

## Announcements

Wed. Dec 18<sup>th</sup>      Choir      6:30  
Thurs. Dec 19<sup>th</sup>      KD Lunch 11:00



**5:00 Service Designed with Young Children in Mind**  
**6:30 Traditional Worship Service**

**You'll find our "giving tree" in the lobby again this year.** Our budget deficit to the end of October, 2024 was \$20,296.21 including the cost of two building related expenses. With that in mind, we have set our target for this year's fundraising goal at \$20,000. If we are successful, we would cover our operating expenses for 2024 and hopefully have a small surplus to carry into January 2025. To donate, you can leave an envelope with your name on it in the offering, drop by the office or simply send a e-transfer to [summersidepresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:summersidepresbyterian@gmail.com). We have a new feature to add to our tree this year. We would like to invite you to hang a star in memory of someone special, who is particularly missed this time of year, regardless of whether you use the donation ornaments or not. It would be a gentle reminder to everyone of people no longer with us, but who still shine in our memories. We would like to thank you for this year's ongoing support and wish you and your families all the best of the Christmas season.

**A quick update to let you know our November numbers are in and our deficit to Nov.30th. stands at \$19,908.27 including building repairs.**

Sincerely, your Finance and Property Committee.

Join us for an **evening prayer service, at St. James Presbyterian Church, corner of Pownal and Fitzroy Streets, on Wednesday, December 18th, at 6:30 p.m., led by Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney, featuring the simple, beautiful songs of the Taizé Community in France.** During the busy Advent season, amid all of life's challenges, this quiet, candlelit service offers the chance to gather quietly in meditative common prayer. As winter's darkness deepens, you are invited to step into the light. For more info: 902-892-2839, [kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com](mailto:kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com)

### **Mission Moment**

Supported by Presbyterians Sharing, Edmonton Urban Native Ministry serves the needs of the local Eastwood community with compassion and care. Their comprehensive services include a daily hot meal program, distribution of clothing and essential supplies, a bi-weekly food bank, as well as spiritual and emotional support initiatives, such as Sunday worship and counseling sessions. The Rev. Tim Sungill Choi, the ministry's Executive Director, describes their role as a humble well, providing life-giving water to thirsty travelers. By extending a helping hand, offering essential resources, and standing in solidarity as allies, they help to empower Indigenous individuals and communities to navigate their paths, even amidst uncertainty.

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~ Third Sunday of Advent ~  
December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

The Lord, your God, is in your midst.  
**Let us sing with loud shout of praises!**

God rejoices over you with gladness and renews you with love.  
**We will rejoice with all our hearts at what the Lord has done!**

With joy, draw water from the well of salvation in this time of worship.  
**God is our salvation; we will trust and have no fear.**

Hymn: **#118 Hark the glad sound**

Advent Candle Lighting

**#119 Hope is a star** (verses 1-3)

Opening Prayers

***Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.***

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time: **#143 Infant holy, infant lowly**

## Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Ministry of Music: *"Rejoice! the Time is Nigh"* (Franklin Ritter)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

The Word of God in Scripture. The Word of God among us.  
The Word of God within us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Presentation: *"Jesus Is Born"*

Hymn: **#166 Once in royal David's city**

## Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & The Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

***Praise God whose light fills all the earth  
Whose love we see in Jesus' birth  
Whose Spirit forms one family  
Whose grace brings peace and harmony.***

Pastoral Prayer

♪ ***Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.  
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*** ♪

Hymn: **#153 Joy to the world**

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk in the Light**

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As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...



*"If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world."  
~ J.R.R. Tolkien*

*How would you define authentic joy?  
How is it different than happiness?  
Can you recall a time when you were joyful,  
even though you weren't all that happy?*

## **Things to pray for this week...**

Wednesday (December 18<sup>th</sup>) is **International Migrants Day**. For Christ, there was no room in the inn; we pray for ministries like Action Réfugiés Montréal who welcome and provide support to families seeking refuge and shelter.

During the Christmas season, may we recognize the value of "enough" while surrounded by expectations of extravagance and consumerism.

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 9:2-7 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup>You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.

<sup>5</sup>Every warrior's boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty  
will accomplish this.