

## Announcements

### Exciting News!

We are excited to announce that, beginning on November 1<sup>st</sup>, Ruth Ann Read-Clay will be providing music for us throughout the upcoming seasons of Advent and Christmas. Ruth Ann is currently the director of the Summerside Community Choir and comes to us with a wealth of experience and talent. We look forward to her contributions to worship over the next few months!

### Sandra Gallager's Coats for Kids (and Adults) Winter Apparel Give-Away!

This event is being held Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> (10:30 – 3:30 pm) at Holland College here in Summerside.

Donations are needed and can be dropped off at any of the following locations: Quality Hotels & Suites, Castle Building Centres, Novus Glass Repair & Replacement, ADL, Summerside Boys & Girls Club, Township Chevrolet, HMS Office Solutions.



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

In Guatemala, Leslie—a mother to four—takes great pride in the small home, built atop a former landfill site, she has owned for 15 years. To make ends meet, she sorts plastic bottles from the landfill, with her five-year-old daughter Kaitlin often accompanying her. Leslie's other daughter, Naomi, attends the PWS&D-supported Francisco Coll School. At this school, she has developed essential reading and writing skills. Leslie also participates in parenting classes, noting, “[It's] very helpful because I've changed the way I parent. I shout less. I used to come home from work and start shouting at the kids, but I've learned differently. The classes are very beneficial.”

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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:

During this season of remembrance, we gather to sing and to pray;  
**we remember the past and look to the future.**

On this day when the guns and canons fell silent,  
**we come before you, God, seeking your peace.**

On this day of hope in the face of terror,  
**we come before you, God, believing in your promise.**

Let us worship God together, in peace.

National Anthem: **O Canada**

Opening Prayers / Reading the Honour Roll / Moment of Silence

Hymn: **#290 Immortal, invisible, God only wise**

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time

Hymn: **#773 Jesus bids us shine**

## Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Amos 5:18-24  
Psalm 85 (*responsive*)

Declaring our Faith: Living Faith 8.4.2 – 8.4.6 (*responsive*)

Ministry of Music: “ ”

Message: “ ”

Hymn: **#727 Let there be light**

## 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: **#730 O for a world where everyone**

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...



*"You can safely assume you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do."*  
~ Anne Lamott

*"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."*  
~ Mother Teresa

*Who has made sacrifices for you?  
For whom have you sacrificed something?*

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

November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We pray for those facing violence in their families or relationships. We pray that decision makers enact desperately-needed housing and support for people trying to leave violence in their home.

We pray for the ministry of chaplains serving in the Canadian Armed Forces.

We pray for all who mourn or suffer as a result of conflict and war. We ask God to protect and guide peacekeepers and those who serve in the armed forces.



Amos 5:18-24 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> Woe to you who long  
for the day of the Lord!  
Why do you long for the day of the Lord?  
That day will be darkness, not light.  
<sup>19</sup> It will be as though a man fled from a lion  
only to meet a bear,  
as though he entered his house  
and rested his hand on the wall  
only to have a snake bite him.  
<sup>20</sup> Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light—  
pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?  
<sup>21</sup> "I hate, I despise your religious festivals;  
your assemblies are a stench to me.  
<sup>22</sup> Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain  
offerings,  
I will not accept them.  
Though you bring choice fellowship offerings,  
I will have no regard for them.  
<sup>23</sup> Away with the noise of your songs!  
I will not listen to the music of your harps.  
<sup>24</sup> But let justice roll on like a river,  
righteousness like a never-failing stream!

Psalms 85:4-13 (NIV)

Restore us again, God our Savior,  
and put away your displeasure toward us.  
Will you be angry with us forever?  
Will you prolong your anger through all generations?  
Will you not revive us again,  
that your people may rejoice in you?  
Show us your unfailing love, Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.

***I will listen to what God the Lord says;  
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—  
but let them not turn to folly.  
Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.***

Love and faithfulness meet together;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.  
Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,  
and righteousness looks down from heaven.  
The Lord will indeed give what is good,  
and our land will yield its harvest.  
Righteousness goes before him  
and prepares the way for his steps.

Living Faith 8.4.2 – 8.4.6

God's justice is seen  
when we deal fairly with each other  
and strive to change customs and practices  
that oppress and enslave others.

***Justice involves protecting the rights of others.  
It protests against everything that destroys human dignity.***

Justice requires concern for the poor of the world.  
It seeks the best way to create  
well-being in every society.

***It is concerned about employment, education, and health,  
as well as rights and responsibilities.***

Justice seeks fairness in society.  
It involves the protection of human beings,  
concern for the victims of crime,  
as well as offenders.

***It requires fair laws justly administered...***

Justice opposes prejudice in every form.  
It rejects discrimination on such grounds as  
race, sex, age, status, or handicap.

***Justice stands with our neighbours  
in their struggle for dignity and respect  
and demands the exercise of power for the common good.***