

St. John's Presbyterian Church

1480 George Street

White Rock

October 13, 2019



WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing.

"A Shelter In The Time Of Storm"
"We Have Heard A Joyful Sound"
"I've Got Peace Like A River"

Hymn 681

Announcements

Greeting & Call to Worship

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Hymn 457

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture **Psalm 100:1-5**

Pg. 937

Psalm 105:1-8

Pg. 942

Philippians 4:4-9

Pg. 1830

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Choir: "Give Me A song" Pepper Choplin

Sermon "**Be Thankful**"

Prayers of the People

"My Redeemer"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Gathering of the Offering

Doxology

Hymn 830

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

"Blessed Assurance "

Hymn 687

Charge & Benediction

"I Will Arise"

Postlude

St. John's Proclaims Christ in
Welcoming Fellowship
Uplifting Worship and Compassionate

Today's Greeter: Sharon Lelonde and Steve Cline

Happy Birthday! Sadie Hadley Oct 17th, Addison Young Oct 18th, Kristen Emley Oct 19th.

Remember in Prayer:

Phyllis Barnson	George Boulet	Sandy Erickson	
Helen Boulet	Gordon Boyle	Anne McNaughton	
Doug Eyjolfson	Rod MacLeod	Margaret Neil	Judy Forster

Bible study with Rev Willem: Wednesdays at 10am. We are studying the Fruits of the Spirit and will use Galatians 5:22-25 as the basis of our study. All are invited to attend.

In-home Bible study: Wednesdays at 10:30am at the home of Bev Logan. For further info contact Sheila Jakus at 604 536 0228.

Hebrew Language: Pastor Willem invites those interested to join in the Lounge on Tuesdays between 11:30 and 1pm.

There will be a Memorial Service held for Helen Gill on Tuesday Oct 22nd, at 1:30pm.

St. John's Evening Service: An evening of Worship Music, Scripture Readings, Prayers and Meditation. Sunday Oct 27, 2019 at 6:00pm.

Bible Readings Oct 14th to Oct 20th

Psalms 66:1-20; Jeremiah 31:23-40; Genesis 32:9-32; Psalms 119:89-104; Luke 1:1-4; Luke 18:1-17; Psalms 121:1-122:9

Thanksgiving in Canada

Experts from an Article by David Mills, Andrew McIntosh, Laura Neilson Bonikowsky. Published in the Canadian Encyclopedia, July 5, 2019

The first official, annual Thanksgiving in Canada was celebrated on 6 November 1879, though [Indigenous peoples in Canada](#) have a history of celebrating the fall harvest that predates the arrival of European settlers. [Sir Martin Frobisher](#) and his crew are credited as the first Europeans to celebrate a Thanksgiving ceremony in North America, in 1578. They were followed by the inhabitants of [New France](#) under [Samuel de Champlain](#) in 1606. The celebration featuring the uniquely North American turkey, squash and pumpkin was introduced to [Nova Scotia](#) in the 1750s and became common across Canada by the 1870s. In 1957, Thanksgiving was proclaimed an annual event to occur on the second Monday of October. It is an official statutory holiday in all provinces and territories except [Prince Edward Island](#), [New Brunswick](#), and Nova Scotia.

[Indigenous peoples](#) in North America have a history of holding communal feasts in celebration of the fall harvest that predates the arrival of European settlers. The Smithsonian Institute has noted that some [First Nations](#) “sought to insure a good harvest with dances and rituals.” The European settlers brought with them a similar tradition of harvest celebrations (for which the symbol was the cornucopia, or horn of plenty), which dates back to European peasant societies.

The [first Thanksgiving](#) by Europeans in North America was held by [Sir Martin Frobisher](#) and his crew in the Eastern Arctic in 1578. They ate a meal of salt beef, biscuits and mushy peas to celebrate and give thanks for their safe arrival in what is now [Nunavut](#). They celebrated Communion and formally expressed their thanks through the ship’s Chaplain, Robert Wollfall, who, according to explorer Richard Collinson, “made unto them a godly sermon, exhorting them especially to be thankfull to God for theyr strange and miraculous deliverance in those so dangerous places [sic].”

<https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/thanksgiving-day>

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Worship with us at 10:30 on Sunday Mornings!

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[General Church Office Hours: Wed & Thu 10am – noon](#)