

### Land Acknowledgment

*"We acknowledge we are on the traditional, unceded territories of the Semiahmoo First Nation and the broader territory of the Coast Salish Peoples."*

### Our Mission Statement

St. John's proclaims Christ in welcoming fellowship uplifting worship and compassionate service.

**Worship with us at 10:30 on Sunday Mornings.  
Services live on Internet and broadcast on FM 89.3  
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**General Church Office Hours:**  
Tuesday – Friday 09:00am – 01:00pm

### **MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, January 18**

In July of 2025, with support from Presbyterians Sharing, two active young adults in The Presbyterian Church in Canada attended the Starpoint Youth Festival, a biennial five-day event hosted by the Reformed Church in Hungary. Today, Christian youth spaces can feel scattered and isolated, and Starpoint provides an environment for youth to congregate and spiritually grow in community. Over 3000 participants from over nine countries gathered for worship, discussions about mental health, and recreational activities and concerts. The two young adults returned from Hungary renewed as Christians who aim to share what they have learned in their local communities.

### **DAILY PRAYERS**

**Sunday, January 18** We give thanks for the Reformed Church in Hungary's Starpoint Youth Festival that brings young people from around the world together for worship, learning and recreation.

**Monday, January 19** We pray for the Spirit's guidance for Women's Missionary Society groups as they consider creative ways to further their mission.

**Tuesday, January 20** We pray for University chaplains who provide spiritual care and support for students from multi-faith traditions and for students curious about faith and spirituality.

**Wednesday, January 21** We pray for students and professors, that their teaching and learning might be done with integrity of purpose and in the service of Jesus Christ.

**Thursday, January 22** The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons came into force on this day in 2021. We give thanks for global peace and justice advocates and pray for global nuclear disarmament.

**Friday, January 23** We pray for congregations that celebrate the rich heritage of faith and their history of service in their communities.

**Saturday, January 24** During the winter months, we remember dormant plants and trees, land lying fallow and animals snuggled in their winter shelters at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre. May we all learn to live in the Divine rhythm that makes room for both work and rest.

**St. John's  
Presbyterian  
Church  
White Rock, BC**

**18 January 2026  
10:30am**

**"Things Can Be Messy"**

Preacher: Rev. Ron Tiessen



**Love, Compassion, Service**

## GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

The asterisk \* invites those who are able to stand.

### Music As We Gather:

*Cry of My Heart  
Be Still for the Presence of the Lord*

Welcome & Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

L: O Lord, open our lips,

**P: And our mouths shall declare your praise.**

L: O Lord, open our eyes,

**P: So that we may behold your presence.**

L: O Lord, open our ears,

**P: So that we may hear your call to follow.**

L: O Lord, open our hearts,

**P: So that we may offer you worship in love and joy**

### \*Opening Hymn: 425 – *We Praise You, O Lord*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*Sharing the Peace

May the peace of Christ  
be with you!

**All: And also, with you**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

**Scripture Reading: John 1:29-42**

This is the WORD of GOD

**Thanks be to GOD**

**Choral Devotion: Yeshua**

**SERMON: "Things Can Be Messy"**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn 500 – *Open My Eyes***

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

**\*Offertory: Doxology**

\*Prayer of Dedication

## LIVING GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn: 645 – *Follow Me, The Master Said***

\*Benediction

**\*Sending Out Song: *King of Kings***

## IN THE LIFE OF ST. JOHN'S

**We Remember in Prayer:**

Jean Andrew, Fern Beale, Jean Chalcraft,  
Janet Duncan, Doug Eyjolfson, Sheila Jakus,  
Scott Kelly, Phyllis McLean, Anne McNaughton,  
Daniel & Annette Nichols,  
Rev. Diane Tait-Katerberg, Jessie Woolley,  
Paula Odermatt, Janet Yip, Ping Erickson

**Session Meeting**

**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

