

Announcements

This Evening – The Abbey

It is no secret that in our modern society we have been taught to equate busyness with productivity, or even worse, with value. The busier we are the more important we must be! But what if that isn't always true? The Abbey is a special service held on Sunday evenings in the sanctuary of **Trinity United Church**. These unique 45-minute services are designed to provide people with a quiet place to pause, rest, and reflect. Services resume this evening at **7 pm** and everyone is welcome to attend.

Tuesday, September 12th – Presbytery of Prince Edward Island

One of the foundational beliefs of Presbyterians is that God's will is more clearly discerned by groups rather than individuals. Therefore, our church is governed by various "courts" where decisions are thoughtfully and prayerfully made. While "sessions" guide and lead local congregations, "presbyteries" are responsible for larger regions. This Tuesday evening the Presbytery of PEI will be meeting here at SPC. Things begun with a brief worship service at **6:30 pm** before moving into the meeting. Anyone who is interesting in seeing how one of our church courts work is invited to attend!

Sunday, September 24th – Welcome Back Picnic!

After the service on **September 24th**, we will be having our annual Fall picnic. This year it will be a potluck! Bring sandwiches or sweets to share and plan on staying for a time of fun and fellowship!

Isle-a-Chords Reunion: *The Isle - a - Chords are holding a 50th Reunion Celebration Song Service on September 17th at 7 pm at St John's Presbyterian Church in New London. There will be a free will offering going to QEH and PCH. All are welcome to come out and hear former members, who began in 1973, once again singing hymns together!*

Mission Moment

Pakistan is the world's third-largest refugee host country, accommodating over a million Afghans who fled their homes due to war, internal conflict, insecurity and persecution. The poorest refugees lack sufficient access to necessities such as food, shelter, clothing and health care. Another need expressed by Afghan refugees is for their children to be able to access schooling. PWS&D is responding to this need by providing a digital learning facility where Afghan refugee children and young women can access virtual education in place of traditional schools. The Digital Learning Center is one way of supporting those who have already lost so much. It is planting the seeds for current and future success for children and young women who would otherwise be entirely out of school.

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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:

Sing to the Lord a new song.
We will worship God, our Maker!

Let us praise God with song and dance,
For God is gracious and loving!

Let us bring God glory and honour,
For God deserves our praise.

Hymn: #448 O God beyond all praising

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: #773 Jesus bids us shine

Time with Children

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Romans 13:8-14
Psalm 149 (responsive)

Ministry of Music

Message: "Songs and Swords"

Hymn: #422 Sing a new song unto the Lord

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: #765 We've a story to tell to the nations

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk With Me**

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

*"Let your tongues learn to praise the gracious goodness of God, whose mere mercy has called you from darkness to life."
~ John Knox*



*"The opinion of 10,000 men is of no value if none of them know anything about the subject."
~ Marcus Aurelius*

*God's people continue to write and sing new songs because God continues to act in the lives of the saints.
Can you think of a song (old or new) that God has used in your spiritual journey. What impact did it have on you?*

Things to pray for this week...

We pray for musicians as they help lead the church in praise.

We pray for all those who are struggling with addiction and related mental health issues, and for their families and loved ones. May they find the support, care and resources they need to heal and recover.

We pray for students, teachers and staff who have begun a new school year. May it be a year filled with learning and growth!



Scripture Reading: Romans 13:8-14 (NRSVUE)

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 149 (NIV)

Praise the Lord.

**Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.**

Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

**Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music to him with timbrel and harp.**

For the Lord takes delight in his people;
he crowns the humble with victory.

**Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor
and sing for joy on their beds.**

May the praise of God be in their mouths
and a double-edged sword in their hands,
to inflict vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,

**to bind their kings with fetters,
their nobles with shackles of iron,**

to carry out the sentence written against them—
this is the glory of all his faithful people.

Praise the Lord.