

Announcements

This morning
Wed. Feb 25th
Thurs. Feb 26th
Sat, Feb 28th

Annual Meeting following service
Choir Practice 6:30
KD Lunch
Coldest Night of the Year

Lenten Lunch's 2026 (February 20-March 27)

Friday's at 11:30am, with a light lunch to follow, donation's appreciated for the SACC Scholarship Fund

Feb 27 - Trinity United Church, 11:30am,

Mar 6 - World Day of Prayer at SPC hosted by St Mary's

Mar 13 - Summerside Community Church

Mar - St. Paul's Catholic Church

Mar - TBA

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.



Mission Moment

Amidst a war, political upheaval, and various challenges, a congregation in the Reformed Church of Transcarpathia, Ukraine, has been providing nourishment and service to their community. The Reformed Church of Chop operates a social kitchen that serves weekly meals to economically disadvantaged, mentally and physically disabled, and elderly members of the community. Since 2023, Presbyterians Sharing has helped purchase ingredients and tools as well as monthly stipends for those serving in the ministry. Through grace, the number of served meals has doubled, and the community has experienced communal, physical and spiritual sustenance.

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First 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:

Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are those whose hearts are made new by God's mercy.

When we were silent, our spirits grew weary.

But when we confessed, God was faithful to forgive.

The Lord is our hiding place and our refuge.

You surround us with songs of deliverance.

Therefore, let all who are faithful rejoice in the Lord.

We will be glad, we will sing for joy, for the Lord's steadfast love surrounds us.

(Inspired by Psalm 32)

Hymn #196 Throughout these Lenten days and nights

Opening Prayers & Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Matthew 4:1-11

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

The Word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Excellence, Success, and the Wilderness"

Hymn #625 Seek ye first

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.

Experiencing God's Word

The Sacrament of Communion

Ministry of Music: "Come Into the Presence" (Judith Snowden)

Invitation to the Table

Hymn #528 Jesus calls us here to meet him

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Pastoral Prayer after Communion



Hymn #479 The Church's One Foundation

Benediction & Dismissal: **Go in the Grace of the Lord**

Postlude

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



"Never look down on anybody unless you're helping them up."

Rev. Jesse Jackson

"The devil doesn't need to invent any new temptations;
the old ones work as well as they ever have."

~ Billy Graham

Where am I most tempted to prove myself — to God, to others, or to myself?

Do I equate success, growth, or attention with God's blessing?

Am I more driven by affirmation or by obedience?

Things to pray for this week...

We pray for the 26 social kitchens operating within the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Ukraine as they provide weekly meals to economically disadvantaged, mentally and physically disabled, and elderly community members.

As we begin our personal Lenten journeys, we pray for all Atlantic Mission Society members as they reflect on the scriptures, pray and remember Christ's sacrifice.

God calls us into unity even amid diversity. May we listen well to those of other Christian traditions and other faiths, that we might build bridges of understanding, respect and peace. May our common work for justice and reconciliation witness to God's love.



Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

⁷Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.