

Announcements

Sun. Dec 1 st	Community Choir Sing 3:00
Wed. Dec 4 th	Choir 6:30
Thurs. Dec 5 th	KD Lunch 11:00
	Senior Xmas cards 2:00
Sat. Dec 7 th	Cookie Decorating 10:00
Sun Dec 8 th	White Gift Service
Sun Dec 15 th	Easiest Bake Sale

A **Community Carol Sing** will be held this afternoon at 3 p.m. at **Trinity United Church**. Participants include the **Silvertones, SPC Choir, and Trinity Choir**. All are invited to join in the singing of familiar carols. Bring your family and friends!

You are invited to join us for a fun filled morning of festive cookie decorating, craft making, Christmas sharing, fellowship on **Saturday December 7, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Bring your family and friends. This event is open to all ages. Don't forget to wear your favourite Christmas sweater!

The **Tyne Valley and Area Community Choir** will be presenting the Christmas cantata, "**One Small Child**", on **Sunday, Dec 8th at 2:30pm** at Central Street

You'll find our "giving tree" in the lobby again this year. Our budget deficit to the end of October, 2024 was \$20,296.21 including the cost of two building related expenses. With that in mind, we have set our target for this year's fundraising goal at \$20,000. If we are successful, we would cover our operating expenses for 2024 and hopefully have a small surplus to carry into January 2025. To donate, you can leave an envelope with your name on it in the offering, drop by the office or simply send a etransfer to summersidepresbyterian@gmail.com. We have a new feature to add to our tree this year. We would like to invite you to hang a star in memory of someone special, who is particularly missed this time of year, regardless of whether you use the donation ornaments or not. It would be a gentle reminder to everyone of people no longer with us, but who still shine in our memories.

We would like to thank you for this year's ongoing support and wish you and your families all the best of the Christmas season. Sincerely, your Finance and Property Committee.

We're currently seeking someone to look after snow shoveling at the church. It would be required following each snowfall and prior to 8:30 am. If you know anyone who might be interested, please contact any member of the finance and property committee. Thank you.



5:00 Service Designed with Young Children in Mind
6:30 Traditional Worship Service

SUMMERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Bradford Blaikie
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~ First Sunday of Advent ~
December 1st, 2024

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

Advent is a time for waiting.

We wait for God, who appears like a tender branch growing from a stump.

Advent is a time for hoping.

We wait for God, who comes with justice and righteousness.

Advent is a time to worship.

We wait for God, praising the One who comes to fulfil promises.

Hymn: **#122 Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel** (Vs. 1, 5, 6 & 7)

Advent Litany & Candle Lighting

Hymn: **#114 Hope is a star** (verse 1)

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:14–16

Psalm 25:1–10

Luke 21:25–36

Ministry of Music: *"Bring Us Hope"* (Ruth Elaine Schram)

Message: *"Seeing Through Tears"*

Hymn: **#109 All earth is waiting**

Our Response to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer after Communion

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & The Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

Praise God whose light fills all the earth

Whose love we see in Jesus' birth

Whose Spirit forms one family

Whose grace brings peace and harmony.

Experiencing God's Word

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Hymn: **#145 In the bleak mid-winter**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Hymn: **#110 Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk in the Light**

Things to pray for this week...

Today is **World AIDS Day**. We pray for the millions of people affected by HIV and AIDS and for the work of PWS&D in Malawi, which is providing vital support to those living with HIV.

Tuesday (December 3) is **the International Day for People with Disabilities**. We pray that "the children of God who are described as disabled may be seen as whole persons, with rights to full personhood, loved fully by their Creator, and worthy of our recognition, our acceptance, and our loving affirmation."

(Jane Deren, Ph. D., Education for Justice, Center of Concern)

We pray for those around the world who are the victims of violence and oppression, those who wonder how they will survive the next day, and those who have lost all they own. May God's reign of justice and peace inspire us to work for peace in their lands and provision for their needs.



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NIV)

¹⁴ “‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵ “‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’

Scripture Reading: Luke 21:25-36 (NIV)

²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, Creator of light, Giver of life, Source of love: You guide the sun, cradle the moon, and toss the stars. At your word, the earth was spun on its course among the planets. You breathed life into humankind and set us among all your creatures, in a covenant of love and service. Even when we turned away from you, you did not forsake us. You sent your prophets to call us back to you. We give you thanks for your unending mercy to each and to all, as we join the song of creation to give you praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Mighty and tender God: In Jesus of Nazareth, you revealed your light, your life, and your love in words that confront and comfort us, in compassion that heals and frees us, in hope that challenges and changes us. We gather at this table to give thanks for his gifts to us. As we take the bread and cup at the table he prepares for us, fill us with such longing for your kingdom that our worship leads us to witness to his love through our lives. And so, remembering Christ’s life, love, death, and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ was promised. Christ was born.
Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

God of hope and healing: We gather at your table to remember Christ’s life and death, to proclaim his resurrection, and to await his coming again.

Now send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, O God, that all who share this loaf and cup may be united with Christ and in Christ. So let us shine the light of your hope into the world you love. We offer our gifts and ourselves in the prayer Jesus taught us:

**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.**