

Announcements

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, August 18th – Rev. Elaine Harding
Sunday, August 25th – Rev. Sandy MacDonald

In case of pastoral emergencies while Rev. Brad is away, please contact either Nancy Harvey at (902) 887-2956 or Rev. Torrey Griffiths at (902) 856-2352.

Please join us next Sun., **Aug. 18, at 3:00 p.m.** as **SPC hosts a piano recital presented by Echo Lau.** Having studied piano at UPEI, Echo is happy to be returning to PEI to visit, and to perform in both S'side and Ch'town. Admission is free, with donations accepted. Please help spread the word!

**We welcome Rev Andrew Richardson this morning
To share his message with us.**

Andrew is a graduate of Dalhousie University (B.A), Atlantic School of Theology (M. Div.) and was ordained as a United Church Minister in 1988 and served in congregational ministry for 31 years, including 14 at Trinity Summerside. He received his doctorate from Columbia Theological Seminary (Atlanta) in 2007. His thesis was a study of ethical implications of friendship and its potential as a model for communities of faith.

Currently Andrew is the Minister for the Office of Vocation, responsible for the oversight of United Church Clergy and students in the Atlantic Provinces. He is also an adjunct faculty member of Queens College where he teaches missional theology.

Andrew has been actively involved in the wider community; as a basketball coach; religion columnist for the Moncton Times Transcript; and served as the Chair of the largest school district in New Brunswick. Andrew has presented workshops on board management at numerous national conferences.

Andrew is a popular instructor at University of Prince Edward Island Seniors College, and has taught courses at Atlantic School of Theology, Memorial University and Crandall University. He is a popular keynote speaker and has given workshops at events across the country.

He has been the chair of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Committee for the city of Summerside, a member of the Premier's action committee on Family Violence, the Premier's Select Committee on Immigration and the City of Summerside Planning Advisory Committee and served two terms on the Board of Regents at Mount Allison University. He has a keen interest in community mobilization. He enjoys sailing, hockey and music.

Andrew is married to Janet Surette, who works with special needs students at Parkside Elementary. Janet and Andrew have three grown children, Alexander, Olivia and Noah.

SUMMERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

We gather today knowing there are people in our world who are surrounded by violence and conflict on every side.

Our work of peace begins with prayer.

We gather today knowing there are people in our community who feel lost, alone, abandoned, and forgotten.

Our work of love begins with prayer.

We gather today knowing there are people in this place, this neighborhood, this world that we all share who experience overwhelming grief, despair, and sorrow.

Our work of hope begins with prayer.

We gather not to look away from the world but to witness the needs of our neighbors through the lens of God's love.

May we be a people who pray and, out of our praying, do the work of bringing peace, love, and hope to all we encounter.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hymn: # 431 **Jesus, where'er thy people meet**

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

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

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Psalm 130

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Message: Grief and Grace

Hymn: #683 **I know not why such wondrous grace**

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: #774 **Freely, freely**

Benediction: *(responsive)*

Friends, as we go out into the world,
**may we be like bread, broken and shared, bringing sustenance
and hope to those in need.**

May we be filled with the joy and peace
that comes from knowing You, the bread of life.
Beloved, may God's grace open your hearts to recognize the needs
of your neighbors; may God's mercy fill your prayers,
and may God's peace empower you to share the goodness
and blessing you receive from God with all.

Dismissal: **May the God of hope go with us**

Postlude

Things to pray for this week...

We pray that God would speak to the hearts of those who have gifts and graces for ordained ministry and challenge them to consider service in the church as ordained ministers of the Word and Sacraments.

We pray for the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church of Ghana as they meet from August 14-18.

We pray for the congregation at Place of Hope Presbyterian Church as it ministers to Indigenous People in the inner city of Winnipeg, Manitoba by providing spiritual and tangible care.

