

## Announcements

Wed. May 13<sup>th</sup>

Thurs. May 14<sup>th</sup>

Sat. May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Choir Practice 6:30

KD Lunch

Basement to Attic Sale

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.



We are also able to accept e-transfers for general offering or for any event we hold. E-transfers may be sent to [summersidepresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:summersidepresbyterian@gmail.com) which is set up for auto deposit. Please add a message in the note section of the transfer to indicate your name and what the amount is for. All donations will be added to your annual givings receipt.

### **Mission Moment**

Laxmi Bhandari is a 31-year-old mother of two from Nepal who once lived in social isolation. She didn't attend group activities because she was too shy. Then she was invited to take part in a project that aims to help women and other excluded groups live dignified lives through social and economic empowerment. Laxmi's leadership qualities were quickly recognized, and she was selected as the chair of her Village Women's Group. She now confidently facilitates monthly meetings, encouraging other women to participate. After learning about poultry and goat farming, Laxmi had the confidence to begin pursuing a livelihood in animal husbandry. Today, her rearing of goats, chickens and buffalo is creating a more sustainable income for her family. PWS&D's support of the International Nepal Fellowship helped to make this happen.

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~ May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 ~

Christian Family Sunday

*“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:

Come, all who seek greatness in the eyes of God.  
**We come, not to be first, but to follow Christ.**

Whoever welcomes the least, welcomes the Lord.  
**We open our hearts to the small, the weak, and the overlooked.**

Whoever humbles themselves will be lifted up.  
**We lay down our pride and take up the way of humility.**

Let us worship the One who came as a servant.  
**Let us worship God, who welcomes us all.**

(Inspired by Luke 9:46-48)

### Hymn #425 We praise you, O God

### 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 #471 We are one in the Spirit

## Listening for God's Word

### Prayer for Understanding

### Scripture Readings: Philippians 1:1-18a

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: Hymn of Promise ~ *Natalie Sleeth*

### Sermon

### Hymn #481 Blest be the tie that binds

## 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 #457 Now thank we all our God

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

### Postlude

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

*"The Christian life is not a solitary confinement, but a life of fellowship."  
~ Billy Graham*



*Who are the people in your life that you thank God for when you remember them? What specifically about them brings you joy?*

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

We give thanks for our families and our circles of friends.

We pray for peace, reconciliation and well-being in Sudan, and for the PWS&D partners delivering food assistance to families facing famine.

Gracious God, we thank you for all who offer hope in this troubled world, shining your light through acts of kindness, courage, and love.

We pray for M.Div. graduates who follow their call to serve your gospel in the power of the Spirit with the gifts the Spirit provides.



**Scripture Reading:** Philippians 1:1-18a (NIV)

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

<sup>12</sup> Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. <sup>13</sup> As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. <sup>14</sup> And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

<sup>15</sup> It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. <sup>16</sup> The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup> The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. <sup>18</sup> But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.