

Announcements

Wed. May 20th
Thurs. May 21st
Sat. May 23rd
Sun. May 31st

Choir Practice 6:30
KD Lunch
Basement to Attic Sale
Sundae Sunday

The children are working on a PWSD project to raise funds to help families access clean drinking water. They will be handing out paper water droplets and buckets in exchange for donations after the service today & next week. Your encouragement, support and prayers are always welcome. Thank you!

The 25 voice **Abegweit Chamber Singers** will be presenting its first ever **concert programme at SPC on Fri., May 29 at 7:30 p.m.** The group was formed in Feb. of this year with the aim of bringing singers from various Island communities together, to foster unity and peace through song. The choir is under the direction of Ruth Ann Read-Clay, with pianist Ellen Davis. The programme is a celebration of our country and its people. Included are folksong arrangements from the east to the west coasts. The instrumental quartet, TSSK, will be performing, and special guest is PEI composer, Dr. Terry Pratt. Admission is by donation.

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

We are called to serve God with our many gifts. We belong to a denomination that is connected by faith, governance, history and mission. Presbyterians Sharing is one of the ways that Presbyterians across Canada work together to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, sharing God's love and hope in our communities, in Canada and around the world. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing help build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share God's love. When we work together, we can accomplish so much more than we can on our own.

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~ May 17th, 2026 ~
Ascension 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:

Jesus teaches us that a good tree bears good fruit.
May our lives bear the fruit of love, mercy, and grace.

From the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.
May our words bring encouragement, truth, and peace.

God calls us to lives rooted deeply in faith and compassion.
We come to worship, that our hearts may be shaped by God's love.

Come, let us worship the One who makes all things good.
Let us worship God together!

(Inspired by Luke 6:43-45)

Hymn #267 Rejoice, the Lord is King

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 #229 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: Philippians 2:1-13

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: Unto God – Joel Raney

Sermon

Hymn #644 May the Mind of Christ My Saviour

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 #274 Crown Him With Many Crowns

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

Postlude: Improvisation and Toccata on "Diamdemata"

– Lani Smith

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

*"Jesus ascended not to distance himself from the world,
but to fill all things with his presence."
~ Eugene Peterson*



*"It is not abstract argument, but example, that gives the
[church's] word emphasis and power."
~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

*The one who humbled himself is the one whom God exalted.
How does that reshape our understanding of greatness?*

Things to pray for this week...

Today (May 17th) is the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia. We pray for an end to all forms of hatred and discrimination that target Two-Spirit and LGBTQI+ people. We commit to working for the collective safety and nourishing of all people.

We pray for Presbyterians in the Atlantic Mission Society as they prepare for annual meetings, and for the Executives as they review the year's activities and look for hope and possibilities for the future.

We thank God for Debbie Richard and all who lovingly serve children and youth, guiding them with patience, wisdom, and compassion as they help shape hopeful, faithful futures.



Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-13 (NIV)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is
Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.