

## Announcements

**SAFE Summerside** – SAFE Summerside is raising money for a program that will match volunteers with seniors in manors to help the seniors explore their community. The volunteers are called "pilots," and they ride specialized e-powered bicycles called Trishaws. They hope to raise money to purchase six Trishaws (\$12,000 each). The program will include Community Connections and other groups of people (such as families with children with autism) to help people experience the joys of cycling in the community. To learn more, or become a volunteer "pilot," you can visit [www.safesummerside.ca/CWA](http://www.safesummerside.ca/CWA) or call **902-315-3878** (cell) and leave a message for Ken Trenholm. To donate, you can also send an e-transfer to [together@safesummerside.ca](mailto:together@safesummerside.ca) or visit [www.safesummerside.ca/Donate](http://www.safesummerside.ca/Donate)

Have you signed up to receive emails from the church?

It's a quick and easy way to stay connected with your church family!  
Speak to Rev. Brad or our church administrator Cheri for more information.



*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.*

### **Mission Moment**

Although Taiwan has been governed independently since 1949, China views the island as a renegade province and has exercised political and military powers to isolate it internationally. In 2018, due to the rising geopolitical tensions, the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan established the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum (TEF) and invited ecumenical and church partners to journey with them in pursuit of justice and peace for the people of Taiwan and the Asia-Pacific. **The Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie, PCC representative on the TEF Steering Group, encourages members of the church to pray, learn and advocate for justice for Taiwan.** Through Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC stands in solidarity with Taiwan.

As geopolitical tensions over Taiwan grow, we pray for justice and peace for

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Taiwan and its people who are living with the threat of invasion and the possibility of war.

~ January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 ~

*“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:

○ Lord, open our lips,  
And our mouths shall declare your praise.

○ Lord, open our eyes,  
So that we may behold your presence.

○ Lord, open our ears,  
So that we may hear your call to follow.

○ Lord, open our hearts,  
So that we may offer you worship in love and joy.

Hymn: #350 To God be the glory

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

Children's Time & Hymn: #789 O God, our Father in heaven (v. 1)

**Listening for God's Word**

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: John 1:29-42  
Psalm 40  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Ministry of Music: "Seek Ye First" (Karen Laferty)

Message: "WWJBD?"

Hymn: #662 Those who wait on the Lord  
**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: #349 My hope is built on nothing less

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk With Me**

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



*"Christ has no body now on earth but yours,  
no hands but yours,  
no feet but yours,  
Yours are the eyes through which to look out  
Christ's compassion to the world;  
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good;  
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless men now."  
~ Teresa of Avila*

**Scripture Reading:** John 1:19-42 (NRSV)

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 40 (NIV)

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he turned to me and heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,  
out of the mud and mire;  
he set my feet on a rock  
and gave me a firm place to stand.  
**He put a new song in my mouth,  
a hymn of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear the Lord  
and put their trust in him.**

Blessed is the one  
who trusts in the Lord,  
who does not look to the proud,  
to those who turn aside to false gods.

**Many, Lord my God,  
are the wonders you have done,  
the things you planned for us.  
None can compare with you;  
were I to speak and tell of your deeds,  
they would be too many to declare.**

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire—  
but my ears you have opened—  
burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.  
**Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—  
it is written about me in the scroll.  
I desire to do your will, my God;  
your law is within my heart."**

I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;  
I do not seal my lips, Lord,  
as you know.  
I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;  
I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.  
**I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness  
from the great assembly.**

Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord;  
may your love and faithfulness always protect me.  
For troubles without number surround me;  
my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see.  
They are more than the hairs of my head,  
and my heart fails within me.  
**Be pleased to save me, Lord;  
come quickly, Lord, to help me...**

May all who want to take my life  
be put to shame and confusion;  
may all who desire my ruin  
be turned back in disgrace.  
May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!"  
be appalled at their own shame.  
**But may all who seek you  
rejoice and be glad in you;  
may those who long for your saving help always say,  
"The Lord is great!"**

But as for me, I am poor and needy;  
may the Lord think of me.  
**You are my help and my deliverer;  
you are my God, do not delay.**

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (NRSV)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.