

## Announcements

There will be **Sundaes for Camp Keir** following the service this morning.  
Come join the fun and support a good cause!

Next Sunday we will be including a **Graduate recognition** during the worship service for those graduating from High School.



After a long dreary winter that has really lasted for over two years, SPC will celebrate on June 26. !! Service has been declared a casual dress day, because immediately after we will have a picnic! There are bouncy things coming for the little ones of all ages. Hot dogs, potato chips, cake and ice cream are on the menu! Fellowship, is also on the menu! Laughing and smiles are on the menu. See you then! Bring your family!

*The Public Health Office strongly recommends wearing masks in indoor public places; however it is no longer mandatory to do so. Individuals are encouraged to make their own choices about what they are most comfortable to do, remembering to be respectful and kind towards others.*



In the aftermath of a devastating earthquake that struck Haiti in August 2021, **Presbyterian World Service & Development** responded through the ACT Alliance. The emergency response supported 400 families in rebuilding their homes. This response was modelled after successful rebuilding projects following Hurricane Matthew in 2016. In addition, non-food items, including shelter and hygiene kits, were provided for 1,500 families, nutritious food for 1,300 families and agricultural support and supplies for 500 farmers. Community leaders and local volunteers also learned about community-based humanitarian action when confronting a crisis. This knowledge sharing is meant to ensure that when future disasters happen, communities will know how to implement an effective response.

We pray for people in Haiti who are mourning the loss of lives and the devastation of homes and communities following the earthquake that struck the country in August 2021.

## SUMMERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Bradford Blaikie  
Church Administrator: Cheri MacKenzie  
Music: Tom Perry



Phone: 902-436-2557  
Web: [summersidepresbyterianpei.ca](http://summersidepresbyterianpei.ca)  
Email: [summersidepresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:summersidepresbyterian@gmail.com)

~ Trinity Sunday / Camp Sunday ~  
June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*“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*

## Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

Ascribe to the Lord all glory and honour.  
Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Come and worship the Lord in holy splendour.  
Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

To the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: #313 Oh worship the King

Opening Prayers

*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

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn: #346 Jesus the Christ said: I am the bread

## Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

♪ *Open our hearts, open our minds.* ♪  
*Open our lives to you, O loving God. Open our hearts.*

Scripture Readings: John 16:1-15  
Romans 5:1-5 (responsive)

Ministry of Music: "Alleluia / Peace Like a River"

Message: "The Mystery of God and the Continual Movement  
of the Spirit"

Hymn: #399 Spirit, Spirit of gentleness

## Our Response to God's Word

Offering

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

Pastoral Prayer

♪ *Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.* ♪  
*Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

Hymn: #299 Holy, holy, holy

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk With Me**

\*\*\*\*\*

As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on the following...

While there is much we can say about the Trinity, our words are never adequate and our analogies never sufficient. On Trinity Sunday, we explore one way to explain the mystery of God and deepen our relationship with the God who is three persons – Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Every Christian puzzles over the Trinity – its purpose, merits, correct use, and terms of definition – but it is somehow never compromised by the controversy or the mystery that surrounds it. The Trinity is so compelling as an expression of divine identity that it has become the common reference point for all Christians. When we invoke the name of the Trinity, we honour both the mystery of God that we never fully understand, as well as the person of God we may come to know intimately.

When does the minister invoke the name of the Trinity?  
What does that reveal about its role?

What other expressions of the Trinity do you know?  
(Some examples are: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer or  
Mother, Friend, Lover – from theologian Sallie McFague)  
Are they helpful?



**God Almighty, Creator of all things, build your kingdom among us.  
Jesus Christ, son of the living God, give us your grace.  
Holy Spirit, breath of the living God, renew all things.  
Let us serve you willingly and joyfully to the benefit of each other,  
to share one faith and respond to your calling.**

## **OUR CONFESSION TO GOD AND LGBTQI PEOPLE**

All: **Let us pray.**

One: In response to the Holy Spirit's action in its midst  
The Presbyterian Church in Canada comes before God  
in the presence of one another  
to confess its sins to God, and to LGBTQI people.  
The church has wounded many through its practices of exclusion and hurtful treatment.  
The church seeks your forgiveness, O God,  
and the forgiveness of all whom we have harmed.

All: **We offer this confession in humility, desiring to go a new way.**

One: Creating and Covenanting God, you created us in your own image.  
In Christ, you call us to be a welcoming and nurturing community,  
to love one another as Christ has loved us.  
Yet we have ostracized and excluded LGBTQI people  
from full life within the body of Christ.  
We have often turned the courts of the church into places  
where those who are not straight or cisgender are attacked, shunned and belittled.  
We confess that we have failed to love one another as Christ commanded us  
and we have disrupted our covenantal relationship with you.

All: **For these wrongful and unjust actions, we ask forgiveness.**

One: The church has enacted policies and adopted customs  
that have dehumanized and harmed LGBTQI people.  
In doing so the church has led many people to believe they have to choose between  
embracing their sexuality and gender identity or being a part of the church.

All: **For these wrongful and unjust actions, we ask forgiveness.**

One: The church has often perpetuated  
harmful lies that LGBTQI people are dangerous and abusive.  
The resulting stigma fosters an environment  
where gifted people are discouraged and excluded  
from providing leadership in the church.  
The church's prejudice contributes to hatred and neglect of LGBTQI people  
making them targets for physical, spiritual and emotional violence.

All: **For these unloving and unjust actions, we ask forgiveness.**

One: The church has no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God.  
In worship, we find strength and hope for proclaiming God's reign in the world.  
Yet often our language in worship is not inclusive  
and renders many people and their families invisible.  
This makes worship a wounding and alienating experience.

All: **For these unloving and unjust actions, the church asks forgiveness.**

One: The church has been dismissive of and indifferent to  
LGBTQI people when they have named the harm the church has caused  
to their mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing.

All: **For these unloving and unjust actions, we ask forgiveness.**

One: O God of justice and mercy,  
you have called us to love and nurture the vulnerable among us,  
yet we have not been loving and supportive role models to young LGBTQI people.  
We have failed to listen to their cries for healthy pastoral support.  
Our actions have abandoned them to a future  
that often includes internalized homophobia, self-loathing, depression,  
substance abuse, self-harm, homelessness, and suicide.

All: **For these unloving and unjust actions, we ask forgiveness.**

One: In this church called home, some LGBTQI people still long  
for the love and security of home.  
In this church called home, some of us have witnessed  
demeaning conversations and attitudes that belittle LGBTQI people.  
Yet we choose to be silent in the face of such injustices,  
becoming complicit in the resulting oppression.

All: **For these unloving and unjust actions, we ask forgiveness.**

One: Creating God, your creation bears witness to the vastness of your diversity.  
In carrying out the mission entrusted to it,  
the church has embraced ideologies and narratives  
that have normalized the exclusion of those it deems different.

All: **For these unloving and unjust actions, we ask forgiveness.**

One: To those of you whom we have harmed  
by our unloving and unjust actions,  
we confess that we have failed you.  
We acknowledge that the church has wounded you deeply.

All: **In humility and with sorrow, we ask for your forgiveness.**

One: Come Holy Spirit come.  
Be present in this time of silence.

~ Silence ~

One: God of justice and mercy,  
we praise you for the presence of the Holy Spirit prompting us to work  
purposefully and compassionately, to find new and just ways  
of living out that larger story of loving God and neighbour.  
Help us to overcome the pride that covers up wrongdoings,  
the indifference that stands in the way of feeling,  
and the fear that stalls change.

All: **God of justice and mercy, we turn to you.  
Only you can help us to do this hard work  
of repairing, restoring, reconciling and healing.  
Fill us with courage and hope  
as we commit to working  
for the restoration of your church and  
our relationship with one another, and  
for the collective flourishing of all people  
for your glory.**

All: **Amen.**

## OUR CONFESSION TO GOD AND LGBTQI PEOPLE

All: **Let us pray.**

One: In response to the Holy Spirit's action in its midst  
The Presbyterian Church in Canada comes before God  
in the presence of one another  
to confess its sins to God, and to LGBTQI people.  
The church has wounded many through its practices of exclusion and hurtful treatment.  
The church seeks your forgiveness, O God,  
and the forgiveness of all whom we have harmed.

All: **We offer this confession in humility, desiring to go a new way.**

One: Creating and Covenanting God, you created us in your own image.  
In Christ, you call us to be a welcoming and nurturing community,  
to love one another as Christ has loved us.  
Yet we have ostracized and excluded LGBTQI people  
from full life within the body of Christ.  
We have often turned the courts of the church into places  
where those who are not straight or cisgender are attacked, shunned and belittled.  
We confess that we have failed to love one another as Christ commanded us  
and we have disrupted our covenantal relationship with you.

All: **For these wrongful and unjust actions, we ask forgiveness.**

One: The church has enacted policies and adopted customs  
that have dehumanized and harmed LGBTQI people.  
In doing so the church has led many people to believe they have to choose between  
embracing their sexuality and gender identity or being a part of the church.

All: **For these wrongful and unjust actions, we ask forgiveness.**

One: The church has often perpetuated  
harmful lies that LGBTQI people are dangerous and abusive.  
The resulting stigma fosters an environment  
where gifted people are discouraged and excluded  
from providing leadership in the church.  
The church's prejudice contributes to hatred and neglect of LGBTQI people  
making them targets for physical, spiritual and emotional violence.

All: **For these unloving and unjust actions, we ask forgiveness.**

One: The church has no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God.  
In worship, we find strength and hope for proclaiming God's reign in the world.  
Yet often our language in worship is not inclusive  
and renders many people and their families invisible.  
This makes worship a wounding and alienating experience.

All: **For these unloving and unjust actions, the church asks forgiveness.**

One: The church has been dismissive of and indifferent to  
LGBTQI people when they have named the harm the church has caused  
to their mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing.

All: **For these unloving and unjust actions, we ask forgiveness.**

One: O God of justice and mercy,  
you have called us to love and nurture the vulnerable among us,  
yet we have not been loving and supportive role models to young LGBTQI people.  
We have failed to listen to their cries for healthy pastoral support.  
Our actions have abandoned them to a future  
that often includes internalized homophobia, self-loathing, depression,  
substance abuse, self-harm, homelessness, and suicide.

All: **For these unloving and unjust actions, we ask forgiveness.**

One: In this church called home, some LGBTQI people still long  
for the love and security of home.  
In this church called home, some of us have witnessed  
demeaning conversations and attitudes that belittle LGBTQI people.  
Yet we choose to be silent in the face of such injustices,  
becoming complicit in the resulting oppression.

All: **For these unloving and unjust actions, we ask forgiveness.**

One: Creating God, your creation bears witness to the vastness of your diversity.  
In carrying out the mission entrusted to it,  
the church has embraced ideologies and narratives  
that have normalized the exclusion of those it deems different.

All: **For these unloving and unjust actions, we ask forgiveness.**

One: To those of you whom we have harmed  
by our unloving and unjust actions,  
we confess that we have failed you.  
We acknowledge that the church has wounded you deeply.

All: **In humility and with sorrow, we ask for your forgiveness.**

One: Come Holy Spirit come.  
Be present in this time of silence.

~ Silence ~

One: God of justice and mercy,  
we praise you for the presence of the Holy Spirit prompting us to work  
purposefully and compassionately, to find new and just ways  
of living out that larger story of loving God and neighbour.  
Help us to overcome the pride that covers up wrongdoings,  
the indifference that stands in the way of feeling,  
and the fear that stalls change.

All: **God of justice and mercy, we turn to you.  
Only you can help us to do this hard work  
of repairing, restoring, reconciling and healing.  
Fill us with courage and hope  
as we commit to working  
for the restoration of your church and  
our relationship with one another, and  
for the collective flourishing of all people  
for your glory.**

All: **Amen.**

*(adopted by The 147<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of  
The Presbyterian Church in Canada on June 6, 2022)*