Announcements

Wed. Mar 26 - Choir 6:30 Thurs. Mar 27 - KD Lunch

We extend a warm welcome this morning to the Summerside Community Choir.
We thank them for sharing their gifts of music with us this morning.

The congregation would like to extend its sympathy to Susanne Essensa on the death of her brother Gary.

Hi, everyone; Just a quick update on our budget year to date. As at Feb.28/25 revenue was \$21,008.90 Expenses for the same period totaled \$27,308.75 As reported at our annual meeting we finished 2024 with a budget surplus of \$9,733.00 Thank you for your generous support. -- F&P Committee.



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

Five years after getting married, Cristina's husband emigrated to the United States from Guatemala, leaving her in debt. Unable to pay off the debt, she lost the land her husband had left as collateral, an inheritance from her parents. She struggled to earn enough daily to feed her young children and repay the debt and interest. Things got a little easier when her children turned 18, emigrated to the United States and sent money. She also received support from Fraternidad de Presbiteriales Mayas, PWS&D's local partner. She was trained in managing her cornfields, family gardens, backyard animals, and in topics related to healthy and nutritional diets.

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 \sim March 23rd, 2025 \sim Third Sunday in Lent

"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: (see insert)

Hymn: #448 O God, Beyond All Praising

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

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Ministry of Music: Summerside Community Choir

"In Christ Alone" ~ Getty, Townsend, arr. M. Hayes
"The Power of the Cross" - Getty, Townsend, arr. M. Hayes
"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" ~ arr. T. Fettke

Director - John Wervers

Pianist - Tanya Bernard

Scripture Readings: Luke 12:13-21

The Word of God in Scripture. The Word of God among us.
The Word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

Message: "Stories that Jesus Still Tells: The Rich Fool"

Hymn: #637 Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

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 Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Hymn #461 Be Thou My Vision

Ministry of Music: "Look to the Day" ~ John Rutter

Benediction

Dismissal: "Give to Us Peace"

Postlude

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



"Possession isn't nine-tenths of the law.

It's nine-tenths of the problem."

~ John Lennon

What treasures has Jesus given me that money cannot buy?

Is it more likely for a poor man or a rich man to become greedy? Why do you say that?

Things to pray for this week...

We pray for those who are keeping a Lenten devotion and discipline.

We pray for interfaith movements and initiatives, from communal meals in our local places of worship to significant acts of diplomacy on the global stage.

We pray for congregations and missions receiving grants this spring, that their programs and initiatives will share the love of Christ in their communities.



Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)

- 13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."
- 14 Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" 15 Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."
- ¹⁶ And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'
- ¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."
- ²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'
- ²¹ "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."