

## Announcements

Wednesday, June 5: Choir 6:30  
Session 7:30

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**

Today is General Assembly Sunday. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support the governance structures of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. At General Assembly, representative elders and ministers from congregations across Canada make decisions, set priorities and examine matters of doctrine, worship, discipleship and governance. A vision for national work is set and a budget is passed, capturing the hopes and dreams of the gathered congregations for the future of the church. Together, we are bringing the church's mission and ministry to life.

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General Assembly Sunday

*“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:

Raise a song of joy and gladness before God.  
**We will make music and sing God's praises.**

Sing aloud to God, our strength!  
**We will shout for joy to the God who made us.**

Worship God who makes all things new!  
**We will celebrate God's goodness in prayer and praise.**

Hymn: **#420 Praise, I will praise**

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

## Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

***Open my eyes, that I may see glimpse of truth thou hast for me;  
Place in hand the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see;  
Open my eyes: illumine me, Spirit divine!***

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
Psalm 81:1-10, refrain #1  
Mark 2:23 – 3:6

Ministry of Music: "Be Aware of Wonder" (Douglas Wagner)

Message: "Where Change Begins"

Hymn: **#636 When voices are confusing**

## 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

♪ ***Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God. ♪  
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.***

Hymn: **#651 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer**

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

Postlude

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

*Religion is at its best when it makes us ask hard questions of ourselves. It is at its worst when it deludes us into thinking we have all the answers for everybody else."  
~ Archibald Macleish*



*"Most young adults I know aren't looking for a religion that answers all of their questions, but rather a community of faith in which they feel safe to ask them."  
~ Rachel Held Evans*

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## **Things to pray for this week...**

On General Assembly Sunday we pray for the 2024 General Assembly, where commissioners seek to discern and make decisions for the work, ministry and mission of our denomination this year and in the coming years.

Did you know that we have a new church custodian, Natalie Arsenuat? This week we pray for church custodians and secretaries and all those who support the worship and mission of the church in ways that are often overlooked.

With PWS&D's support, farmers and families are learning about sustainability, food security and environmental protection. We pray that future generations steward God's creation well.



**Scripture Reading:** Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (NIV)

“Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the Lord your God has commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>14</sup>but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the Lord your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

**Scripture Reading:** Mark 2:23 – 3:6 (NIV)

<sup>23</sup>One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”

<sup>25</sup>He answered, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? <sup>26</sup>In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”

<sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup>So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. <sup>2</sup>Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. <sup>3</sup>Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.”

<sup>4</sup>Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent.

<sup>5</sup>He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. <sup>6</sup>Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.