

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.

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:

*"An extravagance is something that your spirit thinks is a necessity."
- Bernard Williams*



*How do you define "extravagance"?
How would your congregation define it?*

Is there a difference between extravagance and excess?

Are you put off by the word "lavish"?

What sorts of limits have you placed on your giving that define what is "reasonable," and what is "excessive"?

Have you ever felt that you were changed by an act of generosity, your own or another's?

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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*"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

Invitation to Worship ~Lenten Insert

HYMN: # 438 When Morning Gilds The Skies

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

We confess that we have a hard time believing this good news, much less living it out. Past mistakes and failures, regrets and grievances, often haunt us. We carry our sins, and the sins others have laid upon us, like heavy burdens which sap our energy and enthusiasm. We hear old voices repeating their condemnations, saying "What you have been, you will always be..." "You can't change, so why try?..."

Lord, help us accept the gift of new life you offer us in Jesus Christ. Forgive us for listening to voices that condemn us rather than your voice of liberating love. Refresh us with springs of living water, so that our parched lives may blossom in your renewing presence.

♪ **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;** ♪
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

HYMN: #674 In The Bulb There Is A Flower

A Wee Worship Moment

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

John 12:1-8

Gloria Patri

Ministry of Music: "Sanctus" ~Charles H. Davis

Sermon

HYMN: #657 Woman In The Night

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering & Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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

HYMN: #115 Hail To The Lord's Anointed

Benediction

Sending Forth Blessing: "Go Now in Peace"



This Week:

Today, Apr 7: Morning Worship 10:30

Fundscrip pick up

Wed, Apr 10: F&P 7:00

Thurs, Apr 11: KD Lunch 11:15

Bible Study 7:00

Sun, Apr 14: Morning Worship 10:30

Fundscrip order

FundScrip

Today is pick up. Please consider taking part in this great fundraiser.

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 supporting this important outreach program.



Your Story Matters. The PCC is listening. Rainbow Communion is mandated by the 2017 General Assembly to host safe and respectful Listening Spaces across the country until June 15, 2019. All who wish to share their stories of harm done to them within and by the church because of homophobia, transphobia, heterosexism &/or hypocrisy, as well as experiences of God's grace in ministry amidst those challenges are invited to share in person, by phone or in writing. <https://presbyterian.ca/listening/> We want to hear your story. **Contact us by April 30** to arrange a time and place to share face-to-face. **Listening Spaces are being held from May 10 - 14 in Atlantic Canada.** 1-800-619-7301 ext. 300 and rainbowcommunion@gmail.ca are dedicated, confidential channels. You may also contact the Atlantic Canada RC member, Rev. Michael Veenema directly if you have any questions or would like to arrange to share your story. veenema.m@gmail.com or 902-670-7590.



Join us here for a wonderful afternoon of music with **Forte Men's Choir** presentation of "Sing Me to Heaven" ~songs of sin and redemption. **May 5th at 2:30.** Tickets \$10 at the door.



Join us for **High Tea at SPC on May 11th at 1pm.** Tickets \$20, available after church.