

Announcements

Sun, Sept 22 Picnic following the service
Wed, Sept 25 Choir Practice 6:30
Thurs, Sept 26 KD Lunch 11:00

Hello, everyone; Just wanted to provide you with a brief update on our budget status to Aug.31/24. Thanks to additional support over the summer, along with some extraordinary special gifts, our year to date offerings have increased by \$15,178.65 over last year, ---- an amazing accomplishment! We've had some necessary building and property repairs over the same period bringing our current deficit to \$17,162.54 which includes \$8,143.00 to cover the cost of those repairs. Those repair costs may be transferred to our building fund if necessary, once final year end adjustments are made. We're very happy to share this encouraging news as we move forward.

Thank you all, Finance & Property



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

PWS&D's annual Journey for Hope encourages supporters to gear up and walk, run, ride, roll or do another activity they love to raise money for the food security work PWS&D does around the world. Food security is an essential human right, yet a significant portion of the global population is food insecure, without access to enough food of acceptable quantity and quality. Your participation in and support for Journey for Hope enables PWS&D to actively respond to hunger needs through food security projects that improve agricultural production in places like Haiti, Guatemala and Malawi. Funds also help provide emergency food assistance in countries that are extremely vulnerable, including Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Somalia, South Sudan and Ethiopia. Thank you for participating and making a difference!

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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

Call to Worship:

From sunrise to sunset,
Let us praise God's holy name.

With the wisdom of the aged and the energy of the young,
Let us praise God's holy name.

In our work, in our homes, and in all we do,
Let us praise God's holy name.

Let us praise the Lord with all our hearts!
We will worship God now and always.

Hymn: **#410 Joyful, joyful we adore you**

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: **#441 Can a little child like me**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Mark 9:30-37
James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a;

Message: *"The Gift of Participation"*

Hymn: **#481 Blest be the tie that binds**

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: **#475 I am the church! You are the church!**

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

Postlude

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



"Children are not merely "the church of tomorrow." If a child is in Christ, she is the church of today. And as our physical bodies would fail to thrive without pinky toes and eyebrows, our church bodies are lacking and will not function properly without the intentional inclusion of our little brothers and sisters in Christ."

~ Bekah Stoneking

Can you think of a time when as an adult you have needed a child (or as a child an adult needed you)? What was this like? Was the child aware of the support they provided?

Things to pray for this week...

We pray for newly ordained Ruling Elders, that God will give them wisdom and compassion as they serve on their sessions.

We remember the clerks of synods who will be working on preparations for the various meetings and gatherings of synods during October.



We pray for the work of the Leadership Centre at The Presbyterian College, Montreal and its director, Dr. Adrian Langdon. May the centre's ministry enrich and energize the church.

Scripture Reading: Mark 9:30-37 (NIV)

³⁰They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³²But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

³⁶He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

Scripture Reading: James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a (NIV)

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ²You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. ...

⁷Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God and he will come near to you.