

Announcements

Wednesday, **March 6 @ 6:30---choir practice**
Wednesday, **March 6 @ 7:30---Session meeting**

The congregation extends its deepest sympathy to Arthur and Sheila Moore and family on the death of Arthur's brother, Errol and also to the family of Rachel Waugh on the event of her passing.

Sincere thanks to all who supported the Coldest Night of the Year Walk. Summerside walkers and sponsors raised over \$100,000 in support of Lifehouse Emergency Shelter! Such amazing generosity will surely make a difference for people in our community who need the support.



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

As part of a Caring Community Initiative, the Presbyterian Music Camp piloted a Mental Health Workshop program during the summer of 2023. The program included mental health support and workshops run by a qualified health professional on the topics of anxiety, depression, ADHD, self-harm, suicide and other mental health topics. The opportunity for attendees to express themselves in a caring and safe environment with professional leadership took safety to the next level for the camp, and provided an opportunity for individuals to explore some of their struggles with support. The program continues to grow by providing Mental Health First Aid training to staff and volunteers as well as exploring ways that art and music therapy can be offered in a camp setting.

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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 heavens are telling the glory of God.
With earth and sky, let us proclaim God's handiwork.

The law of the LORD revives the soul.
We seek God's wisdom in our worship.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O God,
For you are our rock and redeemer, and so we praise you!

Hymn: **#412 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song**

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: **#500 Open my eyes, that I may see**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Exodus 3 & 4 (selected verses)

Ministry of Music "A Holy Sacrifice" - Pepper Choplin

Message: "The Third Week of Lent: Look Again!"

Hymn: **#592 I, the Lord of sea and sky**

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

Hymn: **#570 I have decided to follow Jesus**

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...

"Holy spaces have holy consequences."
~ Mary Alice Birdwhistell & Tyler Mayfield



God tells Moses that God has observed the suffering of God's people in the land of Egypt. When you observe your community (church, neighbourhood, city, etc.), what do you see?

Can you think of moments when you might have noticed the holy breaking into the ordinary? Maybe ways in which God's transformative power has made itself known in our wilderness?

Things to pray for this week...

We pray those in our church family who have recently lost a loved one. In particular, this week we remember Arthur and Sheila Moore and family in our prayers as they mourn the loss of Arthur's brother, Errol, as well as the family of Rachel Waugh.

We praise God and pray for congregational teams who are working together on programs and projects that care for creation, living out God's call to steward the earth for all creation.

Friday (March 8) is **International Women's Day**. We celebrate in prayer the PWS&D projects that are breaking barriers to gender equality and empowering women to achieve economic independence and improve their well-being.



Scripture Reading: Exodus 3 & 4 (selected verses) (ICB)

One day Moses was taking care of Jethro's sheep. Jethro was the priest of Midian and also Moses' father-in-law. Moses led the sheep to the west side of the desert. He came to Sinai, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in flames of fire coming out of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but it was not burning up. ³So Moses said, "I will go closer to this strange thing. How can a bush continue burning without burning up?"

⁴The Lord saw Moses was coming to look at the bush. So God called to him from the bush, "Moses, Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

⁵Then God said, "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals. You are standing on holy ground. ⁶I am the God of your ancestors. I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." Moses covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷The Lord said, "I have seen the troubles my people have suffered in Egypt. And I have heard their cries when the Egyptian slave masters hurt them. I am concerned about their pain. ⁸I have come down to save them from the Egyptians... ⁹I have heard the cries of the people of Israel. I have seen the way the Egyptians have made life hard for them. ¹⁰So now I am sending you to the king of Egypt. Go! Bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt!"

¹¹But Moses said to God, "I am not a great man! Why should I be the one to go to the king and lead the Israelites out of Egypt?"

¹²God said, "I will be with you. This will be the proof that I am sending you: You will lead the people out of Egypt. Then all of you will worship me on this mountain."

¹³Moses said to God, "When I go to the Israelites, I will say to them, 'The God of your ancestors sent me to you.' What if the people say, 'What is his name?' What should I tell them?"

¹⁴Then God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. When you go to the people of Israel, tell them, 'I AM sent me to you.'" ...

Then Moses answered, "What if the people of Israel do not believe me or listen to me? What if they say, 'The Lord did not appear to you'?"

²The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?"

Moses answered, "It is my walking stick."

³The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground."

So Moses threw it on the ground. And it became a snake. Moses ran from the snake. ⁴But the Lord said to him, "Reach out and grab the snake by its tail." So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake. When he did this, it again became a stick in his hand. ⁵The Lord said, "When this happens, the Israelites will believe that the Lord appeared to you..."

⁶Then the Lord said to Moses, "Put your hand inside your coat." So Moses put his hand inside his coat. When he took his hand out, it was white with a harmful skin disease.

⁷Then the Lord said, "Now put your hand inside your coat again." So Moses put his hand inside his coat again. When he took it out, his hand was healthy again. It was like the rest of his skin.

⁸Then the Lord said... ⁹"After these two miracles they still may not believe or listen to you. Then take some water from the Nile River. Pour it on the dry ground. The water will become blood when it touches the ground."

¹⁰But Moses said to the Lord, "But Lord, I am not a skilled speaker. I have never been able to speak well. And now, even after talking to you, I am not a good speaker. I speak slowly and can't find the best words."

¹¹Then the Lord said to him, "Who made man's mouth? And who makes him deaf or not able to speak? Or who gives a man sight or makes him blind? It is I, the Lord. ¹²Now go! I will help you speak. I will tell you what to say."

¹³But Moses said, "Please, Lord, send someone else."

¹⁴The Lord became angry with Moses. He said, "Your brother Aaron, from the family of Levi, is a skilled speaker. He is already coming to meet you. And he will be happy when he sees you. ¹⁵I will tell you what to say. Then you will tell Aaron. I will help both of you know what to say and do. ¹⁶And Aaron will speak to the people for you. You will tell him what God says. And he will speak for you. ¹⁷Take your walking stick with you. Use it to do the miracles."