

### 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 10am – 2pm

### **MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, August 17**

World Humanitarian Day, observed on August 19, is a day to honour and promote the safety of humanitarian workers. From PWS&D partners delivering food, water and other essential supplies to those working tirelessly to rebuild communities after disasters, humanitarian workers play a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of people in need during crises. But their safety is becoming increasingly threatened. Attacks on humanitarian workers have escalated in recent years. According to the Aid Worker Security Database, 379 humanitarian workers were killed in 2024, with 209 losing their lives in the occupied Palestinian territories alone. On this day, we remember those who have died and reaffirm our commitment to protecting individuals who dedicate their lives to helping others.

### **DAILY PRAYERS**

**Sunday, August 17** Loving God, you gave us the gift of love. We pray for the Atlantic Mission Society as they share that love with others in their mission work.

**Monday, August 18** We pray for guidance for our church leaders as they navigate significant choices that shape the future of our community. We pray for God's wisdom to shine upon them.

**Tuesday, August 19** We pray for those who lost their lives to bring aid and hope. May those who continue be supported, encouraged and protected, despite the challenges.

**Wednesday, August 20** We pray for those who seek God in their lives, that they may find hope and love in their searching.

**Thursday, August 21** We pray for safety for those who are vacationing, and that they will feel refreshed when they return.

**Friday, August 22** We pray for congregations who have discerned the time has come to make the difficult but courageous decision to close, that along with their grief and loss they may also celebrate their years of faithful witness to Christ in their communities and their legacy of lives shaped by the presence of the living God in Jesus Christ.

**Saturday, August 23** We pray for grace, peace and wisdom of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, as we strive to worship and to serve Christ Jesus in all of life.



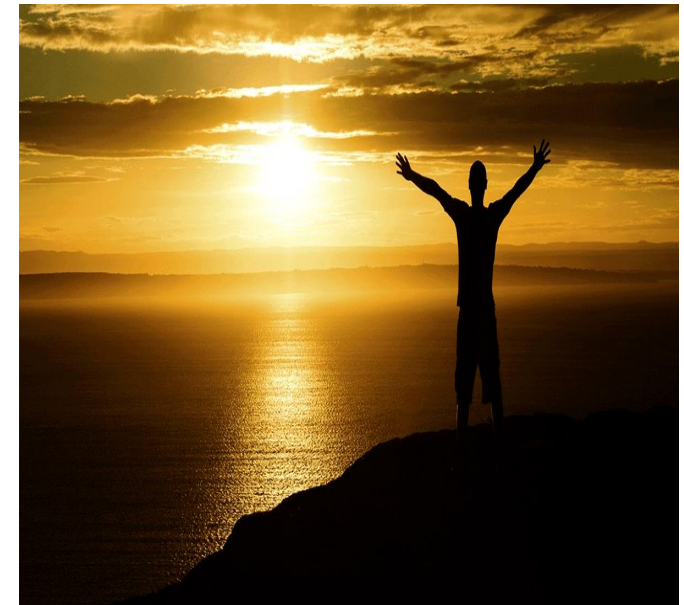
**St. John's  
Presbyterian  
Church  
White Rock, BC**

**17 August 2025**

**10:30am**

**"Turn your eyes upon Jesus - The Pioneer and  
Perfecter of our Faith"**

**Preacher: Rev. Arthur Surjadi**



*Love, Compassion, Service*

## GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

*The asterisk \* invites those who are able to stand.*  
**Music As We Gather: Prelude**

Welcome & Announcements  
\*Call to Worship

God, our Shepherd,  
**gather us together and lead us like a flock.**

God, our Gardener,  
**plant us like a vineyard so that we produce good fruit.**

God, our Merciful Judge,  
**we call upon your name in prayer and praise.**

We bow before you, O God,  
**and offer our worship with glad and humble hearts.**

**\*Opening Praise: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**  
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: Hebrew 11:29 – 12:2**

*This is the WORD of GOD*  
**Thanks be to GOD**

**SERMON: Turn your eyes upon Jesus - The Pioneer and Perfector of our Faith**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**\* Hymn 324: Great is Thy Faithfulness**  
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer  
Invitation to the Offering  
**\*Offertory: Doxology**  
\*Prayer of Dedication

## LIVING GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**  
Benediction  
**\*Sending Out: Hymn 780: Three-Fold Amen**

## 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.

Special Prayer for Kennedy Mwashu's mother as  
she recovers from spinal surgery in Nairobi, Kenya.

### Anniversary:

*Ian & Phyllis McLean – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025*

