

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 David & Christy Ashby as our hosts.



Communion

As we celebrate communion this Sunday we would like to note that all of the communion bread is gluten-free.

This Week's Music

We are grateful to Wendy Evers-Forrester for playing the cello during the Anthem.

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.

Thank you

We would like to say thank you to all those who came out on Saturday to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas.

Christmas Containers

We would like to say a big thank you to Doug and Georgie Macmichael, Rebecca Wellner, Constance Robinson and anyone else who helped with the Christmas containers to make it such a great success! We appreciate all your efforts!



Session Meeting

There will be a Session meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Kirk in the Parlour.

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.

Handel's MESSIAH and more Christmas Joy!

Fifty voices of the Island Choral Society and orchestra, under Margot Rejskind, with soloists Georgia Edwards, Lindsay Connolly, Ian Solomon and Brodie MacRae will be presenting the glorious Christmas part of Handel's MESSIAH (with Hallelujah!) ... plus carols, including the 'Huron Carol', authentically re-fashioned as *lesous ahatoniá* — an intriguing way of experiencing Canada's first Christmas carol. There will be audience sing-along too. The concert will be held on Sunday, December 8th at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Church in downtown Charlottetown. Admission: \$20 online at IslandChoralSociety.ca... or (cash) at the door. Information: islandchoralsociety@gmail.com; 902-628-6778.





Advent at the Kirk

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.

We are sold out for the Kirk Christmas Afternoon Tea! We are still looking for teapots so if you have nice 4-6 cup teapots, please bring them 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.



Kirk Youth Group Christmas Party
Sunday, December 15th, 4:30 p.m.

The Kirk Youth Group will be having a Christmas party on Sunday, December 15th at 4:30 p.m. in the upper hall. All children and youth are invited to this fun event!



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.



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.

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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.