

Announcements

Sun. May 31st
Wed. June 3rd
Thurs. June 4th

Sundae Sunday
Choir Practice 6:30
KD Lunch

Thank you to Grant Taylor Paynter for sharing his gifts of music this morning!

Thank you to all that supported the Sunday School Water project for PWS&D.
They raised \$411.

The Basement to Attic sale was a great success! It raised \$2179.50.

The **Summerside Baptist Church** will be holding a **Song Service on May 31st at 2:30. Donations to the Food Bank will be accepted.**

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

Ruth Chatelera and Ndindase Jere, ordained ministers of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) in Malawi, are in the first cohort of women in the MTh (Master's in Contextual Theology) program at Zomba Theological University (ZTU). Recently, they successfully defended their dissertations. This four-year program is intended to raise women scholars. Presently, The Rev. Dr. Gertrude Kapuma is ZTU's only female regular faculty member. Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing provide full support for 10 women in the program and are building up women leaders in Malawi.

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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:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

We come before God with open hearts, seeking grace and hope.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

God meets us in our sorrow and surrounds us with compassion.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

We seek to walk in humility, gentleness, and love.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

We long for God's justice, mercy, and peace in our lives and in the world.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Teach us to forgive and to care for one another with tender hearts.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Cleanse our hearts and open our eyes to your presence among us.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Let us worship God together and be shaped into people of peace.

(Inspired by Matthew 5:3-9)

Hymn #651 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

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 #773 Jesus bids us shine

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Ruth 1:1-22

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

Sermon: "Ruth 1: Loss & Loyalty"

Hymn #635 Brother, sister, let me serve you

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 #324 Great is thy faithfulness

Benediction & Dismissal: Walk With Me

Postlude

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



"A faithful friend is the medicine of life."

~ Aelred of Rievaulx

Have you ever felt abandoned by God, only later to see signs of grace you missed at the time?

Things to pray for this week...

Monday, June 1st, marks the beginning of National Indigenous History Month. We give thanks for the diverse cultures, spiritual traditions, governance and land stewardship systems, languages and histories of the hundreds of Indigenous nations across Canada.

We give thanks for the ministry of the Rev. Jeffrey Murray, Moderator of the 2025 General Assembly, as he nears the end of his time in this role.

We pray for ruling elders and other laypersons who are discovering, developing and using their gifts for ministry and service in the church.



Scripture Reading: Ruth 1:1-22 (NIV)

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab.² The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

³ Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

Naomi and Ruth Return to Bethlehem

⁶ When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷ With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸ Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. ⁹ May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud ¹⁰ and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

¹¹ But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹² Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—¹³ would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord's hand has turned against me!"

¹⁴ At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

¹⁶ But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." ¹⁸ When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

¹⁹ So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, "Can this be Naomi?"

²⁰ "Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. ²¹ I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The Lord has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me."

²² So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.