



## **Kirk News**

### **Welcome!**

We would like to welcome you to our service today. We are happy to have you and we hope that you will find our worship engaging and our community welcoming. We hope to see you again in the coming weeks.

### **Large Print Bulletins**

Large print bulletins are available at the main doors.



### **Nursery**

Nursery is available for children from birth to age four. Please feel free to make use of this area for whatever needs you have and if there is anything you require please ask our nursery attendants who will be happy to help you.

### **Children's Worship is Available!**

There is a children's worship class available downstairs for children ages 5 and up.

### **Receivers and Headphones Available**

We have an assisted hearing device installed and receivers and headphones are available for use during the Service. If you would like to use them, please speak to the person at the sound system.

### **Fellowship Time**

Please join us for fellowship time after Church today in the Upper Hall with the fellowship committee as our hosts.

### **This Week's Music**

Thank you to Melissa Lewis for the solo during the prelude. This famous aria is the early part of Messiah.

### **Children's Choir**

The children's choir will be meeting this Sunday in the Sanctuary after the service.

### **Condolences**

We would like to give our deepest sympathies to Heath and Janet Courish and family on the passing of Janet's mom, Marion Large. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends.

### **Pastoral Care**

If any pastoral care concerns arise then please contact Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton at 902-894-5382, Linda Evans at 902-569-4749 or Glenda Montigny at 902-894-5127.

### **Ceilidh Online Auction**

Only three days left to bid on items in the Kirk Online Auction! It closes at 6 p.m. on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss out on the wonderful deals on items such as a 14k gold diamond ring, a cranberry glassware set, legal services for estate planning, or a wide variety of art work including originals and limited editions. You can bid online at [fundraiser.support/Kirk2022Online](http://fundraiser.support/Kirk2022Online)

### **Christmas Cream Tea**

The Christmas Cream Tea will be held on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 3 p.m. Featuring Lady Baker's Tea, and set in a beautifully decorated space guests will enjoy scrumptious scones and sweets while enjoying some soft music, and a seasonal reading. 50% of the seats for this event have already been sold. Please let your friends, families and neighbours know about this special event. Please take a poster from the entrance of the Kirk to post in an apartment building or community bulletin board, or to give to a neighbour or friend who may be interested. A ticket or a table would also be a wonderful early Christmas present for someone. We would love to have this event sell out! Tickets can be purchased online at [fundraiser.support/KirkCreamTea2022](http://fundraiser.support/KirkCreamTea2022), or contact Constance Robinson, [constanceerobinson@gmail.com](mailto:constanceerobinson@gmail.com) or Georgie Macmichael or Katherine Burnett, or call the church office at 902 892 2839. Tickets are \$25/seat or \$80 for a table of 4.

### **Upper Room Soup Kitchen**

We will be serving at the Upper Room Soup Kitchen on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Don't miss the opportunity to prepare and serve a meal to those in need. We are in need of four volunteers and 15 dozen cookies. If you are able to assist, you can sign the lists at the table at the entrance of the Sanctuary, contact the office at [kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com](mailto:kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com), call 892-2839 or contact Michele Coles, Convener, Mission & Outreach, at [MicheleHalliwell@hotmail.com](mailto:MicheleHalliwell@hotmail.com). Thank-you for your support!

### **Christmas Decorating**

The Kirk worship committee is inviting the congregation to join us and help with decorating the sanctuary for Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 1 p.m. Many hands make light work — and this is the first time in two years we are able to assemble together for this tradition — so we are hoping a good number of you will be able to join us!

## Community Events

### Handel's Messiah

On Sunday, November 27, 2:30 p.m. at Zion Presbyterian Church, the Confederation Centre Choral Music Programme presents Handel's Messiah, conducted by Donald Fraser. The Confederation Singers and Orchestra will be joined by soloists: Christina Haldane, Jillian Clow, Sébastien Comtois, and John Lindsay-Botten. Admission is \$25.00. Tickets available at the Centre Ticketworks, online or at the door of Zion Presbyterian on the day of the concert.

### Island Christmas Traditions Concert

The annual 'Island Christmas Traditions with Kendall Docherty & Friends' concert will be held on Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Tamarac Ave., (corner of Pine Dr. & Brackley Point Road.) 'A wonderful way to start the Christmas Season.' For tickets or further information please call Lois @ 902-368-8246.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Advent Carol Service

On Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, St. Peter's Cathedral will be holding its 50<sup>th</sup> annual Advent Carol Service. Modeled on similar events from Kings College, Cambridge, this service of Advent music and lessons has become a time-honoured way to focus on the coming of the Christ Child and to prepare our hearts for His arrival. There will be a reception in the Cathedral Hall following the service. All are welcome.

### Drive Thru Living Nativity

The annual Drive Thru Living Nativity will be held on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00 each evening. There will be Joseph, Mary, shepherds, kings, and angels along with animals. There will be lots of Christmas lights and a choir on Friday and Sunday and the First Nations Drummers on Saturday evening. All of the donations collected goes this year to Anderson House.

### Memorial Carol Sing - at St. Paul's - December 4

On Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, Charlottetown, there will be a Memorial Carol Sing - an opportunity to sing the great seasonal music, plus honour a remembered person. Enjoy it in the church, or via live-streaming (link on St. Paul's Facebook or website). Put the name of a fondly remembered person on a star for the memorial tree and in the keepsake programme (\$10 donation - deadline Nov 29; stars also available at the door). You can also choose a favourite carol -- with a donation (\$50) by Nov 16. Contributions help maintain the 1936 Cassavant organ. But donations aren't necessary: this is for fellowship, memories and the joy of traditional music as a thoughtful preparation for Christmas. Information: 902-892-1691.

# Poinsettia Plants



We invite you to donate a Poinsettia Plant  
in Memory of a loved one this Christmas

We will use the flowers to decorate the sanctuary  
during the upcoming Christmas Season.



If you wish to purchase a plant for \$25 (tax included),  
please fill out the tear off form below  
and put in the offering plate or contact the Office directly.  
You can submit as many names as you like per plant.



All names must be received by  
Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

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## Advent at the Kirk



### Advent Book Study - Fridays, 12:30 p.m.

This advent season we will be offering an on-line Zoom Book Study on Friday afternoons at 12:30 p.m. beginning Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> for 4 weeks. This advent season we will be following the gospel of Matthew and will be using the book *Advent for Everyone: Matthew* by theologian N.T. Wright. It is a daily devotional book which allows for study individually at home and also the opportunity to join us on-line once a week for discussion. All are welcome. There will be copies available in the office and it is also available as an e-book. If you would like a hard copy for \$10 please let the office know. The Zoom link will be available by email but if you need it sent to you then please contact the office.



### Advent 2 - Giving Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

We are taking part in two projects this year, the Salvation Army's Christmas Food Hampers Program and the Upper Room Christmas Bag Project. For more info please see the included insert.

### Christmas Centrepiece Workshop & Yankee Swap

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Amanda and Rebecca will be hosting a Natural Christmas Centrepiece Workshop & Yankee Swap to be held in the Kirk Hall on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The evening will begin with Christmas cheer & nibbles, followed by our Yankee Swap before we make our Christmas centrepieces. Containers, chargers and all supplies are provided. Participants need only bring their garden shears. A set \$60 donation to the Church can be paid in advance at the church office (tax receipts will be issued this year). There will be a limited number of spots available so please sign-up quickly. To sign-up please sign the sheet at the entrance of the Sanctuary, contact the office at 892-2839 or [kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com](mailto:kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com). For information contact Rebecca Wellner at 569-2247 or [rebecca.wellner@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.wellner@gmail.com).



### Advent 3 - Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. Seasonal Hymn Sing Sunday

Invite your friends and family to this Seasonal Hymn Sing service.

### Advent Taizé Service - Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening prayer service, led by Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney, featuring the simple, beautiful songs of the Taizé Community in France. During the busy Advent season, in an especially challenging year, 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. All are welcome.

### Advent 4 - Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

#### Christmas Nativity Story & Luncheon

Please join us as we retell the story of the first Christmas Night. Following the Nativity Story we will be having our Christmas Luncheon. We are asking people with last names that start with A-M to bring sandwiches and N-Z to bring sweets. There will also be a special appearance by some festive friends!



### Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Service of lessons and carols.

### Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

With Christmas morning falling on Sunday this year we will be offering a modified service. We invite you to join us for this shortened service where we will hear a meditation from Rev. Amanda and sing some favourite carols. All are welcome on this joyful morning!





## Christmas Giving Projects 2022

During the upcoming Advent season we are called upon to pay it forward to a world desperate for the hope that we know in Christ. We are to offer the world the Good News that, through Christ's coming, there is hope, and there will be peace on earth, and joy and love enough for all! This year we are participating in two projects, the Salvation Army Christmas Food Hampers Program, and the Upper Room Christmas Bag Project. Any support you can offer is deeply appreciated.

### Mission & Outreach Christmas Project Upper Room Christmas Bag

As a continued effort to serve our community, we will once again be working with the Upper Room and taking part in their Christmas Bag project.

They have asked for donations of towels, specifically hand and bath towels. Also needed are gift cards for Dollarama, Giant Tiger, Walmart, Tim's, and Robin's in any denomination.

A basket will be available in the Sanctuary at the entrance to collect the items and gift cards. Please bring the items in by Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Let's make this Advent season a time of hope and joy by helping with this project!



### Christmas Food Hampers

As we did last year, to help us focus on making this Christmas one filled with giving, we have partnered with the Salvation Army, who have handed out hundreds of Christmas food hampers to families and individuals in need within our community. The Salvation Army is asking for monetary gifts that will be used towards the purchase of items needed for families in need to make a Christmas dinner. If you wish to make a donation, then please donate by using the Christmas Food Hampers envelope located on the pew hooks in the Sanctuary and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday or dropping it off to the Church Office by Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We thank you for any help that you are able to give.

**Please note: your donation  
will be added to your annual tax receipt.**



**Love God . . . serve others this Christmas!**

