

## Announcements

Join **Luminos Ensemble** here at **SPC Sunday, December 17, 7:30pm** for **"Mysterium"**, a candlelit meditation on Christmas, interweaving familiar carols with lesser-known historical and world-wide traditions, including sacred music from the Eastern Orthodox tradition, adaptations of carols by Indigenous composer Andrew Balfour, a melding of Indian and Western classical styles by Indian-American composer Reena Esmail, and a surround-sound performance of Franz Biebl's beloved Ave Maria, all in addition to traditional favourites. Unique and serene, this is a concert to soothe the hurried soul.

**Get tickets at [luminosensemble.com](https://luminosensemble.com) or Eventbrite. \$22.63 (includes all fees.)**

*The congregation extends sincere sympathies to friends & family of Dorothy Bernard who recently passed away.*



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.

### **Mission Moment**

The friendship between the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean and the Rev. Manias Chang Yu-fa began in 2012 when they first started working together on the Bunun Bible translation project, one of the Indigenous languages in Taiwan. In March 2023, they had just finished finalizing the entire translation when Manias was hospitalized. He passed away three months later. Although Manias did not live to see the complete Bunun Bible, his family and friends find comfort in knowing that he knew that his translation work of many years was completed before he passed away. We give thanks for faithful servants. Paul receives support from Presbyterians Sharing for his work in Bible Translation.

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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:

God is our refuge and strength,  
always ready to help in times of trouble.  
**So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,  
and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

Let the oceans roar and foam.  
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!  
**The Lord Almighty is here among us;  
the God of Israel is our fortress.**

Hymn: **#321 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Opening Prayers

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time

Hymn: **#339 Who made the earth and the heavens**

## Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46 (*responsive*)

♪ **Be still and know that I am God. (x3)** ♪  
**In thee, O Lord, I put my trust. (x3)**

Ministry of Music: "O God of All Creation "

Message: "Noah's Ark:  
A New Look at an Old Story"



Hymn: **#307 God of the sparrow, God of the whale**

## 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: **#338 Let all things now living**

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...

*"God never made a promise that was too good to be true."  
~ D.L. Moody*



*"God's plan is not to abandon this world,  
the world which he said was "very good."  
Rather, he intends to remake it...  
That is the promise of the Christian gospel."  
~ N.T. Wright*

*What is something that you felt God was asking you to do that seemed strange or ridiculous at the time? How did you respond? Looking back, what was the outcome of your decision?*

### **Things to pray for this week...**

We give thanks for the many Presbyterians serving on General Assembly Committees as they meet and work to support the many ministries of our church.

We pray for people who suffer from addiction, that they find hope and guidance through God's love.

We pray that we live out the commitment of this church that "all forms of racism are contrary to the will and mind of Christ," and that we seek God's promise of newness and difference if we end this form of violence; that we seek right relations as we recognize the harms done by racism, which continues to foster violence in our society.



Psalm 46 (NIV)

God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
**though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.  
**God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.**

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

**The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Come and see what the Lord has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.  
**He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.**

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."

**The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

♪ *Be still and know that I am God. (x3)* ♪  
*In thee, O Lord, I put my trust. (x3)*