

Announcements

Hi, everyone; Our April statement has shown a very positive improvement over last year. As of April 30th./2024 our deficit stands at \$6,637.46 compared to \$18,404.46 in 2023. Hopefully the good news can continue as we move through our financial year. Thank you all very much for your continued support. --- F&P committee.

The **Kirk of St. James, Charlottetown, will be holding a Book & Bake Sale** on Saturday, June 8th, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be delicious home-baked goods, gluten-free treats and books to browse through including soft & hard cover, vintage, and puzzles & games. We will also be having a Lobster Raffle with tickets for sale - 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25. First prize is \$200 worth of Lobster and 2nd prize is \$100 worth of Lobster. The draw date will be June 8th following the sale. For more info contact the Church Office at 902-892-2839 or kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com.

An offering plate can be found on a small table in the center aisle. By receiving peoples' gifts each week, worshipers are given an opportunity to contribute to the ministry that Christ does in and through our church family. During the Stewardship Moment of the service, these gifts will be brought forward and dedicated to this purpose.



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

Aziza, a mother of four from Pakistan, faced numerous challenges, including a physical disability and the tragic loss of her husband in 2019. Left to support her family as a young widow, Aziza and her eldest son worked tirelessly. Her son earned a small income as a shepherd. Despite their best efforts, the devastating floods of 2022 destroyed their home and village, forcing them to seek refuge in her brother-in-law's house. Aziza struggled to feed her children. In response to the disaster, a local partner, with support from PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, began a cash assistance project to ensure families could meet their basic food needs. Aziza used the funds wisely, allocating them for immediate needs like wheat flour and groceries.

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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:

God loves us with a steadfast love.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

God loves us so much he gave us his Son.
Let us believe and have eternal life!

God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.
Let us have faith to receive this grace!

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

Hymn: **#384 O Breath of life, come sweeping through us**

Opening Prayers

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time

& Hymn: **#398 When the spirit of the Lord moves in my soul**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17

Ministry of Music: "I Know Not Why Such Wondrous Grace"

Message: "Wild Is the Wind"

Experiencing God's Word

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Hymn: **#538 You satisfy the hungry heart**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Pastoral Prayer after Communion



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.***

Hymn: **#687 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine**

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

Postlude

Things to pray for this week...

We pray for the congregation of Zion Presbyterian Church (Charlottetown) as they prepare to welcome their new ministers, Revs. Kirk & Allyson MacLeod, next Sunday.

We pray for retired ministers and professional church workers, and for those preparing for retirement.

We give thanks that the PCC is involved ecumenically within Canada and beyond, and pray for the councils of the church that bring various denominations together for worship, fellowship, ministry and mission: the World Council of Churches, World Communion of Reformed Churches and the Canadian Council of Churches.

We give thanks to God for the faithful service of the Rev. Mary Fontaine as she completes her year as the first Indigenous Moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.



Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17 (International Children's Bible)

There was a man named Nicodemus who was one of the Pharisees. He was an important Jewish leader. ²One night Nicodemus came to Jesus. He said, "Teacher, we know that you are a teacher sent from God. No one can do the miracles you do, unless God is with him."

³Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth. Unless you are born again, you cannot be in God's kingdom."

⁴Nicodemus said, "But if a man is already old, how can he be born again? He cannot enter his mother's body again. So how can he be born a second time?"

⁵But Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth. Unless you are born from water and the Spirit, you cannot enter God's kingdom. ⁶A person's body is born from his human parents. But a person's spiritual life is born from the Spirit. ⁷Don't be surprised when I tell you, 'You must all be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wants to go. You hear the wind blow. But you don't know where the wind comes from or where it is going. It is the same with every person who is born from the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus asked, "How can all this be possible?"

¹⁰Jesus said, "You are an important teacher in Israel. But you still don't understand these things? ¹¹I tell you the truth. We talk about what we know. We tell about what we have seen. But you don't accept what we tell you. ¹²I have told you about things here on earth, but you do not believe me. So surely you will not believe me if I tell you about the things of heaven! ¹³The only one who has ever gone up to heaven is the One who came down from heaven—the Son of Man.

¹⁴"Moses lifted up the snake in the desert. It is the same with the Son of Man. The Son of Man must be lifted up too. ¹⁵Then everyone who believes in him can have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life. ¹⁷God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through him.