

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, December 28

The Government of Pakistan is intensifying its efforts to expel undocumented Afghans, as well as those with temporary permission to stay in the country. Between 700 and 800 families have been deported daily. These deportations pose devastating risks, particularly for women and girls who face increased threats of violence, persecution and loss of access to basic rights upon return to Afghanistan. Such actions violate international protection principles and undermine decades of humanitarian efforts to protect vulnerable populations. Your voice and solidarity are crucial at this moment.

DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, December 28 We pray for the health and well-being of members of the National Indigenous Ministries Council, and for the staff, volunteers and communities of people they support at each of the eight National Indigenous Ministries in the church.

Monday, December 29 We pray for The Presbyterian College, Montreal's chapel program. As students, faculty and staff come together each week for worship, may each one be strengthened in their respective calling and mission.

Tuesday, December 30 We pray for the members of the Committee on Church Doctrine, that their shared commitment to truth and reconciliation may inform and shape their focus and work.

Wednesday, December 31 On the eve of a new year, we give thanks for what has been, for the people in our lives, the gift of faith and for God's loving kindness.

Thursday, January 1 We begin this new year in thanksgiving to God for all that has been and for all that God will do in the months ahead.

Friday, January 2 We pray for PWS&D programs that address poverty, hunger, emergencies and injustice worldwide.

Saturday, January 3 We pray for food banks and their dedicated volunteers in communities across the country, especially those on university campuses. Let there be changes in the systems that lead to chronic need.



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

**28 December 2025
10:30am**



Love, Compassion, Service

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

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

Music As We Gather: Instrumental Christmas Music

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

One: Praise the Lord from the heavens and in the heights;

All: Praise God, sun and moon!

One: God's name alone is exalted;

All: God is above the earth and heaven.

***Opening Hymn:**

166 – Once in Royal David's City

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:

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrew 11:8-10

Matthew 2:1-12

This is the WORD of GOD

Thanks be to GOD

SERMON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn 145 – In the Black Midwinter**

Invitation to the Offering

***Offertory: Doxology**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

LIVING GOD'S WORD

***Hymn 133 – Go Tell It on the Mountain**

*Benediction

***Sending Out Song: You Shall Go Out with Joy**

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

Rev. Joon Park who was scheduled for this morning service, was called back to Korea to be with his ailing mother. As a consequence, our interim moderator Rev. Thomas Kim has provided the liturgy and sermon for today's service which will be led by the elders and congregation members.

