

# Prairie Spirit United Church

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

Weekly Update – Friday 8 December 2023



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

**The Second Sunday of Advent is Peace**

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

Our scripture reader is Dennis Bitton.

Our Advent candle readers/lighters are Dennis Bitton and Vi Wilson.

We welcome Sarah Schellenberg as our guest soloist.

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-11

Mark 1:1-8

Sermon Theme 2nd Advent: Choosing Peace

## What's Happening in December

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.

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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 **Beth Rutherford**, her partner Sherri, the people at Crestview United Church, Winnipeg, and their Pastoral Charge Supervisor, Cathy Maxwell as Beth enters Medical Absence after undergoing surgery for a recent cancer diagnosis.
- Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all around the world affected by **war in Gaza** as war resumed after the end of the recent humanitarian pause. We pray for those who are showing support for ending the violence through involvement in peaceful concrete actions here in our country and communities.
- 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.**

**PRAIRIE SPIRIT UNITED CHURCH**



207 Thompson Drive

**CHRISTMAS COFFEE HOUSE**

In aid of 1 JUST CITY

**Wed, December 13<sup>th</sup> 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!**

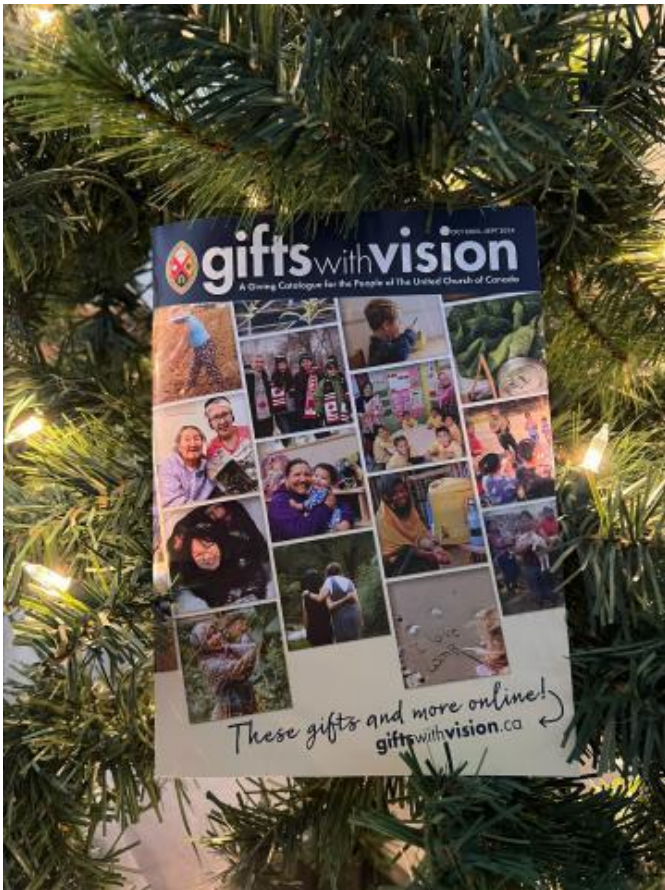
To reserve:

- Phone or Text: 204-918-8714 or
  - Email: [office@PrairieSpiritUC.org](mailto: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

## Stories of Our Mission



"I don't want anything for Christmas. I really don't need anything this year."

This is something many of us have heard, and maybe something we've found ourselves saying. And while it may be true, despite not wanting or needing anything, gifts are going to happen anyway. Instead of searching "gifts for someone who is hard to buy for," why not give [Gifts with Vision\(opens in a new tab\)](#)?

[Gifts with Vision\(opens in a new tab\)](#) is a way to give gifts from the comfort of home, with no packaging or wrapping needed. Instead of gadgets and fleeting trends, [Gifts with Vision\(opens in a new tab\)](#) is full of gifts that will help transform people's lives throughout Canada and across the world. When placing your order, you'll be able to add an e-card, including a delivery date, for each gift.

Every Gift with Vision provides support for a specific [Mission and Service](#) partner offering a unique project. Without [Mission and Service](#), [Gifts with Vision\(opens in a new tab\)](#) projects would not be possible. Thank you for supporting both.

When Christmas rolls around, remember that a meaningful gift is a simple click away. If madly dashing around the mall on Christmas Eve is your gift-buying style, kick back and relax. [Gifts with Vision\(opens in a new tab\)](#) has you covered!

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### Walking Group

If you are interested in walking in St James, Silver Heights or Woodhaven area during the day for ½ - 1 hour, please call the church office at 204-832-1000.

If you are interested in learning the cha cha dance, please call the church office at 204-832-1000. You do not need to be a couple. Regular shoes are fine. Classes would consist of 6 lessons for one hour each. It is a great dance to learn and wonderful exercise.

## PRAIRIE SPIRIT UNITED CHURCH



A contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed to be used as follows:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Local      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Building Capital Fund  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Missions      \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Other)

Please contact the office if you would like a set of our UNDATED PRAIRIE SPIRIT UC Donation Envelopes. Donations are allocated to the number on the personal donation number found on the top left of the envelope.

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Sun 10 Dec	9:30am	PSUC Choir
	10:30am	PSUC Worship
Mon		
Tues 12	10am	Worship and FF Meeting
Wed 13	7pm	Christmas Coffee House
Thu		
Fri 15		Portage Avenue Food Bank
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.