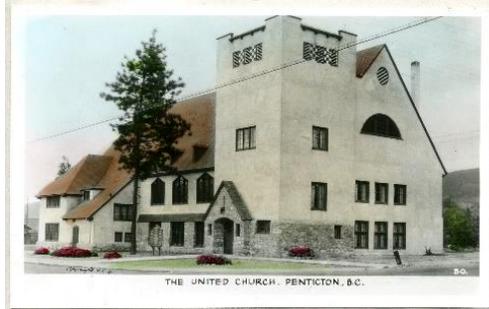


Church Chat November 18, 2022  
**Sunday November 20, 2022**



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**Happy Birthday Penticton United Church.  
Come for cake everyone!!**

**Message:** Greetings to the disciples of Christ who are Penticton United Church.

This week we are celebrating the 94th Anniversary of the Church building. Marjorie Murton will help us to remember the history of our congregation. Finding a way to condense such a long and vibrant history is no easy task, and I am sure she has spent a lot of time this week working on it. I appreciate her willingness to undertake this task.

This Sunday is Commonly referred to as "Reign of Christ" or "Christ the King". This is the last Sunday in the Church year.

Surprisingly the reading from Luke puts us squarely back to the Crucifixion, which leads us to question the meaning of "Reign of Christ" What does it mean to have a crucified "King"?

It is interesting to note that Jesus' final act on the Cross is forgiveness and reconciliation. Jesus' power does not come from the use of force or coercion. Jesus' power is born in suffering and death that leads to new life. I saw this intriguing quote on Facebook this week. By Matthew@CrowsFault **"People speak of hope as if it is this delicate, ephemeral thing made of whispers and spider's web. It's not. Hope has dirt on her face, blood on her knuckles, the grit of the cobblestones in her hair, and just spat out a tooth as she rises for another go."**

This is the hope we proclaim. Kathy

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**WORSHIP.**

Sunday Services: 10:00 all in person with Zoom option see below



Nov. 20 – Birthday cake for PUC 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday after the service. Feel free to dress up for this and even wear a hat.

Nov. 27 – Advent 1 – Hope -Communion – **congregational gathering after the service to discuss our future.**

Dec. 4 – Advent 2 – Peace - Mitten Tree/White Gift Sunday

Dec. 11 – Advent 3 – Joy

Dec. 18 – Advent 4 – Love

Dec. 24 – 3 pm (NOTE TIME) Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 25 – no service

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**OFFICE HOURS**

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Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday 10-1

Please the ring the bell if the door is locked.

Rev. Kathy Hogman is in the office

Tuesday – 9:00 – 11:15

Wednesday 9:00 – 2:30.

She can be reached via the office or at [kathyhogman@gmail.com](mailto:kathyhogman@gmail.com) and  
at 250-488-9664

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### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Nov 24** – 2.00 Prayer Shawl group PLEASE NOTE the Prayer Shawl Knitting Group is happy to announce that we are again meeting at the Concorde and our November meeting will be held there at 2:00 pm on Thursday, November 24. New comers are welcome. Please let Fern know if you are planning to attend as the Concorde provides refreshments.

**Dec 7** – 2.30 Worship and Music

**Dec. 13** – 9.30 Stewardship

**Dec. 15** – 2.30 Council

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**January 5** – Annual Reports in to Colin

**January 22** Annual Reports out to the congregation

**February 12** – Annual General Meeting after church

### **IN HONOUR OF OUR BIRTHDAY DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN ....**

- Two little girls danced at the front of the church, inspired by the music?
- Babies came to church in a basket?
- The memorial oaks were planted outside on the lawn after funds were raised?
  - We had two ministers sharing the church service. One did the sermon and the other the prayers and reading?
  - One minister was newly arrived and wanted to do a few things differently so he said in advance “we are going to try something new today. If you don’t like it, we’ll never do it again!” And we didn’t. Whatever it was it was forgettable!?
- The day after 911 Rev. Ross opened the chapel to allow people to gather and pray. The word went out and the Chapel filled with silent mourners?
  - Jan and Ted Makar helped mop up the leak from the CE roof – Jan dried wet books with a hair dryer page by page?

- Jean Parrot was our office manager. This wonderful, smiling lady worked from an incredible crowded closet-like room piled with paper, ledgers and files. The bulletin was done on the Gestetner. Two couples folded them?
- Peace, Justice and the Environment Committee had an annual dinner for the Canadian Landmines Foundation. When it did a church luncheon on Sunday it was wildly successful with 70 people attending?
- Once we had an entire church service outside on the lawn and brick walkway?
- Women work hats and gloves to church?
- When we came to the church one Sunday there was a fire truck parked outside and the alarm ringing inside?
- A minister thought we could have authentic ashes for Ash Wednesday. A small table BBQ was outfitted with a foil collar. A sheaf of dry leafy material was set alight. The flames leapt up, the alarm went off and the fire department arrived?
- Families arrived 45 minutes early on Christmas Eve so they could get seats together?
- We had Flash Mobs in the sanctuary?
- Women from the church had a weekend retreat at Camp Boyle. Fern's daughter Beth set up a pail in the kitchen to catch mice and got several each night!?
- Once Elvis was in the sanctuary during the Penticton Elvis Festival?
- Once we laughed so loudly at the Shrove Tuesday pancakes and games event that the Meditation Group in the chapel considered joining us for the fun?
- We had Seder suppers. Celebrated Nagasaki Day. Guess Who's Coming to Supper evenings, Halloween parties, Sunday School and Picnics, CGIT, CBC Christmas Carol reading, Breakfast Club, Lunch Bunch, Picnic in Blue, Silent Auctions, Annual Church Auctions,?
- Having a Choral Speaking Choir who did dramatic readings for special services?
- we were on the Radio on Sunday mornings?
- when we had no computer?
- lots of fundraisers?
- we took home the offering and counted it there – Presbytery put a stop to this!!
- a schoolboy wore inline rollerblades to church and rolled down the aisle?
- when people brought their own mugs to meetings guests were given mugs and were "getting mugged:?"
- The Men's Group met and ate a meal cooked by the UCW?

- bringing in refugee families and having Household showers for them?
- being involved in community services – The Community Foodbank at the Salvation Army, the Soupeteria, SOWINS, the Men’s Shelter, the formation of the Mental Health Society?
- when the church was to be re-painted Mrs. Meiklejohn, an interior designer, suggested blue to reflecting the lakes and sky?
- the shake roof was put over the slate roof?

*Thanks to Marjorie Murton for sharing these memories.*

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please note** that there will be a congregational gathering after church on Sunday November 27 to discuss the future of the church.

**Thank you again** to Linda Parnell Bonnie for diligently operating Zoom each week. She consistently tries to make sure everyone on Zoom feels included in the service. If you are intending to use Zoom at any time please read the note in green prior to the Zoom service.

**Thank you** to Cheryl Filipenko who has ordered and distributed gift cards for years and raised a lot of money this way for the Church.

**Next Sunday** we are celebrating communion and the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.

If you would like to **door greet** on any Sunday please sign up on the board.

**Minute for Mission Gifts of Vision:** these booklets are now available in the narthex. There are some wonderful Gift ideas for those who have everything.

Please join us for **coffee and fellowship** downstairs after the service.

**Coffee time:** please sign up if you are able to prepare or clean up after coffee on a Sunday in the future.

If you have any **baking** in your freezer we would love to share it during coffee time.

## **GIFT CARD FUNDRAISING AT PUC**

A quick note to let you know that the Stewardship committee at PUC will no longer be Fundraising through the sale of Grocery Gift Cards.

I want to say many thanks for your faithful participation in this fundraiser over many years! It was a good fundraiser while it lasted, but now there are so few participants it takes many months to repay the church for the initial outlay of payment for the large Bulk orders needed to make a significant profit.

Thanks so much again, Cheryl Filipenko

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### **OFFERING**

We appreciate your continued support of the work of our church. Donations can be made by mail, drop off at the church, e-transfer or PAR would like envelopes, please contact the office.

We are still collecting your offering at the door but if you forget please indicate to the ushers when they are taking the offering up the front and they will pass the plate to you.

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### **FAMILY MATTERS**

We continue to pray for Donna, Patti Skinner,

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT PENTICTON UNITED CHURCH**

**Mark Saturday, Dec. 3/22 on your calendar.** This is the day of the PUC “**Maker’s Market**”. **9:30 – 1:30**

If you know of a family member or friend that has a gift in making items, tell them about our market.

We would love more Vendors. Table Rental - \$20 if registered & paid by Nov. 18/22. After Nov. 18, the table rental is \$25.

Also, **YOU**, can participate by donating homemade items to the PUC Table. Home Baking, Jams & Jellies/

Preserves, Fruit/ Crafts – knitting, crochet, Sewing, Cards, Decorations, etc. Please give this Maker's Market some serious thought. If we all work together, it will be successful!!!

**Dec 4** – 2:30 pm Penticton Tune-Agers Winter Concert “Together Again” at PUC. A portion of the ticket sales goes to PUC and part to the Tune-Agers

**Dec. 12** -7:00 pm Penticton Concert Band

**Dec 18** – 2pm Naramata concert

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### Information

The Healing Group is, again, receiving guests for healing on Thursday evenings. If you or someone you know would like healing and is able to come to the church, please call Sheila at 250-493-1096 to make an appointment. If you are unable to come to the church or manage the stairs, we can arrange for a distance healing session. Call Sheila. We are also able to visit folks in their home, or in the hospital, Care Facilities (with the Facilities permission) or Hospice. Yup call Sheila. All, including the guest will be **wearing masks and following COVID protocol.**

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### Community Events

#### On-line (Zoom) Study Group with Donald Schmidt.

This will be on his newest book The Bible and Homosexuality for Progressive Christians. As the title suggests this class will explore some of the things the Bible says – and doesn't say- about homosexuality. We will look at overall biblical views about sex, how the biblical writers never understood about homosexuality as an orientation, and even some of the biblical passages that can be seen as positive for the 4 2SLGBTQ+ community.

The classes will be held at 2 different times – 9 am or 1PM for one hour each time. Dates are November 29 and December 6 and 13. The classes are free, but you do have to register. Go to [www.revdonald.ca](http://www.revdonald.ca) and click on events then scroll down. Copies of the book are also available at Donald's

website.

### **The Spirit of Christmas Concert**

**Where:** Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,-1370 Church St.

**When:** Saturday, Dec. 3 @ 7 p.m.

**Featuring:** Elizabeth Tribe, Dennis Nordlund (piano), Meredith Allen (special guest)

**Holiday Parking:** Please note that during December there will be up to 2 hours free street parking every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

### **Dec 3 – Santa Claus Parade.**

There will be road closures from 2.30 pm to 7 pm on Main Street from Eckhardt

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### **Wise Elders news:**

#### **Upcoming Events—**

**November 19 – 1-4.** Our Redeemer Lutheran Church presents fellowship and live music, coffee, treats, bake sale, crafting table, a Vendors and Crafters Market including 10,000 Villages

#### **Saturday, Nov. 26/22** Christmas Decoration Craft Day Workshop

Time – 10 am    Where: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Each person brings own supplies + a few extras. Items can be purchased or from Nature. Make wreaths, table centers, door hangings, or whatever you wish. Then take the items home or decorate your church with them. It's a time to be together, sharing ideas, & supplies.

Note – Churches involved are St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, St. Saviour's Anglican Church, Oasis United Church, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church & Penticton United Church.

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**Mark on your new calendar for 2023!!! March 18, 2023 Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart**, guest speaker, Saturday,, March 18 (Conference) & will do church service on Sunday, March 19. More details for follow.

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**Penticton United Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**For Zoomers:** if the Zoom link doesn't work for you, just enter the meeting ID and PW given in your Zoom invite and the link can be bypassed.

Penticton United Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Worship Service

Time: Nov 20, 2022 10:00 AM

Nov 27, 2022 10:00 AM

Dec 4, 2022 10:00 AM

Dec 11, 2022 10:00 AM

Dec 18, 2022 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84351720064?pwd=U1RGVWZmMkVYc0VuSmJpNGpEZUpSQT09>

Meeting ID: 843 5172 0064

Passcode: 164583

**Zoom:** for all those who join us via Zoom if you have any comments regarding technical issues eg lack of sound etc. please comment “to all “so we can find out if it is your issue or ours. Thank you.

Remember there is “chat” time from 9.45-10 on Zoom.

**Penticton United Church  
November 20, 2022  
Reign of Christ Sunday**

Portions in bold are congregational responses.

**Welcome. Announcements**

**Lighting of the Candle of Reconciliation**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Hymn #345 VU Come Children, Join To Sing**

*Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!  
Praise to our Servant-King: Hallelujah!  
Let all with heart and voice, saved by God's gracious choice,  
Now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!  
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!  
Christ calls his people friends, the helpless he defends,  
A love that never ends: Hallelujah!*

*Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah!  
Raise high the joyous strain: Hallelujah!  
The whole creation o'er let all God's love adore,  
Singing forevermore: Hallelujah!"*

**Call to Worship**

When we stumble and our faith falters,  
God's faithfulness bears us along.

**When our spirits soar and our faith grows strong,  
God's faithfulness lifts us to new heights of devotion.**

When our daily duties distract, and we lose our way,  
God's faithfulness pierces the fog to beckon us.

**God's faithfulness endures forever.**

**We lift our heart to praise the living God.**

**Gathering Prayer**

**God, your changes touch our lives with mystery and hope.  
We are ready to see your power working through us.  
Help us to be open to your Spirit, as we answer your call.  
Through Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**Remembering Our History – Marjorie Merton**

**Hymn #213 VU Rejoice, the Lord Is King**

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King:  
Your risen Lord adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus, the Savior, reigns,  
The God of truth and love;  
When He has purged our sins,  
He took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

3 God's kingdom cannot fail,  
Christ rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4 Rejoice in glorious hope!  
For Christ our judge shall come  
To glorify the saints  
For their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

## **Offering Invitation**

### **Offering Song #958 VU Halle, Halle, Halle X 2**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!  
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! ! Hallelujah!

### **Offering Dedication (unison)**

Gracious God,  
we know life is full of sorrow, full of joy.  
May you bless these gifts  
as dances of joy amidst sorrow,  
as shouts of thanksgiving amidst sacrifice,

as songs of celebration amidst tragedy,  
as signs of Jesus present with us  
from cross to resurrection. Amen.

### **Scripture Reading: Luke 23:33-43**

This is the Witness of our Faith

## **Thanks be to God**

### **Hymn #371 VU Open My Eyes, That I May See**

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou  
sendest clear, and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth

everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

### **Prayers of the People**

We pray for all those who face health challenges and treatment including:  
Patti Skinner, Donna Brown

In our Pacific Mountain Region we pray for the congregation Kimberley UC,  
Knox UC (Fernie, Parksville), Knox UC (Terrace, Vancouver), Korean UC,  
L'Arche Communities

### **Hymn #400 VU Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying X3**

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place,  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us  
grace!

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Hymn #703 In The Bulb There Is A Flower**

In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

**Sermon:** Success or Failure?

**Hymn #352** VU I Danced In The Morning

I danced in the morning  
when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon  
and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth,  
at Bethlehem  
I had my birth.

*Refrain:*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe  
and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance  
and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen,  
for James and John -  
they came with me  
and the dance went on.

*Refrain:*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,*

*I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced on the Sabbath  
and I cured the lame;  
the holy people  
said it was a shame.  
they whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me on high,  
and they left me there  
on a Cross to die.

*Refrain:*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

I danced on a Friday  
when the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance  
with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body  
and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the Dance,  
and I still go on.

*Refrain:*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

They cut me down  
and I leapt up high;  
I am the life  
that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you  
if you'll live in me -

I am the Lord  
of the Dance, said he.

*Refrain:*

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

## **Blessing**

**Leaving Song #215 MV Peace Be With You**

Peace be with you, peace forever, peace be with you my friends.  
Till we meet again, may God be with you. Peace, peace, peace.