

## 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:

*“God must be allowed the right to speak unpredictably.”*  
~ Thomas Merton

*“We celebrate Epiphany because it's a time to remind ourselves that in him a light has dawned that will never go out; a light of faith, and hope, and joy that shines in all the kinds of darkness that can afflict this world.”*  
~ Alan Brehm

*What is one way this week that you can shine  
the light of Jesus into the world?*

### **OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

Call to Worship: We gather in the Light  
that was before, is now, and ever will be.  
**We seek the Light's ancient wisdom.**

We gather in the Light  
that is God's continuing gift.  
**We live into the Light's new wisdom.**

We gather in the Light  
that is our own, emerging anew each day.  
**We seek to share this wisdom,  
nurtured in the Light from Bethlehem's cradle.**

### **HYMN: HERE I AM TO WORSHIP**

Prayer of Approach & Confession  
Assurance of God's Love  
Welcome & Announcements

**HYMN: #172 AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD**

## **LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Understanding  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; refrain #3  
Matthew 2:1-12  
Gloria Patri  
Ministry of Music: “Out of the East” (*H. Noble*)  
Sermon: “*The Empire Strikes Back*”

**HYMN: #173 WE THREE KINGS**

### **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.*

**HYMN: #171 THE PEOPLE THAT IN DARKNESS**

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.





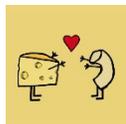
**This Week:**

**Today, Jan 4: Morning Worship 10:30**

**Tues, Jan 9: Presbytery 9:30 Zion**

**Wed, Jan 10: Finance & Property 7:00**

**Thurs, Jan 11: KD Lunch 11:15**



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!



**Presbytery meets on Tuesday, Jan. 9th at 9:30 am** at Zion Presbyterian Church.



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.** For those who will be submitting reports, please start this process as we will be requiring them before the end of January. 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 pray for theological students who are beginning their studies in January at our three seminaries across Canada. May they be enriched and challenged through their studies.
- ✓ We pray for those God is calling into a life of faith but have not yet found Christian communities to call home and that God prepares congregations to welcome them.
- ✓ We give thanks for those who fish during the winter to provide us with food; we pray they are safe on the seas.
- ✓ We thank God for the many blessings we received and for God's unfailing love.

