

Announcements

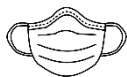
Tues, April 18: COJ 1:30 "Renewal" (Dues are due)

Wed, April 19: Choir 6:30

Thurs, April 20: KD Lunch

We are looking for **greeters and offering counters** to add to our schedule.
Please speak to Rev Brad if you are interested.

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

Supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC's New Beginnings program facilitates a renewal process that helps congregations discern God's call for their future and create a plan to move forward. With the help of the program, the rural congregation of St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth, in southwestern Ontario successfully brought their church community closer together and found new ways to reach out to their neighbours, such as through a partnership with a local charity called Harvest Bowl, which collects vegetables that would otherwise be thrown away and repurposes the ingredients to create dry soup mixes for distribution to food banks and shelters.

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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

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

After the dormancy of winter,
new growth springs to life.

The birds return from their southern home.
Buds emerge on the trees as they discover again the warmth of the earth.

Crocuses and other early spring flowers begin to carpet the land as it throws
off its wintry coating.
The creation awakens to the possibilities of spring.

Life shows itself in every corner of the earth.
**God is our Creator, who continues to create in the rhythm of life
we call the seasons.**

Come let us worship.
Come let us enter into the Spirit of God's creative moments.
Come let us sow the seeds of new life.

Hymn: **In the Garden**

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: **#250 I danced in the morning /
Lord of the dance**



Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18

**God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you to share his love as he told me to.**



**He said, "Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live.**



Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

**All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you to share his power as he told me to.**



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Ministry of Music: "Lento" (Frank Bridge)

Message: "Easter (take 2): The Unexpected Guest"

Hymn: **#254 Jesus is risen from the grave**

Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & The Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

**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: **#258 Thine be the glory**

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk With Me**

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

The Resurrection of Jesus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹²and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

The Purpose of This Book

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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