

### 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 4**

The United Nations has officially confirmed famine in Gaza, with millions of civilians facing devastating food shortages. The ACT Alliance Palestine Forum declares with urgency: "This famine must be stopped. The international community cannot remain silent while the people in Gaza are starving, and it adds its voice to the voice of international agencies to reiterate the call for an immediate ceasefire and unhindered humanitarian access to curb deaths from hunger and malnutrition." Despite the obstacles to humanitarian access, PWS&D continues to respond through ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, providing food and other critical assistance wherever possible. More immediate humanitarian support is urgently needed to prevent more widespread suffering and loss of life.

### **DAILY PRAYERS**

**Sunday, January 4** We pray for the Church Doctrine Committee as it continues to reflect on reconciliation within the Church and with Indigenous peoples. May their study and dialogue deepen our collective understanding.

**Monday, January 5** We pray for Knox College students as they begin the Winter semester. We pray that they may be guided with wisdom and perseverance, and that they may continue to find joy in learning and strength in community.

**Tuesday, January 6 (Epiphany)** Source of Wisdom and Creator of the heavens who led the Magi to worship the Christ child, guide us so that we may find our calling and journey's end in Jesus Christ.

**Wednesday, January 7** We pray for the eight new French-speaking students in Practical Theology at The Presbyterian College, Montreal as they complete the second week of orientation to the program.

**Thursday, January 8** We pray for Sophia Kim as she begins an internship with the Korean Christian Church in Japan.

**Friday, January 9** We pray for interim moderators and search committees as they serve congregations calling new ministers.

**Saturday, January 10** We pray for the Rev. Sumarme Goble, Chaplain at St. Andrew's Hall, as she provides hospitality, pastoral care and witness to staff and students at St. Andrew's Hall and across the UBC campus at this busy time of year.



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

**04 January 2026  
10:30am**

**"Why Does God Hide Himself?"**

Preacher: Rev. Robin Ross



*Love, Compassion, Service*

## GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

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

**Music As We Gather: 174 – Worship The Lord  
In The Beauty**

Welcome & Announcements

\*Call to Worship

L - You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it  
with riches.

**P - Your river in heaven brims over to provide  
its grain.**

L - And thus you provide for the earth;

**P - You drench its furrows, you level it, soften it  
with showers, you bless its growth.**

L - You crown the year with your goodness.

**P - Abundance flows in your steps, in the  
pastures of the wilderness it flows.**

**\*Opening Hymn: 172 – As With Gladness Men  
of Old**

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: Luke 24:13-35**

This is the WORD of GOD

**Thanks be to GOD**

**SERMON: “Why Does God Hide Himself?”**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn 173 – We Three Kings**

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

**\*Offertory: Doxology**

\*Prayer of Dedication

## LIVING GOD'S WORD

**\*Hymn 136 – The First Nowell**

\*Benediction

**\*Sending Out Song: The Trees of The Field**

## 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

