

## Announcements

### Upcoming Services:

Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – 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 this afternoon 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 Elaine Palmer-Harding this morning to share his message with us.**

*Elaine was born in O'Leary, the eldest of three girls and brought up on a farm. For seven years she taught school on the Island and then moved to Toronto to study. She was commissioned by the United Church of Canada in 1972 and served charges in London, ON and Kingston, ON. She then moved East and studied at the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax. Elaine was ordained in 1979 by the United Church of Canada and served in Sussex Corner, NB, Parrsboro, NS, Bideford, and the Margate Charge on PEI. Since retiring, she has been doing some supply ministry and enjoying every moment being with so many people while the hard work was left to the resident clergy! Her interests include quilting, knitting, working on her family tree, and of course, breakfast with friends.*

**Hi, everyone; as the summer continues to wind down (all too quickly) we wanted to express our appreciation to those who have continued to support our general operating budget with additional special gifts. This has vastly improved our operating deficit to July 31 from \$-21,323.00 in 2023 to \$-9,626.55 for this year, 2024. We also wanted to thank those who contributed to our building fund last month as repairs to our storm drains were completed. Once again, thanks to everyone for your support. -- F&P Committee.**

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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:

God is very near to us.

**We come together to praise God who lives and dwells among us.**

Bring your songs and praises and let the Spirit of God be heard in this place.

**We praise God with song and voice and we greet one another with love.**

Hymn: **#321 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Opening Prayers (in unison)

**God, your changes touch our lives with mystery and hope.**

**We come to this sanctuary today,**

**ready to see your power working through us.**

**Help us to be open to your Word, and to answer your call among us.**

**Be with us now as we pray together using the words Jesus taught.**

*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

New days, new dawns, new beginnings;

Our God offers forgiveness and gives us the chance to begin again.

**Thanks be to God for restoring us to the fullness of life!**

Hymn: **#688 As water to the thirsty**

### Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

Ministry of Music: Brennan Smith

Message

Hymn: **#699 All the way my Saviour leads me**

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

Benediction: *(responsive)*

God gives life. God renews life. God is life.

**We go out to celebrate the life within us**

**and to let it overflow to enliven the world.**

May the peace of God dwell within you this week and forever more.

Go out with God's blessing and be a blessing to others. Amen.

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

Postlude

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

We pray for congregations navigating difficult and contentious issues, and that the Committee on Church Doctrine's paper, "On Unity and Diversity," may help bring insight into how these two concepts work together.

We pray for PWS&D partners in Gaza who are providing essential food aid, health care, and psycho-social support to those living in conflict. May they find renewed energy every day to continue serving those in desperate need.

We celebrate stewardship committees that help people in congregations across Canada discover the joy of sharing their gifts to participate in God's mission.

