Announcements

Wed. Jan 29th – Choir 6:30 No KD Lunch this week

The congregation extends its deepest sympathy to Carol Anne Donnelly and family on the death of Terry and to the family of the late Robert Ellis.



<u>Upcoming Services:</u>

April 11th - Summerside Community Church



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

Do you know what **Presbyterians Sharing** is?

Presbyterians Sharing is the national church fund that supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Congregations commit to raising an accepted allocation each year.

With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, Hummingbird Ministries promotes healing for Indigenous generations, addressing the trauma of a colonial past while nurturing hopes for a brighter future. Led by the Rev. Mary Fontaine, the first Indigenous moderator of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, the ministry fosters healing and reconciliation through cultural arts, including dance and drama performances. Additionally, Hummingbird Ministries connects with congregations across the PCC to provide healing through workshops and events like National Indigenous Peoples Day, the Christmas Circle, and the Peace through the Arts Festival.

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> ~ April 6th, 2025 ~ Fifth 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: #528 Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

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: #625 Seek Ye First

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Luke 14:15-24

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: "Lamb of God" (Twila Paris)

Message: "Stories that Jesus Still Tells: The Great Banquet"

Hymn: #672 Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

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 #736 For the Healing of the Nations

Benediction & Dismissal: May the Lord Bless You

Postlude

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

"A crust eaten in peace is better than a banquet partaken in anxiety." ~ Aesop



"Instead of seeming to impose new obligations, they should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet. It is not by proselytizing that the Church grows, but by attraction."

~ Pope Francis

What was the best meal you've ever had? What made it so memorable?

Things to pray for this week...

We pray for farmers as they prepare for the upcoming growing season, that they might feel your presence in the land as keenly now as at creation. May they know times of rest and rejuvenation even in the midst of their work.

We pray for the members of the Women's Missionary Society as they meet to review their past year's work and plan upcoming meetings & events.

We give thanks for the growing diversity within congregations and the denomination that enriches us and helps us reflect the intercultural family of God.



Scripture Reading: Luke 14:15-24 (NIV)

- ¹⁵When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."
- ¹⁶ Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'
- ¹⁸ "But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'
- ¹⁹ "Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.'
- ²⁰ "Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'
- ²¹ "The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'
- ²² "'Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'
- ²³ "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'"