

SUMMERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Our mission is to know, love and serve God wherever we are and to inspire others to do the same by our thoughts, words and deeds.

Thoughts for Reflection:

“The church calendar does not help us remember our appointments, but it helps us remember who we are. It aims at nothing less than changing the way we experience time and perceive reality.”

~Shane Claiborne & Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove

“The liturgical year is the year that sets out to attune the life of the Christian to the life of Jesus, the Christ. It proposes, year after year, to immerse us over and over again into the sense and substance of the Christian life until, eventually, we become what we say we are – followers of Jesus all the way to the heart of God.”

~ Joan Chittister

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship / Ministry of Music: “Come, People of the Risen King”
(K. & K. Getty and Stuart Townend)

Greeting of Grace: May the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Approach & Confession:

*Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.*

Assurance of God’s Love

LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Message: Exploring the Christian Year

Advent: **COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS** #110

Christmas: **HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING** (v.1)

Epiphany: **WE THREE KINGS** (v.1)

Lent:

Palm Sunday: **RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY** (v.1)

Maundy Thursday: **AN UPPER ROOM DID OUR LORD PREPARE**v1

Good Friday: **WERE YOU THERE** (v.1)

Easter: **JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY** (v.1)

Pentecost: **SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS** (v.1)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Offering

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

*Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

Ephesians 1:15-23

Reign of Christ: **#274 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS**

Benediction

Sending Forth Blessing: “Go Now in Peace”

Welcome to SPC. We welcome everyone to our worship service this morning. If you are worshipping with us for the first time or visiting after a time away, please sign the guest book in the entrance. If you are new to our community and would like more information about our church family and its ministries, please feel free to speak to Rev. Brad or to today’s greeter. You can also check us out online at www.summersidepresbyterianpei.ca.

Scent Free Environment: To help make our church welcoming to everyone, including those with sensitivities to scents & perfumes, we would ask that you respect SPC as a scent free environment.

Please plan to join us for a fellowship luncheon following the service today.

HUNTINGTON SOCIETY'S AMARYLLIS FUNDRAISER

The Huntington Society of Canada carries out a national program each fall selling amaryllis kits as a fund raiser. The monies from the sale of these kits goes towards research for a cure for the terminal disease, known as Huntington disease (HD), as well as to provide social worker resources to assist in advocating and family counselling to those affected by the disease.

The PEI Chapter of the Huntington Society is an active participant in this campaign. There are over a dozen families on Prince Edward Island that are affected by Huntington disease, with one family right here in our own church. The resource support provided through the funds raised from the sale of amaryllis kits has proven to be very beneficial to these families over the years.

We are requesting that you give serious consideration to supporting the amaryllis fund raiser this fall. These kits, selling at \$15 each, make great gifts at Christmas time, especially for those hard-to-buy for people on your list. These kits include a bulb, soil, pot, and regrowing instructions, all in an attractive retail box with some background information on Huntington's disease. These are indoor blooming flowering plants that will brighten up anyone's winter.

Contact either Stephen or Janet-Rose Hurst at 888-3013 to order one today!

Hi, everyone; Some good news to share, -- October brought us some much appreciated improvement in our operating budget. Our year to date expenses have exceeded our income by \$15,929.58 but that's an improvement of approximately \$5,000.00 compared to September of this year. Hopefully November will see the trend continue and make December less challenging to finish off our year. Our special offering envelopes used over the Thanksgiving period provided an additional \$1940.00 in total. We thank you very much for your added support and look forward to the upcoming Christmas season.

~Sincerely, your F&P committee.



This Week:

Today, Nov 26: Morning Worship 10:30

Fundscrip order

Fellowship Lunch 11:30

Tues, Nov 28: Bazaar Work Bees 9:00

Wed, Nov 29: Book Discussion Group 8:00

Thurs, Nov 30: KD Lunch 11:15

Fri, Dec 1: Faith & Fellowship Fridays 10:00

Bake Sale Drop Off 8:30-4 & after 6

Sat, Dec 2: Holiday Bazaar 9-4

Sun, Dec 3: Morning Worship 10:30

Fundscrip pick up

White Gift Sunday

Concert 2:00

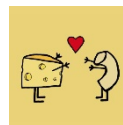


We are hosting a **Holiday Bazaar** with crafts and baked goods here at the church on **Saturday, Dec 2nd from 9-4**. The ladies have been working hard every Tuesday to make some wonderful items to sell. **We are asking that everyone please consider donating home baked goodies or other food items.** You can drop off your items on Friday, Dec 1st at 8:30-4 and after 6pm.



Today is order day. Specials until Dec 19th include

Esso 3%, Canadian Tire, 5% Winners/HomeSense 8%, Stokes 8%, PetSmart 6%, Old Navy/Gap/Banana Republic, Hudson's Bay 5%, LaVie en Rose 11%, and Sunglass Hut 7%. Thank you for your support.



The **KD Lunch program needs volunteers on Thursdays from 11:15 to 1:00**. Come help out in the kitchen, share with other volunteers and interact with some awesome youth! We are also in need of KD and cookies. Thanks always for your generous support!



The youngest members of our family need some TLC on Sunday morning. There is a signup sheet in the lobby for those interested in providing nursery care during our weekly worship service. What a great way to get to know our children and what a great value they add to our Sunday morning! Please take time to sign up.

BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP



Discussion group will be held on **Wed, Nov 29th, 7pm** at Brother's Two. They will be discussing Part 2.



A **White Gift Service** will be held during worship on **Dec 3**. A basket is in the lobby to collect gifts. Please place gifts in white plastic bags if possible. Please do not wrap the gifts. The Salvation Army will provide these gifts to underprivileged children of our community for Christmas.



An Island Christmas Tradition with the Docherty Family & Friends will be held here on **Sunday, Dec 3rd at 2pm**. Tickets \$10 available at the door. A great afternoon of your favorite Christmas Songs & Stories!

Family
CHRISTMAS
PARTY

Save the date! Come celebrate the season with an **SPC Christmas Party on Friday, December 8**. We will provide the pizza, you bring the games and then we will finish out the evening singing some well-loved Christmas carols and songs while sipping on some hot apple cider. Be sure to sign up beforehand on the sheet in the lobby. Can't wait to see you there!



It is no secret that the health of any relationship is dependent, in large part, to regular communication. Our relationship with

God is no different. Being intentional about spending time in prayer enables us to sharpen our ability to see just where and how God continues to be at work in the world around us. In short, prayer is one of the most effective ways to strengthen and grow in our faith!

Things to Pray for this Week:

- ✓ We pray for ministers, musicians and members of choirs and worship committees as they prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- ✓ We pray for the planning team members of Canada Youth 2018.
- ✓ We give thanks for all the blessings that we know in life.
- ✓ During the consumer-driven days leading up to Christmas, let us focus on good stewardship and an awareness of enough.

Upcoming
COMMUNITY
EVENTS

Get in the holiday spirit with **Sirens - PEI's award-winning women's choral ensemble presents its first concert program of the 2017-18 concert season this December. "Winter's Night" will be performed on Friday, December 1st, 7pm at Park Royal Church, Charlottetown; and Saturday, December 2nd, 7pm at St. Andrew's Church, Vernon Bridge.** Featuring songs of snow, carols from around the world, and seasonal favourites, this is Sirens' first Christmas-inspired program in nearly four years. Tickets for these performances may be purchased online or at the door; prices are \$20/\$18/\$10. For more information on this show, and other upcoming concerts, please visit sirenschoir.com.

"Sunday, December 3, at 2:30 p.m. on Main Stage, Confederation Centre Music Department presents **Handel's Messiah**, conducted by Donald Fraser. The Confederation Singers and Orchestra will be joined by soloists : Shannon Scales, Hannah O'Donnell, James Smith, and Parker Clements. Reserved admission \$25.00 available at Ticketworks."

"There's Music in the Air", will be held on Friday Dec 8, 7:30 pm, at South Shore United Church, #85 Route 10 in Tryon. The program includes a wide range of music, singing, and stories for the Christmas Season. In keeping with Canada 150 celebrations several Christmas selections will be included which were written around the time of Confederation. Lunch and a time for socializing will follow the evening's entertainment. Admission is a freewill offering with all donations going in support of the Church. For more information please call 902-658-2009.

The Clark Unit of the United Church Women are sponsoring a Christmas Concert featuring the **"Men of the Harvest" Sunday December 10, 2017 at 3 pm at Trinity United Church, Summerside.** Admission is \$10 at the door.

Victoria West Presbyterian Ladies Aid is having a **caroling evening on December 13 at 7 pm at the Victoria West Presbyterian Church.** There will be a free will offering with proceeds going towards the purchase of a window for Camp Keir. Some featured entertainers include: Roy MacCaull Kim Tuplin, Debbie Brady, Garth MacKay & Students, Leslie & Wendell Hardy, Diane Montgomery.... Apple cider and cookies following. Hope to see you there!!