

Dates to note...

5 Feb	Light lunch following worship service
22 Feb	Ash Wednesday
26 Feb	First Sunday of Lent
3 Mar	World Day of Prayer
5 Mar	Kintail Sunday Supper
26 Mar	Kintail <i>Kirk in the Cedars</i> worship & meal
7 Apr	Good Friday
9 Apr	Easter Sunday

A social gathering with a light lunch will follow worship on the first Sunday of the month. This new initiative, organized by Gayle Sabine, welcomes volunteers!

The bible is available online www.biblegateway.com

Learn more about how you can be involved in and support refugee sponsorship through The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Visit WeRespond.ca/refugee-sponsorship.

The Canadian Council for Refugees is calling on the Canadian government to reform the immigration system and provide permanent resident status to those living and working in Canada. Delays in addressing legal status occur often due to barriers in immigration and refugee laws and practices. Visit ccrweb.ca/en/regularization-campaign-status-for-all to write a letter to your MP.

Bring your used **postage stamps, egg cartons, clean outer milk bags, and unwanted eye glasses** into church. So many ways to help others and reduce our landfill waste.

Bayfield Area Food Bank (BAFB) donations are greatly appreciated by those in need. The focus in January will be **cereal** and **canned beans**. Of course, all non-perishable food donations or personal care items are appreciated. Your contributions to the church and its ongoing work are appreciated. The Session and Finance committee are diligent in their efforts to minimize expenses and meet financial commitments. The **December** financial reports: income \$9,451, expenses \$5,692, with the year-to-date deficit \$7,232. Your financial offerings can be made with an e-transfer, PAR and post-dated cheques. Contact Brenda 519-524-8645 brmclean@hurontel.on.ca for details. Your regular offerings allow the church to continue its good work.

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Readings & Questions for Reflection

Jan 15th Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1Cor 1:1-9;
John 1:29-42

Peter's life was changed forever when his brother Andrew invited him to meet Jesus. How are you attentive to those who might be seeking Jesus? Do you trust God to give you gifts for sharing the story of your salvation? How do you embody God's love?

Jan 22nd Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;
1Cor 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

What does Jesus mean when he calls us to be "fishers of people"? What must you leave behind to be a faithful disciple of Jesus?

Jan 29th Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;
1 Cor 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

How do we live in hope of a reality we cannot yet see or, at best, catch only fleeting glimpses? Where in your life of prayer and service do you see God's justice, peace, and healing? Do you ask, Where am I being called to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly in each day?

God calls the church to seek God's justice in the world. All the church says, does, and is silent on stands as a public witness to how the body of Christ lives and acts, and what it desires for the world. The church properly uses its voice to call on elected officials to help shape a world where all creation, including humans, may flourish. The PCC website <https://presbyterian.ca/justice/letters-to-the-government/> includes sample letters to the government which are part of the church's public witness on social justice issues. You are encouraged to explore the letters and issues to learn more about this important aspect of witnessing as the body of Christ. For more detailed information about church positions on social justice issues, visit the **Social Action Hub** <https://presbyterian.ca/justice/social-action/>

Take a look at the **Connections winter edition** with interesting stories from around the world. You will see some familiar places and faces!

From the PCC ... In the ancient world of the Bible, **doorways represent the threshold where this world meets the next**—where present realities and future possibilities, old ways of being and new life, what is and what could be, and our plans and God's purposes converge.

Thresholds are exciting and filled with potential. But times of transition are also times of disorientation and uncertainty. We know a lot about uncertainty: the experience of congregations and denominations in the last few decades has been marked by great change, even as we have met many challenges.

The national church is looking for photos of doors, entrances and gates to use on bulletin covers and showcase in the newspaper and the 2024 edition of the PCC Wall Calendar. You are invited to send images from the lives of the church's ministries or people that represent crossings, meeting places and opportunities for renewal and change.

<https://presbyterian.ca/2022/12/19/call-for-photos/>