

Announcements

Wed. Nov 20 th	Choir	6:30
Thurs. Nov 21 th	KD Lunch	11:00
Sat, Nov 23 rd	Potluck	4:30

Hi, everyone; Just a quick **update on our budget numbers to Oct. 31/24**. Our deficit stands at \$20,296.21 which is an improvement of \$3,700.88 over the same period last year. We'll be estimating our needs for year end and launching our budget campaign next Sunday, Nov.24th. in order to let you know what our goal will be. Although it's been a challenge over the last few years, we've managed to meet our financial obligations and with your support, we'll succeed again for 2024. Thank you all, --- F&P Committee.

We're having a potluck! Join us on Saturday Nov 23 at 4:30 pm for some awesome food, fellowship and fun. Be sure to bring along your favourite food dish, invite your family and friends. Can't wait to see you!

The **Huntington Society's amaryllis fundraising campaign is underway**. These kits, **selling at \$17 each**, make great gifts at Christmas time, especially for those hard-to-buy for people on your list. These kits include a bulb, soil, pot, and regrowing instructions, all in an attractive retail box with some background information on Huntington's disease. These are indoor blooming flowering plants that will brighten up anyone's winter. **See either Stephen or Janet-Rose Hurst after church (or call at 888-3013) to buy one today!**

Hospice PEI will hold a Memorial Service here this afternoon at 2pm. Speak their name, honour your memories, celebrate the fact they lived.
All welcome!

**Hospice PEI will present a workshop on Wills, Estate Planning & MAID
Nov 20th from 6-8 at the St. Eleanors Lions Club.**
Sign up required. 902 438-4231 or eastprince@hospicepei.ca

Mission Moment

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Action Réfugiés Montréal provides hope and assistance to refugees through social programming, sponsorship, and raising awareness of refugee rights. The organization operates the popular "Twinning Program," which pairs newly arrived refugee women with women already residing in Montreal. Through frequent meetings and group activities, these "twins" forge bonds of friendship and solidarity. The program plays a crucial role in mitigating isolation and addressing barriers that these women encounter in their daily lives.

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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:

The God of wisdom calls us to worship;
In humility, we gather to offer our thanks and praise.

The God of peace calls us to let go of our cares and worries;
In faith, we turn to God for hope and guidance.

The God of past, present and future welcomes us into this moment;
In joy, we celebrate life in God's presence!

Let us worship God together.
Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord!

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

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time & Hymn: #266 King of Kings

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 1:1-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10 (responsive)

The Word of God in Scripture. The Word of God among us.
The Word of God within us.
Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: "I Surrender All" (Choir with soloist - Marilyn Martin)

Message: "Hannah's Big Prayer"

Hymn: #680 Christ, of all my hopes the ground



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: #746 What a friend we have in Jesus

Benediction & Dismissal: **May the Lord bless you**

♪ **May the Lord bless you, may the Lord keep you;** ♪
May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.

Postlude

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



"The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, 'O God, forgive me,' or 'Help me.'"
~ Billy Graham

What has brought you the most joy in the past few years? The most grief?
What brought relief from your grief?

When do you find it convenient to pray silently and
when do you find it convenient to pray loudly?

Things to pray for this week...

We pray for all the people in congregations who leave a legacy gift—a bequest, a charitable gift annuity, a gift of life insurance—so that we may have vibrant ministry, today and tomorrow.

We pray for those who lack access to proper sanitation and for PWS&D programs that are working to provide water, sanitation and hygiene measures.

We pray for chaplains in hospitals and long-term care homes as they continue to provide comfort, offer hope, and minister during moments that matter.



Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 1:1-20 (MSG)

There once was a man who lived in Ramathaim... His name was Elkanah... He had two wives. The first was Hannah; the second was Peninnah. Peninnah had children; Hannah did not.

³⁻⁷ Every year this man went from his hometown up to Shiloh to worship and offer a sacrifice to God-of-the-Angel-Armies. Eli and his two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, served as the priests of God there. When Elkanah sacrificed, he passed helpings from the sacrificial meal around to his wife Peninnah and all her children, but he always gave an especially generous helping to Hannah because he loved her so much, and because God had not given her children. But her rival wife taunted her cruelly, rubbing it in and never letting her forget that God had not given her children. This went on year after year. Every time she went to the sanctuary of God she could expect to be taunted. Hannah was reduced to tears and had no appetite.

⁸ Her husband Elkanah said, "Oh, Hannah, why are you crying? Why aren't you eating? And why are you so upset? Am I not of more worth to you than ten sons?"

⁹⁻¹¹ So Hannah ate. Then she pulled herself together, slipped away quietly, and entered the sanctuary. The priest Eli was on duty at the entrance to God's Temple in the customary seat. Crushed in soul, Hannah prayed to God and cried and cried—inconsolably. Then she made a vow:

Oh, God-of-the-Angel-Armies,
If you'll take a good, hard look at my pain,
If you'll quit neglecting me and go into action for me
By giving me a son, I'll give him completely, unreservedly to you.
I'll set him apart for a life of holy discipline.

¹²⁻¹⁴ It so happened that as she continued in prayer before God, Eli was watching her closely. Hannah was praying in her heart, silently. Her lips moved, but no sound was heard. Eli jumped to the conclusion that she was drunk. He approached her and said, "You're drunk! How long do you plan to keep this up? Sober up, woman!"

¹⁵⁻¹⁶ Hannah said, "Oh no, sir—please! I'm a woman brokenhearted. I haven't been drinking. Not a drop of wine or beer. The only thing I've been pouring out is my heart, pouring it out to God. Don't for a minute think I'm a bad woman. It's because I'm so desperately unhappy and in such pain that I've stayed here so long."

¹⁷ Eli answered her, "Go in peace. And may the God of Israel give you what you have asked of him."

¹⁸ "Think well of me—and pray for me!" she said, and went her way. Then she ate heartily, her face radiant.

¹⁹ Up before dawn, they worshiped God and returned home to Ramah. Elkanah slept with Hannah his wife, and God began making the necessary arrangements in response to what she had asked.

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Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 (MSG)

Hannah prayed:

I'm bursting with God-news!
I'm walking on air.
I'm laughing at my rivals.
I'm dancing my salvation.

**2-5 Nothing and no one is holy like God,
no rock mountain like our God.**

Don't dare talk pretentiously—
not a word of boasting, ever!

For God knows what's going on.

He takes the measure of everything that happens.

The weapons of the strong are smashed to pieces,
while the weak are infused with fresh strength.

**The well-fed are out begging in the streets for crusts,
while the hungry are getting second helpings.**

The barren woman has a houseful of children,
while the mother of many is bereft.

**6-10 God brings death and God brings life,
brings down to the grave and raises up.
God brings poverty and God brings wealth;
he lowers, he also lifts up.**

He puts poor people on their feet again;
he rekindles burned-out lives with fresh hope,
Restoring dignity and respect to their lives—
a place in the sun!

**For the very structures of earth are God's;
he has laid out his operations on a firm foundation.**

He protectively cares for his faithful friends, step by step,
but leaves the wicked to stumble in the dark.

No one makes it in this life by sheer muscle!
God's enemies will be blasted out of the sky,
crashed in a heap and burned.

**God will set things right all over the earth,
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