



# Northern Spirit Regional Council

## Prayer Cycle: 2026



### Northern Spirit Prayer Cycle 2026

The Northern Spirit Regional Council hopes that communities of faith and individuals will use this prayer cycle as a way to connect with other communities of faith by including them in weekly thoughts and prayers.

Take note of when your own community of faith is included and remember on that day the many others who are holding you in their prayers.

We have tried to have every community of faith and special ministry in Northern Spirit listed once in this prayer cycle. Please contact the Regional Office if your community was missed.

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#### January 4

##### *Epiphany Sunday*

- *Spirit of Hope United Church, Edmonton*

#### January 11

##### *Baptism of Jesus*

- *Vermilion River Pastoral Charge (First United Church, Vermilion; Wesley United, Kitscoty; St. Andrew's United, Marwayne; McQueen Memorial United, Mannville)*

#### January 18

##### *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18 – 25)*

- *St. Paul's United Church, Grande Prairie*
- *St. Peter's Ecumenical Church (SM), Slave Lake*

#### January 25

- *McLennan United Church, McLennan AB*
- *Grimshaw-Peace River Pastoral Charge (St. Paul's United, Peace River; Grace United, Grimshaw)*

## February 1

### *Black History Month (February)*

- St. John's United Anglican Shared Ministry, Manning
- Spirit West United Church, Edmonton

## February 8

- Namao (Morinville) Pastoral Charge (Namao United; Bon Accord United; Morinville United)
- Kirk Community Centre, Edmonton

## February 15

### *Transfiguration Sunday*

### *Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday (February 17 & 18)*

- Jarvie United Church
- Smoky Lake United Church

## February 22

### *First Sunday in Lent*

- Barrhead Pastoral Charge (Barrhead United, Agnes Memorial United, Fort Assiniboine United, Swan Hills United)
- Valleyview United Church

## March 1

### *Second Sunday in Lent*

### *World Day of Prayer (March 6)*

- St. Andrew's United Church, Spruce Grove
- Highlands United Church, Edmonton

## March 8

### *Third Sunday in Lent*

### *International Woman's Day*

### *National Affirming / PIE Day (March 14)*

- Saddle Lake United Church
- Two Hills Pastoral Charge (Two Hills United; Myrnam and District United)

## March 15

### *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

### *International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21)*

- Auburndale United Church, Derwent AB
- Robertson-Wesley United Church, Edmonton

## March 22

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*Earth Hour (March 28, 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. local time)*

- Garneau McDougall United Church
- Goodfish Lake United Church

## March 29

*Palm / Passion Sunday*

- Grace United Church, Edmonton
- St. Luke's United Church, Fort St. John BC

## \*Holy Week: March 30 – April 4

*Maundy Thursday (April 2)*

*Good Friday (April 3)*

*Holy Saturday (April 4)*

## April 5

*Resurrection Sunday: Easter Sunday*

- First United Church, Fort McMurray
- Provost-Macklin Pastoral Charge (Provost United; Grace United, Macklin SK)

## April 12

- Fort Saskatchewan Pastoral Charge (First United Church)
- Clairmont United Church

## April 19

*Earth Sunday*

- Armenian Genocide Memorial Day (April 24)
- Edgerton-Paradise Valley Pastoral Charge (Faith United, Paradise Valley United)
- Devon United Church

## April 26

*Camping Sunday*

*Vocation Sunday*

- Northern Spirit Camps: Camp Mackinicholea (Long Island Lake Society); Camp Maskepetoon; Hardisty Lake Camp Council; Camp Whitney; Moonlight Bay United Church Camp
- Camp Dragonfly
- Northern Spirit Regional Commissions; Committees; and Task Groups

### **May 3**

*Mental Health Sunday*

*Asian Heritage Month (May)*

- *Strathearn United Church, Edmonton*
- *Hillcrest United, Fort Nelson BC*

### **May 10**

*Christian Family Sunday*

*Rural Life (Rogation) Sunday*

*Ascension Day (May 14)*

- *Camrose United Church*
- *St. Paul's United, Edmonton*

### **May 17**

*International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, + Biphobia*

- *Living Spirit United Church, Drayton Valley*
- *Mill Woods United Church, Edmonton*

### **May 24**

*Day of Pentecost*

- *Zion United Church, Alberta Beach*
- *Grace United Church, Lloydminster*

### **May 31**

*Trinity Sunday*

- *Spirit of Peace United Church, Spirit River*
- *All church volunteers, in local communities, the Region, and the wider Church*

### **June 7**

*Pride Sunday*

*Environment Sunday*

*Union Sunday: 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Church Union (June 10)*

*National Indigenous Peoples Month (June)*

- *Edson United Church*
- *Ardrossan United Church*

### **June 14**

*World Refugee Day (June 20)*

- *St. Paul's United, Fairview AB*
- *Chalmers-Castle Downs United Church, Edmonton*

**June 21**

*Indigenous Day of Prayer*

*National Indigenous Peoples Day*

- *South Peace United Church, Dawson's Creek*

**June 28**

*Canada Day (July 1)*

- *St. Stephen's College, University of Alberta*
- *Whitecourt United Church*

**July 5**

- *Hughenden United Church*
- *Ottewell United Church, Edmonton*

**July 12**

- *Stony Plain Pastoral Charge (Stony Plain United; Messawin United, Duffield AB)*

**July 19**

- *First United Church, Wetaskiwin*
- *Korean United Church, Edmonton*

**July 26**

- *Zimbabwe United Methodist, Edmonton*
- *Coronado Gibbons United, Sturgeon County*

**August 2**

*Emancipation Sunday*

- *Jasper United Church*

**August 9**

- *Knox United Church, Daysland*
- *Knox United Church, Killam*

**August 16**

- *Irma-Viking/Kinsella Pastoral Charge (Viking United, Irma United)*

**August 23**

- *Trinity United Church, Edmonton*
- *Athabasca United Church*

## **August 30**

- *Tofield United Church*
- *McClure United Church, Edmonton*

## **September 6**

- *Community United Church, Telfordville*
- *Winterburn United Church, St. Albert*

## **September 13**

### *Creation Time 1*

- *Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge (Beaverlodge United, Wembley United)*
- *Riverbend United Church, Edmonton*

## **September 20**

### *Creation Time 2*

### *World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel*

### *UN International Day of Peace (Sept 21)*

- *St. Albert United Church*
- *St. David's United Church, Leduc*

## **September 27**

### *Creation Time 3*

### *Orange Shirt Sunday*

### *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept 30)*

- *Southminster-Steinhauer United Church, Edmonton*
- *Interconnect: Central Alberta Spiritual Circle*

## **October 4**

### *World Communion Sunday*

### *Creation Time 4*

- *Grace Church: A community of Lutherans, Anglicans, and United Church, Hinton*
- *Sedgewick Pastoral Charge (Sedgewick United; St. Andrew's United, Loughheed)*

## **October 11**

### *Thanksgiving Sunday*

### *Creation Time 5*

### *International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (October 17)*

- *Sherwood Park United Church*
- *St. Paul's United, Hardisty*

## **October 18**

### *World Food Sunday*

- Grande Cache United Church
- Salisbury United Church, Sherwood Park

## **October 25**

### *Peace Sunday*

### *Reformation Sunday*

- Edmonton and District Council of Churches
- Elk Island Pastoral Charge (Lamont United; Bissell Memorial; Partridge Hill United, Uwin)

## **November 1**

### *All Saints Day*

- Lamont Health Care Centre
- St. Mary the Virgin Anglican and Vegreville United Churches (SM)

## **November 8**

### *Remembrance Sunday*

### *Remembrance Day (November 11)*

- St. Paul-Ashmont Pastoral Charge (St. Paul United, Ashmont United)
- Northern Spirit Chaplains

## **November 15**

### *Children's Sunday*

### *Restorative Justice Week (November 15 – 21)*

### *Transgender Day of Remembrance (November 20)*

- St. Andrew's United Church, Edmonton
- Community Living Homes and Care Facilities in Northern Spirit

## **November 22**

### *Reign of Christ Sunday*

- St. John's United, Bonnyville and Trinity United, Cold Lake

## **November 29**

### *First Sunday of Advent*

### *World AIDS Day (December 1)*

### *International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3)*

- Yellowknife United Church
- Chetwynd Shared Ministry

**December 6**

***Second Sunday of Advent***

*Human Rights Sunday*

*National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women*

- *Inner-City Pastoral Ministry (Edmonton)*

**December 13**

***Third Sunday of Advent***

- *Westlock Pastoral Charge (Westlock United, Hazel Bluff United)*

**December 20**

***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

- *Grace United Church, Wainwright*
- *Waskatenau United Church*

**\* Thursday December 24 / Friday December 25**

***Christmas Eve & Christmas Day***

- *Pilgrim United Church, Edmonton*
- *Bissell Centre, Edmonton*

**December 27**

- *St. Peter's (SM) Church, Hudson's Hope BC*
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\* *SM = Shared Ministry*

\* *If you notice any communities missing, or if you have questions about the prayer cycle, please contact the office: [NorthernSpirit@united-church.ca](mailto:NorthernSpirit@united-church.ca)*