

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

There is a children's worship class available downstairs for children ages 4 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 following the morning service in the upper hall for fellowship time with Aniko Erask and Katherine Burnett as our hosts.



This Week's Music

Following the benediction the children's choir will sing "Go now in peace". After they sing it two times, please join in. This is a round, so you can enter at the beginning of any line. (I will cue you).

Advent "Mail-out"

Due to the Canada Post strike we are unable to mail-out our Advent info this year. The "mail-out" is available for congregation members to pick up at the entrance to the Sanctuary. If you are able to drop any off to relatives or friends it would be greatly appreciated.

Pastoral Care

If any pastoral care concerns arise then please contact Rev. Amanda at 902-894-5382.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate David Harrison on his recent recognition as a Paul Harris fellow by the Rotary Club of Charlottetown Royalty. This recognition honours David's dedication and contributions to Rotary and the broader community.

Christmas Containers

Just a reminder to those who have ordered Christmas containers, they can be picked up on Saturday, November 30th between 1 and 2 p.m. at the Kirk in the upper hall.

Presbyterian Message

If anyone would like to order the Presbyterian Message for \$20 for 2025 then please contact the office at 902-892-2839.

Presbyterians Read Book Study

The PCC is having an Advent Presbyterians Read Book Study on the book "Ponder These Things" by the Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. Prof. Rowan Williams. It is a collection of four meditations that invite the church to explore the meaning of Christ's incarnation and ministry by focusing on three icons of Mary and the Christ Child and a fourth reflection based on a legend about a woven sanctuary veil. The study manual can be downloaded or ordered online. There will be 4 online discussion groups beginning on Tuesday, November 26 at 7 p.m. Study link: <https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/presbyterians-read/>.

Upper Room Soup Kitchen



We will be preparing and serving a meal for those in need at the Upper Room Soup Kitchen on Saturday, December 7th. We are in need of three volunteers and 12 dozen cookies. If you are able to assist, then please sign the lists at the table at the entrance of the Sanctuary, contact the office at kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com, call 892-2839 or contact Michele Halliwell at mhhalliwell004@gmail.com.

Christmas Giving Projects 2024

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.

This year, they are asking for donations of hot water bottles and gift cards for Dollarama, and Giant Tiger 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 Thursday, December 12th. 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 10th. We thank you for any help that you are able to give.

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

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 \$27 (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
Wednesday, December 4th.

I (We) would like to donate a Poinsettia Plant (for \$27)
in loving memory of

From:



Advent at the Kirk

Christmas Decorating



We will be decorating the Church on Saturday, November 30th at 9 a.m. Anyone who would like to come out and help is more than welcome!

Advent 1 - Communion Sunday Sunday, December 1st, 10:30 a.m.

As we begin the season of Advent, you are invited to join us for our Communion Service.

Advent 2 - Giving Sunday Sunday, December 8th, 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 information please see the included announcements.



Kirk Christmas Afternoon Tea Saturday, December 14^h, 3:00 p.m.

Tickets: Only two tickets left! If you reserved tickets, please arrange payment with the office and pick up your tickets.

Teapots: If you have nice 4-6 cup teapots, please bring to the Kirk upper kitchen by December 8 so that we will know what inventory we have to work with (please identify the owner on the bottom of the pot)

Tea Teams: If you can help with the serving team (2 - 4:15 p.m.) or the clean-up team (4:15 - 6:30 p.m.) on December 14th, please let Constance constanceerobinson@gmail.com or the Kirk office know 902-892-2839, kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com.

Many hands make light work.



Advent 3 - Christmas Nativity Story Pageant & Luncheon Sunday, December 15th, 10:30 a.m.

Please join us as we retell the story of the first Christmas Night. Following the Nativity Story Pageant 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.



Advent Taizé Service

Wednesday, December 18th, 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, 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.

Advent 4 - "The Light Shines in the Darkness" Sunday, December 22nd, 10:30 a.m.

Invite your friends and family to the Advent 4 service. In this special service we will share in a time that invites us to wait with hope and expectation.



Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24th, 6:30 p.m.

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

