples, including Anishinaabeg, Saulteaux, Rocky Cree (Nehethowuk), Swampy Cree (Ininiwak), Plains Cree (Nehiyawak), Ojibwe-Cree (Anishininewak), Dakota, Dene; and the homelands of the Métis Nation.

The Treaties are living documents that include all of us and so we are all Treaty People. We acknowledge that five Dakota communities in Manitoba are not signatory to any treaty with Canada.

The land we worship and live on as the Prairie Spirit Community of Faith is part of Treaty 1. Our water comes from Treaty 3 and our hydroelectricity from Treaty 5 territories.

As non-Indigenous people who call this land home with Indigenous people, we know that the mistakes which are part of our history of colonization have caused deep and lasting harm. We commit ourselves to the truth-telling that needs to continue to happen as we seek reconciliation and healing toward a better future with Indigenous Peoples.

These are living words that will change and grow over time.

On Sunday April 23rd, 2023 during worship a new Land Acknowledgement was introduced. The Worship & Faith Formation and Social Justice & Outreach teams with guidance from Stewart Hill worked together to develop this Acknowledgement.

The Prairie to Pine Region and Prairie Spirit United Church Land Acknowledgments were sources for the document. The new document was reviewed by John McKay, Indigenous Cultural Program Lead at 1Just City, Cecil Sveinson, Manager of Indigenous Relations for the City of Winnipeg and Melissa Brown, Indigenous midwife and Community Leader.

The English common names of the Indigenous Nations in Manitoba are listed along with the Indigenous names in brackets. Our scripture readers will be reading the Land Acknowledgment each week but you will mostly hear them say the English common names only.

Thank you to Ivan Poitras for requesting the gap in the Indigenous Nations listed in our 2020 Land Acknowledgment be corrected and to Stewart Hill for sharing the sacred teachings of the medicine wheel and the importance of understanding these teachings in developing and sharing the Land Acknowledgement. We are blessed to be walking this journey together.

# Stories of Our Mission

## The Incredible Difference Your Gifts Make:

### Bill's Story

As scientists and activists sound the alarm around climate change and experts report that not spending enough time outside is having an impact on our children's health and well-being, [outdoor ministry](#) has never been more crucial. It's just one of the many reasons why Mission & Service really matters. [Image credit:Bill Darnall]



## THIS WEEK <sup>AT</sup> GLANCE



Sun 30 Apr	9:30am	PSUC Choir
	10:30am	PSUC Worship
	10am-2pm	Christ Church Global Ministry
Mon		
Tues		
Wed 3 May	10am	Worship&FF Team Mtg
Thu 4	2pm	Tone Chimers
Fri 5		Portage Avenue Food Bank
	1pm	PSUC Book Club
Sat 6	1pm	Celebration of Life Gerry Langman
Regular Office Hours are Tue-Fri 10am-2pm Please call before planning a visit to the church.		

Please submit Weekly Updates to the office by Wednesday morning.

Please send the article as you would like it to appear, include Title, Write-up, files or posters to be included if any.

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 & Executive Minutes, Newsletters & Weekly Updates.

If you would like to sign up for email editions of our Weekly Update and Newsletter, please contact the church office.