

## 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:

*“We encounter God only in the eternal silence in which he abides. Have you ever heard the voice of God as you hear mine? God’s voice is silent. Indeed, man, too, must seek to become silence.”*  
~ Cardinal Sarah

*“And thus I understood that any man or woman who deliberately chooses God in this life, out of love, may be sure that he or she is loved without end....Some of us believe that God is almighty and may do everything, and that [God] is all-wise and can do everything, but that [God] is all love and shall do all, that we fail to see.”*  
~ Julian of Norwich, 14th century

*How does a sense of who and whose we are come alive in baptism?*

*How often do you think about your baptism?  
When you do, do you imagine yourself as beloved?*

### OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

Before we were born, God knew us.

**God knit us together in the womb.**

There is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

**How wonderful are God’s works! Let us worship God.**

**HYMN: #433 ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING**

Prayer of Approach & Confession (*in unison*)

The Lord’s Prayer

Assurance of God’s Love

Welcome & Announcements

**HYMN: I AM A CHILD OF GOD**

## LISTENING FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 139: 1-6, 13-18; refrain #1

Mark 1:4-11

Gloria Patri

Ministry of Music: “Creation Sings the Father’s Song” (*K. & K. Getty*,

Sermon: *Hearing Voices*

*S. Townend*)

**HYMN: #400 SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD**

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Offering

Doxology

Offertory Prayer (*in unison*)

Pastoral Prayer

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

**HYMN: #797 SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER**

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](http://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.

You are  
& fearfully  
wonderfully made  
Psalm 139:14

*Happy New Year, everyone! It's certainly a very happy start to the new year for Summerside Presbyterian. Thanks to the hard work of many dedicated volunteers and the collective effort of all of you, we have successfully met our 2017 budget! As you may recall in our December update, we had estimated an additional \$5000.00 in revenue would be required in order to meet our expenses for the year. That amount was not only received, it was exceeded! We ended the year with a surplus of just over \$4,300.00 and we thank all of you for your unending support! This extra amount goes a long way to recover from the \$5,900.00 loss we had in 2016, as well as reducing operating costs as we move forward into 2018. This was a critical year for us, but thanks to all of you, we now have something to celebrate!*

*Sincerely, your Finance and Property Committee.*



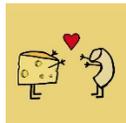
**This Week:**

- Today, Jan 14: Morning Worship 10:30  
Fundscrip pick up**
- Wed, Jan 16: Session 7:00**
- Thurs, Jan 17: Book Discussion Group 7:00 B2**
- Sun, Jan 21: Morning Worship 10:30  
Fundscrip order**



**Today is pick up. The upcoming order dates are Jan 21<sup>st</sup> & Feb 4<sup>th</sup>.** Promotions for January are:

Shell 3%, Indigo/Chapters/Coles 7.5 % and Starbucks 6%. These are all great cards to stock up on, to try to get through this cold winter. Thanks for your support in 2017, let's do it again this year.



There will be **NO KD Lunch this coming Thursday**, as there is no school. It will continue again on January 25<sup>th</sup> **from 11:15 to 1:00**. Come help out in the kitchen, share with other volunteers and interact with some awesome youth! There is a sign up sheet in the lobby. We are also in need of KD and cookies. Thanks always for your generous support!



The Communication team is in the process of **changing the church email to [summersidepresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:summersidepresbyterian@gmail.com)**. We ask that you start using this new address immediately. We will continue to receive emails at [spchurch@pei.aibn.com](mailto:spchurch@pei.aibn.com) while we complete this process.

**2018**

2018 Giving Envelopes are available in the lobby. If you would like envelopes and don't already have them, please see Cheri in the office. If you are interested in information or setting up PAR (Preauthorized Remittance) or if you'd like to make any changes to your existing PAR, please see Cheri and she can take care of this as well.



The **Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Feb 11, 2018**. The **deadline for submissions is Jan 26<sup>th</sup>**. All submissions should be sent to [summersidepresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:summersidepresbyterian@gmail.com).



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 thank God for the dedication of workers and volunteers of food banks, women's shelters, breakfast and lunch programs and other local outreach projects.
- ✓ We pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development partners that support vulnerable women and help them to access loans, purchase cows and build sustainable livelihoods as dairy farmers.
- ✓ We pray for churches that are going through times of transition. May they be open to seeing and acting on God's will.