

Prairie Spirit United Church

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Weekly Update – Friday 1 December 2023



Welcome to Advent 2023 - the beginning of a new church year and the season of blessed waiting, watching and anticipation.

Worship on Sunday, Dec 3rd, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. HOPE

This Sunday's service is led by Rev. Dr. James Christie

Our scripture reader is Mike Hill.

Our Advent candle readers/lighters are Mike and Shirley Hill.

We welcome Mélanie Dupuis as our guest soloist.

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 80, VU794, Part 1

Mark 13:24-37

Sermon Theme: 1st Advent "Brace Yourself"

This is also Communion Sunday.

What's Happening in December

Sunday December 10th - PEACE - is the 2nd Advent Service.

This Sunday's service was prepared and sermon recorded by Rev. Dr. Rob Fennell.

Our Worship Leader will be Judy Restall.

This is also our traditional White Gift Sunday when the hamper contents will be presented during offering.

Sunday December 17th - JOY - is the 3rd Advent Service.

This Sunday's service was prepared and sermon recorded by Rev. Dr. Rob Fennell.

Our Worship Leader will be Thomas Ormonde.

Sunday December 24th Christmas Eve (4pm) - LOVE –

We'll be sharing a Lessons and Carols service prepared by Rev. Dr. Rob Fennell.

The Worship Leader will be Pat Rothney with many members of the Oversight Council, Standing Teams and the Community of Faith participating in the leadership of this service.

Thoughts & Prayers

- Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all around the world affected by war in Gaza. We are grateful for the pause that has allowed for the return of hostages and the import of humanitarian aid into the region. We pray that this might transition to a lasting **PEACE**.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with **all those whose needs are accentuated at this time of year**: those without shelter as winter conditions settle in; those who are struggling to balance household budgets with increased costs of heat, groceries, transportation, and rent; those struggling with health challenges with healthcare systems struggling to meet the need; those who are distanced from family and supports, those who are anxious, alone and/ or searching for meaning and purpose seeking care, comfort and a place to belong. We pray also for **individuals, agencies, and organizations including our own communities of faith who are attempting to meet needs and in some cases address the underlying causes behind them**.

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207 Thompson Drive

CHRISTMAS COFFEE HOUSE

In aid of 1 JUST CITY

Wed, December 13th at 7:00 P.M.



Pianist

Connor Derraugh

playing Christmas music on our Kawai baby grand

Desserts + refreshments

Cost: A donation

Money collected to go to 1 JUST CITY

You must make a reservation to attend!

To reserve:

- Phone or Text: 204-918-8714 or
 - Email: office@PrairieSpiritUC.org Attn: Sharon Thom
- Give your name & number of reservations required

*Be part of this great time to meet up with friends and neighbours
for joyful Christmas music, dessert and refreshments!*

Help us support 1 JUST CITY – <https://www.1justcity.ca>
Winnipeg's Inner-city drop-in centres offering meals and personal support

We know how much you all like staying for Coffee and a cookie after Church before you hurry off home for lunch. We are asking for help making, serving and cleaning up afterwards. Please think about offering you help the odd Sunday. Someone from our team would be willing to "show you the ropes".

We are always also looking for cookie, loaf, slices bakers or buyers to help supplement our efforts. Please date your goodies and leave in the Sunrise freezer or the narthex kitchen on Sundays.

- Congregational Wellness



Do you want to shape the future of Prairie Spirit United Church? Opportunity knocks if that is the case. A search team will be constituted in the near future in the interest of hiring a minister for PSUC. If this is an area of interest for you, particularly if you have some HR experience, please contact Val Goodridge, Chairperson of the Oversight Council at valgoodridge@shaw.ca. As well, if you have the name of someone to suggest, feel free to convey that idea as well. Once all names are received, a process will be undertaken to determine a Team which represents our community of faith.

Winter has arrived!

This year we are collecting clean, gently used coats for all ages. Please hang them on the rack in the Narthex and we will sort and deliver them to the Oak Table as they come in.



Bring in hats and mitts and place on The Mitten Tree in the Narthex.
Thank you.

- Social Justice and Outreach Team

Community News

MARGARET'S CHOIR

WITH GUEST ARTIST GEORGE BAJER-KOULACK

LEAD WITH LOVE

A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR
JOCELYN HOUSE HOSPICE

Sunday, December 3, 2023

2:30 pm

Prairie Spirit United Church

207 Thompson Drive

\$20 adults

\$10 youth under 18

[CLICK HERE to order tickets](#)

or email

margaretschoirtickets@gmail.com



Stories of Our Mission

Education in the Wake of Disaster

The start of the first school year in Aleppo, Syria, after the devastating February earthquake was a welcome return to normal for some students, thanks to Mission and Service partner The Middle East Council of Churches. MECC was able to [rehabilitate five school buildings](#) in Aleppo before September 2023, so children will have the opportunity to learn and grow safely.

[Image credit: Canva]



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Sun 3 Dec	9:30am	PSUC Choir
	10:30am	PSUC Worship
Mon 4	9:30am	OC Executive Meeting
Tues		
Wed		
Thu 7	3:30pm	Finance Meeting
Fri 8	11:30am	PSUC Book Club
Sat		
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, please contact the church office.