

Christmas Bake Sale

An Annual Christmas Bake Sale will be held at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 7 Tamarac Avenue, Charlottetown on Saturday, November 22nd, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Baked goods include pies, bread, preserves, fudge, squares, etc.

PCC Mission Moment

We are called to live a generous life, to be faithful stewards of the gifts that God has given to us. We don't have to be millionaires to leave a legacy. A gift of any size, given in faith and entrusted to God, is a seed that grows. On Legacy Giving Sunday, we celebrate all the congregations and ministries across our denomination who have seen generosity bring life to vital new programs. People have been blessed. Congregations have been strengthened. And seeds of hope have been planted for generations to come.



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 for fellowship time in the upper hall with the Oatways as our hosts.



This Week's Music

Denis Bédard, born January 13, 1950, is a Canadian composer of organ works and choral pieces. After many years in Quebec, he now lives in Vancouver. Christopher Tye, c.1505 – 1573, was an English Renaissance composer and organist. William Henry Anderson, April 21, 1882 – April 12, 1955, was a composer, choir director, tenor, and voice teacher of English birth. He moved to Canada in 1910 and settled in Winnipeg.

Kirk 200 Heritage Talks

Please join us tonight at 7 p.m. for our last Kirk 200 Heritage Talk: The Kirk Today with Ian Scott, Joan MacFarlane, and Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton. All are invited to attend.

Condolences

We would like to give our deepest sympathies to Anne Cameron and family and friends on the passing of Rev. Dr. John Cameron. The funeral will be held on Tuesday, November 25th at 11 a.m. at the Kirk. Visitation will be at Belvedere Funeral Home on Monday, November 24th from 2 - 4 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m.

Pastoral Care

If any pastoral care concerns arise please call Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton at 902-894-5382.

Security

We had some suspicious activity on our email account recently (it has been resolved) and want to let you all know that we will never send an email to you asking for banking information or passwords regarding financial information. Please know that we would never ask for that information, and we would never ask you to verify information. Please call us at the church at 902-892-2839 and ask--and if someone is pressuring you to act quickly--hang up the phone or do not respond to the email -- it is most likely a scam.

Kirk 200th Anniversary Cookbooks

If anyone would like to purchase a 200th Anniversary Cookbook for \$25 please contact the office at kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com or 902-892-2839.

Presbyterian Message

If anyone would like to order the Presbyterian Message for \$20 for 2026 then please contact the office at 902-892-2839.

Online Auction

Our Online Auction has been launched with an oil painting, a framed Cheticamp hooked art, a Lady Melanie figurine, collector plates, a complete vintner's kit (new in box), a Christmas tree, and Sonos wireless speakers. Bidding will close on Saturday, December 13. You can view the items at fundraiser.support/Kirk2025.



Christmas Containers

If you ordered a Christmas Container then you can pick it up on Saturday, November 29th between 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Pownal St. Office Entrance.

Kirk Christmas Afternoon Tea - Sold Out

Thank you for your support for the Kirk Christmas Afternoon Tea - we are sold out! For those who purchased tickets please mark the date on your calendar as a reminder when it is - December 13 at 3 p.m. A call out for helpers for decorating on December 12th, baking, sandwich making, plating, serving, and dishwashing will go out shortly. Please consider how you can support this end of the year event.

Advent Study - Jesus' Birth and Childhood Stories: The Well-Worn, the Weird, and the Wonderful

Advent is the season to ponder the birth of Jesus. As 21st century Christians, we join a long history of such contemplation, the evidence of which is seen in the four canonical gospel stories, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Although the Lukan version is the most-referenced birth story of Jesus, it is notable that each of the gospels begins Jesus' story at a different point in history. Matthew's gospel also contains an elaborate birth narrative, but the details have little in common with Luke's version. The other two canonical gospels, Mark and John, are notable for what they do not say about Jesus' birth and childhood.

This Advent study will investigate the variety of origin stories contained within the well-known birth narratives at the beginning of Matthew and Luke, will interpret the beginnings of the gospels of Mark and John, and will discover the appeal of the lesser-known Infancy Gospel of James and the Infancy Gospel of Thomas. Each writing defines Jesus' Christology and exposes the values of the communities that collected and preserved these stories. Through the re-reading of the four familiar gospels and these two non-canonical gospels, we prepare to contemplate the profound meaning of Jesus' birth anew.

This four-week study will be held on Thursdays at noon in the Parlour beginning November 20th. Please sign the sign-up sheet at the entrance to the Church or let the Church Office know if you would like to attend.

To watch the online discussion on the Presbyterian Church in Canada's website with Dr. Lee Johnson and other attendees on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. beginning November 19th please follow the link to register: <https://presbyterian.ca/ccm/presbyterians-read/>.

Upcoming Advent Dates

Advent 1 - Communion Sunday, November 30th

Advent 2 - Giving Sunday, December 7th

Kirk Christmas Afternoon Tea - Saturday, December 13th, 3 p.m.

Advent 3 - Christmas Pageant & Luncheon, Sunday, December 14th

Advent 4 - Sunday, December 21st

Christmas Eve Service - Wednesday, December 24th, 6:30 p.m.