

### Announcement

Wed. April 2 - Choir 6:30

Thurs. April 3 - KD Lunch



### Upcoming Services:

April 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Mary's Anglican Church

April 11<sup>th</sup> – Summerside Community Church

We'd love you to join us for some Spring cleaning of the church building on April 12, at 9am. Bring a bucket and many hands will make light work!

The people's Cemetery in Summerside requires your assistance. People's Cemetery is a non-profit organization supported by Central Street Christian, Summerside Baptist, Summerside Presbyterian and Trinity United churches. On May 3, 2025 at 10 am we are having a cemetery cleanup. Rain date is May 10. Bring your rakes and your paper bags and help our crew prepare the cemetery for visitors. If you wish to support the cemetery monetarily, donations can be dropped off at the above churches or sent to Summerside Cemetery Company, PO Box 1301, Summerside, C1N 4K2.



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**

19-year-old Evidence Mhango is in her final year of secondary school in Malawi. She has endured numerous challenges to reach this milestone, including walking 15 km daily. Despite the long distance and societal pressures to abandon her studies, Evidence remains determined to finish school. The PWS&D-supported Every Youth Empowered project has played a crucial role in motivating Evidence to work harder. Joining the in-school club introduced and led by project volunteers, she discovered a passion for quiz competitions and gained the confidence to participate in interschool contests. The competitions enhanced her critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, boosted her academic performance and gave her self-assurance. Evidence shares, "My dream is to become a university lecturer, and nobody will take that away from me."

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Fourth 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: **#706 Come, Let Us Sing**

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: **#698 Saviour, Teach Me Day by Day**

## Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Luke 15:1-32

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: "Wings of the Dawn" ~ *Linda A. Spence*

Message: "Stories that Jesus Still Tells: Lost Things"

Hymn: **#669 And Jesus Said our God is Like a Shepherd**

## 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 **#670 Amazing Grace** (verses 1-3, 6)

Benediction & Dismissal: **May the Lord Bless You**

Postlude

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

*"You stir man to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."  
~ Saint Augustine*



*"If you are looking for God, God will find you."  
~ Chris Lowney*

*What was the last thing that you lost?  
Did you ever find it?*

## **Things to pray for this week...**

Dear God, help us to order our lives in faithful obedience to you so that we may come to know our weaknesses and appreciate your grace at work in our lives.

Monday (March 31<sup>st</sup>) is the **Transgender Day of Visibility**. We pray for the safety and well-being of transgender and gender non-conforming people and give thanks for their gifts and perspectives.

We pray for God's blessings on projects being carried out by each of the eight Indigenous ministries supported by the PCC. These include an outdoor memorial project at Mistawasis, a garden project at Winnipeg Inner City Missions and a documentary project at Hummingbird Ministries.



## Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-32 (NIV)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup>and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup>I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

<sup>8</sup>"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' <sup>10</sup>In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

<sup>11</sup>Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup>"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup>After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup>I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' <sup>20</sup>So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup>"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

<sup>22</sup>"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup>'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

<sup>28</sup>"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

<sup>31</sup>"'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"