

Announcements

The congregation extends its sympathy to Jean Millar, Debbie Richard, Wendy Gallant and their families on the death of their husband, father and grandfather, Orval Millar.

Sincere sympathies are also extended to Kaye Ferguson on the death of her son Rob and to the family of Judy Cousins on the event of her death.



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Cheri for more information.

Mission Moment

Sohdi became the sole provider for her family when her husband died a decade ago. A farmer in Pakistan, she plants various crops, but droughts and floods have disrupted food production for three years. In 2021, Sohdi received aid through the Humanitarian, Early Recovery and Development project, supported by PWS&D, which provided food aid to households in need. This assistance enabled her family to eat properly even during times of failed harvests. The project also provided support for women artisans to improve their skills and market their goods, making them more resilient for the future. Sohdi is grateful for this support that allowed her to stay out of debt. Now, she dreams of her son's wedding as well as sending her other children to 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

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Before we were born, God knew us.
God knit us together in the womb.

God searches out our paths, and tracks us along our way.
So we praise God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

There is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.
How wonderful are all God's works! Let us worship God together.

Hymn: **#704 Teach me, God, to wonder**

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

Children's Time & Hymn: **#441 Can a little child like me**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-20
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
John 1:43-51

Ministry of Music: "Hear Us, O Father" ~Besig and Price

Message: "Listening when the word of the Lord is rare"

Hymn: **#767 Lord, speak to me**

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: **#699 All the way my Saviour leads me**

Benediction & Dismissal: **God Now in Peace**

Postlude

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

"There's a lot of difference between listening and hearing."
— G.K. Chesterton



"God speaks in the silence of the heart.
Listening is the beginning of prayer...
I always begin my prayer in silence, for it is in the silence of the heart that God speaks. God is the friend of silence – we need to listen to God because it's not what we say but what He says to us and through us that matters."
~ Mother Teresa

What is your own experience of hearing 'the word of the Lord'?
What does that phrase mean to you?

Things to pray for this week...

We praise God for the generosity of people across Canada who support congregations with financial gifts, and pray for the hardworking congregational treasurers who are finalizing their records to prepare year-end reports.

We give thanks for the new members of the Executive and pray for God's guidance as they lead the Atlantic Mission Society into the future.

We pray for refugees around the world.



Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-20 (NRSVUE)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (NIV)

You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.

**You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

**Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.**

You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.**

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.**

My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

**Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.**

How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!

**Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.**

Scripture Reading: John 1:43-51 (NRSVUE)

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."