

**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).

**Our Worshipping Community:** Here at SPC, we believe that worship is something that God calls each of us to. Therefore, we strive to provide worship experiences that will be meaningful for all ages. Children are encouraged to join us and worship alongside their parents and guardians. At the front of the sanctuary there is a table for those who wish to do theme-related activities as a part of worship. Through the door on the left you will find a nursery where our youngest members can play while being supervised by a weekly volunteer.

**As you prepare yourself for worship this morning, we invite you to reflect on the following thoughts:**

*"I have never been an optimist. I am a prisoner of hope."*  
~ Archbishop Desmond Tutu

What signs of hope do you see in your community, where people or institutions are working on real answers to the issues facing us?



## Ministry Teams

Here at Summerside Presbyterian, congregational life is organized around our 5 Ministry Teams:

**Worship:** The goal of this team is to attend to all of the various aspects that contribute to our weekly worship services: from decorating the sanctuary to greeting at the door and everything in between. The team leader is Rev. Brad (902-432-7924).

**Fellowship:** This team works to ensure that there are lots of opportunities for us to get together as a church family such as after-worship fellowship lunches and our Family Fun Nights. This team is integral to the life of our church. The Fellowship Team leaders are Sue Perry (902-888-2328) and Nancy MacDougall (902-436-3644).

**Pastoral Care:** This dedicated team works alongside Rev. Brad and the elders to ensure that those in our church family feel cared for during times of challenge. Whether it be visiting those in hospital or confined to home, this team is always working to manifest God's love within our congregation. The team leader is Betty Robertson (902-436-3905).

**Christian Development:** This team provides opportunities for those of all ages within our church family to explore and learn more about their faith. Chances to learn and grow in our faith are a key part of life here at Summerside Presbyterian. The team leader is Rev. Brad (902-432-7924).

**Mission & Outreach:** Emil Brunner has famously said that "The Church exists by mission, just as a fire exists by burning. Where there is no mission, there is no Church". Our Mission and Outreach Ministry Team support various missions within our congregation, our community, and beyond. The contact people are Ken Targett (902-436-9661) and Sue Perry (902-888-2328).

If you would like more information about any of our Ministry Teams, or would like to get involved, we encourage you to speak to Rev. Brad or the Team Leader.

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*First Sunday of Advent ~ Hope*

***"to know, love and serve God  
wherever we are and to inspire others  
to do the same by our thoughts,  
words and deeds"***

SPC Mission Statement

# Order of Worship

## OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

The light shines in the darkness and  
the darkness has not overcome it.  
**Together, we light the candle of hope.**

~ Advent Litany: Hope ~

**HYMN: Here I Am To Worship**

Opening Prayers  
Assurance of God's Love  
Welcome & Announcements

**HYMN: Candle Lighting: A Candle Is Burning (Vs 1)**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding  
Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10 Refrain#1  
Luke 21:25-36  
Sung response:

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
his name is called Emmanuel.*

Ministry of Music: "Emmanuel, God with Us" (by N. & C. Nockels, including "Emmanuel" by M. W. Smith, arr by L. Larson)

Sermon: "Lighting the Candle of ~~Optimism~~...  
Wishful Thinking... Hope"

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

God at Work through PWS&D  
Offering & Doxology  
The Sacrament of Communion

**HYMN: #122 Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel**  
Invitation to the Table  
Prayer of Thanksgiving (see insert)

Words of Institution  
Distribution of the Elements  
Prayer

**HYMN: #110 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Benediction  
Sending Forth Blessing: "Walk In The Light"

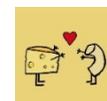
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**This Week:**

**Today, Dec 2: Morning Worship 10:30**  
**Fundscrip pick up**  
**Tues, Dec 4: Moonflowers Book Club 7:00**  
**Wed, Dec 5 : Choir 6:00**  
**Thurs, Dec 6: KD Lunch 11:15**  
**Fri, Dec 7: Bake sale set up/drop off 6:00**  
**Sat, Dec 8: Bake sale 9-12**  
**Sun, Dec 9: Morning Worship 10:30**  
**Fundscrip order**

**FundScrip** Today is pick up. Holiday promotions are now on which means bigger rebates on certain cards which in turn, helps with our fundraising bottom line. Please consider taking part in this great fundraiser. It's a great time of year for those little gifts you may be looking for. **Next order date is Dec 9<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your support!



**KD Lunch is every Thursday, at 11:15.** A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the lobby. Thank you for all your support in this outreach program.



**Bible Study: James**

Our study on James continues here at the church on **Monday evening, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm.** Study sheets are available in the lobby containing the questions we will be considering that evening.



The **Moonflowers Book Club will be hosting a Bake Sale**, here at the church, **December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 with all proceeds going to the fundraising budget** of the church. This event

has always proven to be a great fundraiser with the full support of congregation. **We are asking that everyone donate a food item(s) to help us make this another success this year.** Things that sold well last year were: peanut butter balls, homemade rolls/bread, carrot cakes, fruit cakes, assorted squares, shortbread, fudge & preserves.



Please join us for **"A Rockin Little Christmas" with Phase II here on Sunday, Dec 9 at 2:00.** This concert is guaranteed to make your spirits bright! Tickets \$12 at the door.



Forté Men's Choir will be presenting **"A Very Forté Christmas" here on Sun, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30.** There will be new carols, fun twists on old favourites & sing along! A fun treat that will have you reflecting on the Christmas season! Tickets \$10 at the door. Come join us!

### **God at work through Presbyterian World Service & Development**

In many countries around the world, women have unequal status in society, simply because of their gender. Lacking opportunities to develop their gifts and abilities, women are left further behind. Women's empowerment is critical to challenge poverty and build a more sustainable world. PWS&D responds by empowering marginalized women to claim their rights, become leaders and achieve economic independence. Did you know that \$200 trains a woman in advocacy and empowers political participation?

**By supporting PWS&D you can take part in giving the gift of hope this season.**

*Hello, everyone; The swift appearance of winter is an instant reminder that our year end is quickly approaching. Our recent service on Oct.28th. celebrated the amazing accomplishment of paying off the mortgage on our church building this year. What a wonderful gift to start the Christmas season! This was the result of the many people who dedicated their offerings and special gifts to this wonderful cause. In many cases, it happened over the course of several years, honouring pledges made during our fundraising campaign. We would like to sincerely thank you for your commitment. As we enter the final few weeks of the year, we also face our operating budget deficit, which as at Oct.31/2018 stood at \$28,601.00 We definitely have our work cut out before us! We will monitor this each week for you, until the end of the year.*

*Thank-you. Finance & Property*

### **~COMMUNITY EVENTS~**

The Confederation Centre Music Department presents **Handel's Messiah, on main stage Dec 2 at 2:30**, 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. Tickets available at the Ticketworks."

Sirens and its sister choir Harmonia will celebrate the magic and wonder of the Christmas season with a set of two concerts this December. **"O Star" will be performed first on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 7:30 pm at Park Royal United Church in Charlottetown and then again on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 3:00 pm at St. Andrew's United Church** in Vernon Bridge. The St. Andrew's Senior Choir will join the ensembles for the Vernon Bridge performance. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$10 for students. They can be purchased online at [sirenschoir.com](http://sirenschoir.com) or at the door.

**Sing Noel! Summerside Community Choir presents its 2018 Christmas Concert at Trinity United Church in Summerside Sunday, December 9 at 7p.m.** Audiences are invited to join us for a memorable evening, where beautiful renditions of Away in a Manger and Silent Night will wrap you in a warm musical hug.

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In the beginning you spoke and at your word your Spirit moved over the waters, bringing order, light, and life out of chaos. By your hands you formed us in your image and breathed life into us. When we turn away from you and our love fails, your love remains constant. You lead us through the deep and chaotic waters and you call us from our scattered lives to that place of hope. Therefore, with choirs of angels and archangels and with those of every time and place, we give you praise and glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy, mighty and tender God, in time you sent Jesus and in him we saw your promises made flesh. Dwelling among us, good news was seen and heard and our world transformed. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. In his suffering, death and resurrection, he delivered us from sin and darkness and revealed a living and redeeming hope for all people. And so, remembering Christ's life, love, death, and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ was promised. Christ was born.**

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we share may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, world without end.

As Christ taught his disciples we now pray together:

**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**