

Announcements

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 e-transfer 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.

A quick update to let you know our November numbers are in and our deficit to Nov.30th. stands at \$19,908.27 including building repairs.

Sincerely, your Finance and Property Committee.

Mission Moment

As Western culture becomes increasingly secular and Christianity occupies a more peripheral position in society, Canadian church plants are pioneering new ways to share God's love. One such initiative to encourage church planting is Cyclical PCC, supported by The Presbyterian Church in Canada in collaboration with Cyclical Inc. This initiative aims to empower presbyteries and leaders within the denomination to initiate new worshipping communities. Participants in the program are part of a larger network of PCC leaders exploring their calling and taking initial steps toward launching new ministries. What exciting new forms of ministry are emerging in your local community?

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The First Sunday of Christmas

*“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

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Make a list of God's gracious dealings, all the things God has done that need praising:

The generous bounties of God, and God's great goodness to all the families of the earth! Compassion lavished, love extravagant.

The most wondrous thing God ever did was to come to us, to help us in person. Out of God's own love, God redeemed us.

God rescued us and carried us for a long-time.

Let us worship and praise our Redeemer this Christmas time!

Thanks be to God

Hymn: **#141 Good Christians, all rejoice**

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

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Hymn: **#161 What child is this**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

Ministry of Music: "A Carol of Hope"

Message: "The New Normal"

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

Our Response to God's Word

Offering

*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.*

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: **#168 - See amid the winter's snow vs. 1, 2 & 5**

Benediction:

Praising God is not enough.

And so we will go to offer practical help to our sisters and brothers.

Joyful noises do not feed those around us.

**And so we will go with Jesus to the food pantries and shelters,
to care for those forgotten by our society.**

Songs of thanksgiving do not replace service.

**And so we will go to share the peace of the Spirit with a broken,
yet hopeful world.**

Dismissal: **Walk in the Light**

Postlude

**Thank you to Rev. Richard Andrews for leading
us in the service this morning.**

*"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."
Desmond Tutu*

*"Hope is that thing inside us that insists, despite all the evidence to the contrary,
that something better awaits us if we have the courage to work for it
and to fight for it." Barack Obama*

*Christ was born as one of us and, in him,
God shows us how much the world is loved.
We pray that God's love blesses and fills the world.*