

Announcements

Exciting News!

We are excited to announce that that, beginning on November 1st, 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!

Choir Practice

Do you love to sing? Have you ever thought about joining the choir? They are always excited to welcome new members! The choir meets to practice in Wednesday evenings, here at the church at 6:30 pm.

Session Meeting

Session meets this Wednesday evening at 7 pm.



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

Cyclone Freddy—one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the southern hemisphere—made landfall in Malawi in March 2023. Thousands in Malawi were left homeless, and with severe crop losses, over 345,000 people were affected by the heavy rains, floods and landslides. Through its partners, PWS&D responded to this devastating disaster by providing maize flour and soya to enable families to meet their immediate food requirements. Additionally, because of critical food insecurity due to droughts and floods in the area, PWS&D implemented a three-month food assistance project for 2,500 households. This project provided food assistance in the form of cash transfers, as well as seeds to produce high-value crops.

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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:

The Lord has been our dwelling place in all generations.
From everlasting to everlasting God is God, and so we come to worship.

God satisfies us every morning with steadfast love;
Let us rejoice and be glad all our days.

Tell of God's glorious power and praise God's holy name.

We will offer God the work of our hands and praise
from the depths of our hearts.

Hymn: #330 O God, our help in ages past

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: #635 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Matthew 27:33-54 (*selected verses*)
Isaiah 51:1-11 (*selected verses*)

Ministry of Music

Message: "Grave Encounters (with Sleeping Saints)"

Hymn: #611 For all the saints (verses 1-4)

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 of Thanksgiving

♪ Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God. ♪

Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Hymn: Faith Of Our Fathers

Benediction & Dismissal: Walk With Me

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

*"Those from whom I receive the greatest consolations and encouragement are those whom I know to be dwelling in Paradise."
~ St Therese of Avila*

*"No theological treatise is any kind of substitute for the sight of a life well lived."
~ Joan Chittister*

What is the personal legacy that you hope to leave for others?

Things to pray for this week...

We thank God for knitting us into one fellowship; for the people who have gone ahead of us in the faith and who loved us, formed our faith and served God with joy and grace.



As the days grow shorter and colder, we pray for the homeless and underhoused and give thanks for those who provide shelter, food and friendship.

We pray for students attending theological colleges this fall and give thanks for their willingness to follow God's call into ministry.



Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:33-54 (selected verses)
(NRSVUE)

³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull)...

³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots... ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴²“He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’ ”

⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” ⁴⁸At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.

⁴⁹But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

⁵⁴Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Awake, awake, arm of the Lord,
clothe yourself with strength!
**Awake, as in days gone by,
as in generations of old. ...**

Those the Lord has rescued will return.
They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.
**Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away.**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 51:1-11 (selected verses) (NIV)

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness
and who seek the Lord:
Look to the rock from which you were cut
and to the quarry from which you were hewn;
**look to Abraham, your father,
and to Sarah, who gave you birth.**

When I called him he was only one man,
and I blessed him and made him many.
The Lord will surely comfort Zion
and will look with compassion on all her ruins;
**he will make her deserts like Eden,
her wastelands like the garden of the Lord.**

Joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the sound of singing. ...