

Announcements

Presbytery meets on January 9th @ 9:30 a.m. at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church

Choir Practice on January 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

Session meets on January 10th @ 7:30 p.m.



**coldest night
of the year**

A 2 & 5km walk to alleviate
hurt and homelessness

- February 24, 2024
Fundraise for LifeHouse
- Start a team, Join a team, or
Donate to a team at
cnoy.org/summerside

It's cold out there!

Mission Moment

When the Rev. Lora Nafziger visited her sister in Nepal in 2022, she never imagined that she would return as Staff Care and Counselling Advisor with United Mission to Nepal (UMN). A faith-based international NGO, UMN strives to help all Nepalis achieve a fuller life through medical and community development programs. Responding to God's call, Lora departed for Kathmandu in early January 2024 with her spouse Mitch Rhodes and their two youngest children. Lora, who is also a clinical social worker, will provide spiritual and emotional support to expatriate UMN staff and Nepali staff. She is jointly supported by the PCC through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing and Mennonite Mission Network.

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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:

The time has come!
The time is now!

The reign of God has drawn near.
The kingdom of heaven is here.

Let us turn our lives around and accept the good news.
We will follow Christ and worship in his name.

Hymn: **#174 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness**

Assurance of God's Love

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.***

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Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time & Hymn: **#773 Jesus bids us shine**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Mark 1.4-11
Psalm 29

Ministry of Music: "Sing to the Lord with a Joyful Sound" ~ Gallina

Message: "The Church's Dangerous but Comforting Sacrament"

Hymn: **#626 Lord of all power**

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: **#468 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing**

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

Postlude

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



*"The Church does not dispense the sacrament of baptism in order to acquire for herself an increase in membership but in order to consecrate a human being to God".
~ Hans Urs von Balthasar*

*"When the convert emerges from the water, the world seems changed. The world has not changed, it is always wonderful and horrible, iniquitous and filled with beauty. But now, after baptism, the eyes that see the world have changed."
~ Liturgy Training Publications*

*Have you ever thought of baptism as conferring servanthood, of all things?
Would we throw a party for such a gift?*

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:4-11 (NRSVUE)

⁴so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. ¹¹And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Scripture Reading: Psalm 29 (NIV)

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.

And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.

**The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.**