#### 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 <u>www.saint-johns.ca</u>



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#### MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, July 27

In the village of Kaph Tola, India, the Karuna Project's Task Force addresses gender issues, including child marriage and its consequences. When a member discovered that his 15year-old niece, Amba, was scheduled to marry soon, the Task Force urged her family to cancel the wedding as it would impact her ability to continue school and influence her future. The family hesitated because of the paid dowry, but with help from a local legal team, the Task Force convinced them. Amba is grateful. Now, she can continue pursuing her education and achieving her dreams. The Task Force continues its vital home visits, fostering brighter futures by preventing similar situations.

#### DAILY PRAYERS

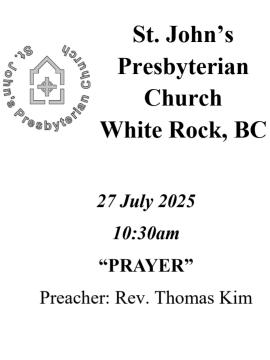
**Sunday, July 27** We give thanks for ethnic minority church members who bring the richness of their cultures to our churches, enriching our communities and reflecting the fullness of God's kingdom.

Monday, July 28 We pray for all those in the Republic of Congo experiencing the impact of ongoing conflict. We pray that they can meet their basic needs with PWS&D's support. Tuesday, July 29 We give thanks for General Assembly standing committee members who have completed their terms and we seek God's guidance for those who will carry out this work in the coming year.

Wednesday, July 30 (World Day Against Trafficking in People) We pray for the leaders and volunteers of ARISE Ministry, who offer compassionate outreach and spiritual care to survivors of human trafficking, trauma and abuse in the Greater Toronto Area.

Thursday, July 31 We pray for participants in this year's Guder Scholar program at St Andrew's Hall. In August, pastors from across Canada will explore the theme of missional leadership and discernment as they seek to bless their congregations and communities with God's love. Friday, August 1 (Emancipation Day) We acknowledge that anti-Black racism and prejudice are still present in our church and society and pray for people who work to oppose discrimination and all forms of enslavement.

**Saturday, August 2** We pray for scholars of theology and scripture, that their work will be in the service of the gospel, and the power of God's salvation for everyone.



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# GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

The asterisk \* invites those who are able to stand. Music As We Gather: Ancient of days, As the deer

Welcome & Announcements \*Call to Worship One: How precious is God's steadfast love! All: We will find refuge in the shelter of God's wings.

One: Come and feast on God's abundance. All: We will drink from the river of God's delights.

One: For with God is the fountain of life; All: And in God's light we will see light.

One: Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving! All: We will bring God our prayers and our praise with hearts full of love. Amen.

# \*Opening Praise: Hymn 435 All things bright and beautiful Prayer of Adoration Prayer of Confession Assurance of Pardon \*Sharing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you **And also, with you** 

#### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding Scripture Reading: Psalm 19:7-14 Acts 1: 7-14

> This is the WORD of GOD Thanks be to GOD

Choral Devotion: Near to the heart of God (Cleland McAfee & Gregg Sewell)

## SERMON: PRAYER

# **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\* Hymn 746 What a friend we have in Jesus
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer
Invitation to the Offering
\*Offertory: Doxology
\*Prayer of Dedication

# LIVING GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn 674 In the bulb there is a flower Benediction \*Sending Out: 622 Go now in peace

# IN THE LIFE OF ST. JOHN'S

# We Remember in Prayer

Jean Andrew, Fern Beale, Jean Chalcraft, Janet Duncan, Doug Eyjolfson, Judy Forster, Sheila Jakus, Scott Kelly, Phyllis McLean, Anne McNaughton, Daniel & Annette Nichols, Rev. Diane Tait-Katerberg, Jessie Woolley, Janet Yip's grandson Joshua

Please keep in your prayers Paul Odermatt and daughter-in-law Paula Odermatt as they are undergoing health challenges at the moment.

Requests for prayers for Emmerson, Bill and Dorothy Glendinning's granddaughter as she has been diagnosed with cancer and is in the children's hospital.

As the next step in the process of calling our new minister to St. John's the Session has agreed to appoint a Search Committee consisting of five congregation members, including the Clerk of Session. Please give prayerful thought to offering to serve on this committee.

