



**Three.
Plus one.**

December 14, 2025
Holy Spirit



**PORTAGE
AVENUE
CHURCH**

Advent 2025



Portage Avenue Church

A Mennonite Brethren Church

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BIBLE READING PLAN

Let's read the Bible together! We follow this plan, which you can also find at pachurch.ca/bible, on Church Connect, and the Bible app

December 1	2 Peter	1
December 2	Zephaniah	1
December 3	Zephaniah	2
December 4	Zephaniah	3
December 5	2 Peter	2
December 6	Haggai	1-2
December 7	2 Peter	3
December 8	Zechariah	1
December 9	Zechariah	2
December 10	Zechariah	3
December 11	James	1
December 12	Zechariah	4
December 13	Zechariah	5
December 14	Zechariah	6
December 15	James	2

December 16	Zechariah	7
December 17	Zechariah	8
December 18	Zechariah	9
December 19	James	3
December 20	Zechariah	10
December 21	Zechariah	11
December 22	Zechariah	12
December 23	James	4
December 24	Zechariah	13
December 25	Zechariah	14
December 26	Psalms	148-150
December 27	Malachi	1
December 28	Malachi	2
December 29	James	5
December 30	Malachi	3
December 31	Malachi	4

Advent 2025
Sundays at 10am
 November 30 - **Father**
 December 7 - **Son**
 December 14 - **Holy Spirit**
 December 21 - **Us**

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Christmas Eve @ 6pm
 Christ, Kids, & Carols

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday Morning Bible Studies at 11:45am

- Women's Bible Study - in room 4 (end of downstairs hallway)
- PAC Bible Study - in Room 14 (end of upstairs hallway)

We'll ring a bell in fellowship cafe at 11:45 as a reminder of the time!

Christmas Choir Practice In YOUTH ROOM - 11:45am

New location this week! If you're interested in singing in the choir, following the service today enjoy some fellowship cafe time together, then make your way to the youth room at 11:45am. If you hear a bell ringing in the fellowship hall, you're almost late!

Tuesday Christmas Carol Sing - December 16 at 1pm

Join together to sing Christmas carols and enjoy a time of fellowship. This is a great opportunity for our church to sing together. Feel free to invite your friends, and if you are able please bring a favourite dainty.

PAC Homeschool Christmas Celebration - December 19

You are cordially invited to attend the Portage Ave Church Homeschool Group's 2nd Christmas Celebration!

5:30-6:30 - Mini Maker's Market - our children have been working hard to prepare handmade items for sale. Bring cash to support our little entrepreneurs!

6:30-7:00 - Hot Beverage Fundraiser - the youth will serve hot drinks to fundraise for their spring youth retreat

7:00 - Children's Concert & Pageant

3 Giving Options

1 In person - the offering plates are at the back of the church every Sunday morning, and are checked regularly.

2 E-transfer - send an e-transfer to payments@pachurch.ca. If you have not donated to us before and would like a tax-deductible receipt, send a quick email to office@pachurch.ca with your name and address, or just register with us at pachurch.ca/connect

3 Credit card - visit pachurch.ca/giving and login to Church Connect using the email you've provided to the church. If you don't have an account, click "create account."



CHRISTMAS MISSIONS UPDATE - Eileen Kroeker

Multiply - Ilya and Marissa

Ilya and Marissa are in Thailand now, serving with Multiply. We pray they will be an impactful part of building God's kingdom.

The Dry Bean/Pea fundraiser

This fundraiser runs until December 21st, 2025. A table has been set up in the foyer to receive donations to be used for the purchase of dry beans or peas, to be donated to Harvest Manitoba for distribution. Information on the benefits of this food source will be available at the table. Donations will be receipted if using a PAC envelope with an "Other: Dry Bean Drive" designation. You may also give via e-transfer to payments@pachurch.ca with the memo "Dry Bean Drive", or give online via Connect.

Christmas Hampers

A box has been placed in the foyer for your donations of nonperishable food items, with a suggestion list posted there. These will be given to families in the church, Emily Cook's YFC food pantry, and Living Bible Explorers. Monetary gifts may also be made to this project via a donation envelope or e-transfer or online (Connect) with the designation "Mission Outreach Fund".

Sunday, December 14 will be the last day for food hamper donations

Union Gospel Mission

We also encourage you to consider a gift to Union Gospel Mission (UGM). Poverty and homelessness are sadly increasing in Winnipeg and we strongly endorse this agency as a compassionate, Christ centered ministry. Donations to this will be receipted if given via the donation envelope, e-transfer or online via Connect with the designation "UGM".

Winter Clothes Donations

Omar, who works with many recent immigrants and refugees, is asking for donations of winter gear such as boots and jackets. A box will be set up in the foyer to receive these donations.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Reimbursable Expenses - please turn in any 2025 invoices or receipts to the office as soon as possible.

Donation Tax Receipts

December 28th is the last Sunday that donations for 2025 will be accepted. Mailed donations must be postmarked December 31st to be included in 2025 receipts. E-transfers or online donations must be made before 11pm on Dec 31st.

Children and Parents! - With our Christmas Eve Pageant coming up, parents please have your children practicing their songs at home, using Right Now Media. You can find it by clicking on the Portage Avenue Church button within Right Now Media.

Directory Update

It's time to update your contact info so that people in our church family can contact you when needed! If you've moved, or if you're not in our church directory yet and want to connect with us, stop at the table in the foyer to update your information.



PORTAGE AVENUE CHURCH HOMESCHOOL GROUP

Please join us for our second annual Christmas celebration!.

INVITATION

DEC 19 2025

1420 PORTAGE AVENUE

5:30-6:30 PM - MINI MAKERS MARKET

Bring cash to buy handmade items & support our young entrepreneurs!

7:00 PM - MUSICAL CONCERT & PLAY

Enjoy the children's choir, ukulele ensemble, & nativity play



PRAYER ALERT

Caregiver(s) of the Week: Sandy B & Netha K

Pray for those who are shut-in:

Bethania - Erna F, Irma K, Agnes P, Paul W, Mary W.

Concordia Place - John E.F.

Donwood Personal Care - Helen W.

Oakview Place - Agatha F.

Sturgeon Creek Retirement Residence - Bertha T.

Please also pray:

- for protection over our Christmas Eve service, in particular the parking lot security
- for Ken Duerksen who is recovering at home from a successful surgery after a broken hip
- for Ruth Pauls who is in hospital with serious medical issues and wants to thank the church for all the love and support she has received over the years. She is particularly grateful for the caregivers and the pastoral team. Please continue to pray for her as she faces what lies ahead
- for Anastasiia S - who is pregnant and would like prayer for her baby, and strength/protection as she works during her pregnancy
- for Tina F's daughter, Caroline, who is currently at home and undergoing chemo
- for Frieda H's daughter-in-law, Joanne (wife of Gerald) who has cancer
- for Esther B's son Doug and his wife Marti, as Marti is battling stage 4 colon cancer and undergoing chemotherapy



**Thursdays at 7pm in Room 6
Starting Sept 18**

CHINESE BIBLE STUDY

中文查经小组

THIS WEEK

Sun. Dec 14	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Fellowship Cafe
	11:45 am	Bible Studies
	11:45 am	Christmas Choir Practice (youth room)
Tue. Dec 16	1:00 pm	Christmas Carol Sing
	7:00 pm	Young Adults
Wed. Dec 17	9:30 am	PAC Homeschool Group
	2:00 pm	Prayer Gathering
	5:30 pm	Korean Language Ministry
	7:30 pm	Korean Worship Service
Thurs. Dec 18	6:30 pm	Russian-speaking Korean Fellowship
	7:00 pm	Trailblazers Youth
	7:00 pm	Chinese Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Keenagers Life Group
Fri. Dec 19	6:00 pm	Conversational English Christmas Party
	5:30 pm	PAC Homeschool Pageant & Market
Sat. Dec 20	9:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	6:00 pm	Slavic Life Group

NEXT WEEK

	Melanie on vacation December 23 - January 2	
Sun. Dec 21	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Fellowship Cafe
	11:15 am	Christmas Choir Practice (youth room)
	11:45 am	Bible Studies
Wed. Dec 24	12:00 pm	Pageant Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Potluck
Thurs. Dec 25	Christmas Day!	
Fri. Dec 26	Office Closed	
Sat. Dec 27	6:00 pm	Slavic Life Group