

# Prairie Spirit United Church

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Weekly Update – Friday 15 December 2023



**Worship on Sunday, Dec 17th, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.**

**The Third Sunday of Advent is JOY.**

This Sunday's service is by written by Rev. Dr. Rob Fennell  
with Thomas Ormonde as the Worship Leader and Rob providing a recorded sermon.

Our scripture reader is Tom Carlyle.

Our Advent candle readers/lighters are Tom and Fran Carlyle.

The choir will present an anthem.

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

Luke 1:46b-55

Sermon Theme 3rd Advent: Joy and the Gift of Giving

## What's Happening in December

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.

There will be no service on Sunday December 31st, 2023.

We will gather again in **2024** - Sunday January 7th, to celebrate Epiphany with Rev. Dr. James Christie

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We are invited to join **Crestview United Church, 316 Hamilton Ave** at their  
**Quiet Christmas service on Wed Dec 20th at 7 pm.**

Service was written by Rev. Beth Rutherford and will be lead by Rev. Cathy Maxwell.

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## Thoughts & Prayers

- Our thoughts and prayers are with Communities of Faith/Pastoral Charges, mindful that this season can be a time of sadness or struggle for some people, that will hold **Longest Night /Blue Christmas or Quiet Christmas services** in the coming days. Also, we remember those Communities of Faith/Pastoral Charges whose ministries involve the **preparation or delivery of food hampers, special meals, or shelter programs.**
  - Our thoughts and prayers continue to be for **peace in Gaza** and with those locally and around the world actively engaged in initiatives attempting to usher in peace.
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### Tabs for Wheelchairs

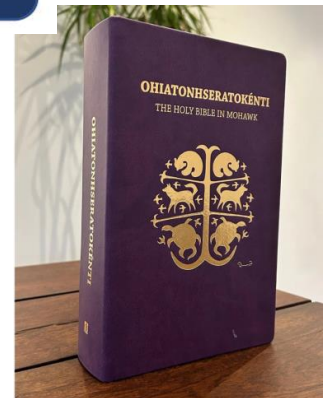
Thanks everyone for doing such a great job at bringing in tabs.  
Our supply is growing.

## Stories of Our Mission

### Update: The Holy Bible in Mohawk

Preserving language enables future generations to engage in their rich culture in a rounded and essential way. As part of the ongoing work of preserving the Mohawk language, a [Mohawk translation of the Bible](#) was developed, and it is now ready to use.

[Image credit: Canadian Bible Society]



		
Sun 17 Dec	9:30am	PSUC Choir
	10:30am	PSUC Worship
Sun 24 Dec	4 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Sun 31 Dec		No PSUC Service
<b>2024</b>		
Sun 7 Jan	10:30am	PSUC Worship
<p>Regular Office Hours are Tue-Fri 10am-2pm Please call before planning a visit to the church.</p> <p>The Office will be closed on 25/26 December 2023. The Office will be closed on 1 January 2024.</p>		

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.

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