

### Announcements

Wed, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>    Choir Practice 6:30  
Thurs, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>    KD Lunch ~ cookies needed  
Sun, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>    Fall Picnic ~ Potluck: sandwiches & sweets

An offering plate can be found on a small table in the center aisle. By receiving peoples' gifts each week, worshipers are given an opportunity to contribute to the ministry that Christ does in and through our church family. During the Stewardship Moment of the service, these gifts will be brought forward and dedicated to this purpose.



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**

Next week (on September 21) we will celebrate the global event, International Day of Peace. Established by the United Nations in 1981, it allows individuals, groups, and nations to reflect on and take action to promote peace within their communities. Today, peace can feel distant as wars and emergencies unfold in Sudan, Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti, Yemen, and elsewhere. Yet, even in the darkest moments, inspired by our faith, we find hope in the work being done to bring relief. PWS&D is committed to fostering peace by providing lifesaving aid, psychosocial support, hygiene kits and medical supplies to those affected by conflict in the world. As we mark this day, let us reflect on Jesus' words: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

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*"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:

O God of creation, who was before there was . . .

**We gather to praise your holy name and to  
celebrate the revelation of yourself to us.**

O God of light and life, who was before there was . . .

**It is through your true Light that we are able to see the truth of your saving love.**

O God of silence and sound, who was before there was . . .

**We thank you for your eternal Word, who speaks to us in our acts of worship.**

O God of time and eternity, who was before there was . . .

**We gather today to worship you!**

### Hymn #321 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

### 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 #339 Who Made the Earth and the Heavens

## Listening for God's Word

### Prayer for Understanding

### Scripture Readings: Genesis 1:1 – 2:3 (responsive)

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: "God Who Gives to Life It's Goodness"

(W. Farquson/ C. Taylor)

### Sermon: "Beautiful Beginnings"

### Hymn #332 How Great Thou Art (verses 1, 2, & 4)

## 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 God. Hear our prayer, O God.*** ♪  
***Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.***

### Hymn #338 Let All Things Now Living

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

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

*"There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world that is not  
intended to make us rejoice."*

~ John Calvin



*Have you ever experienced a sense of God's majesty and awe  
through nature? What was that like?*

*When did you see a beautiful scene and think,  
"Only God could have done this!"?*

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

We pray that faith groups will work together to pursue unity in a  
world that is filled with conflict.

We ask for strength, wisdom and encouragement for members of  
the The Atlantic Mission Society as they serve God in their  
work.

We give God thanks for the ministry of the Rev. Don Muir  
who is retiring as Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly  
after serving for 22 years.



**Responsive Reading: Genesis 1:1 – 2:3 (NIV)**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.<sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night."

**And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.**

<sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." <sup>7</sup> So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the vault "sky."

**And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.**

<sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas."

**And God saw that it was good.**

<sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds.

**And God saw that it was good.**

**<sup>13</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.**

<sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness.

**And God saw that it was good.**

**<sup>19</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.**

<sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." <sup>21</sup> So God created the

great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."

**<sup>23</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.**

<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds.

**And God saw that it was good.**

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

**<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.**

**And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.**

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

**<sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing;  
so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.**

**<sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he  
rested from all the work of creating that he had done.**