

Announcements

Next Sunday! 🌞 Welcome Back Annual Picnic! After Worship

Summer has taken us in all sorts of directions—but now it's time to **come back together!** Join us for our annual picnic and a relaxed afternoon of good food, good conversation, and catching up with friends old and new. Bring something to share (sandwiches, sweets) and come ready to enjoy being together again! **Everyone is welcome. Come hungry... and bring a story or two from your summer!**

Our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive



Here we go with the launch of our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive! Beginning September 20th and carrying through to Thanksgiving, we will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items. Please keep this important ministry in mind as you are heading out the door on Sunday morning. What may seem like a small donation from us can make a significant difference for those struggling to make ends meet.

Please join us **Sat, Sept 26th at 7pm** for a **Musical Evening with the Silvertones** under the direction of Christa McDougall. Admission by donation.



Session gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a grant from the City of Summerside's Vulnerable Population Community Group Fund in support of the Kraft Dinner Lunch ministry.

WHY CHURCH?

In a world where we can worship online, listen to sermons in the car, and pray wherever we are, why do we still need the Church?



Maybe the answer has less to do with what the Church can **do for us**, and more to do with what God is calling us to **do together**.

What does it mean to be part of the body of Christ?

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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:

The waters rise, the wind blows, and the storm surrounds us.
Yet Christ is with us.

When fear overwhelms us and we wonder where God is,
We remember that Jesus is in the boat with us.

Let us put our trust in the One whom even the winds and the sea obey.
We come to worship Christ, our Lord and our peace.

(Inspired by Matt 8:24-27)

Hymn #298 Glory be to God the Father

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 #641 **One More Step Along the World I Go**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

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: "Creation's New Beginning"

Hymn #202 **We Lay our Broken World in Sorrow at Your Feet**

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 #744 Will Your Achor Hold

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk With Me**

***Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.***

Postlude

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



*"Creation and preservation are two sides of
the same activity of God."
~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

*Where do I see brokenness or chaos in my own life right now?
Where might God be inviting me to begin again?*

Things to pray for this week...

We pray for the children and leaders who are returning to regular Sunday school classes after the summer break.

We lift up our remote congregations, asking for God's guidance as they seek faithful leadership to shepherd them.

We pray for those attending the annual meeting of the Atlantic Mission Society in New Glasgow, NS, from September 18th-20th. May this be a time of learning, sharing and renewal.

We give thanks for the guidance and advice of members of the National Indigenous Ministries Council as they work with different groups in the church seeking to support our commitments to truth, healing and reconciliation.



Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17 (NIV)

⁵The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. ⁶The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. ⁷So the Lord said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

⁹This is the account of Noah and his family.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. ¹⁰Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. ¹²God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁴So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. ¹⁵This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. ¹⁶Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. ¹⁷I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. ¹⁸But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

²²Noah did everything just as God commanded him. ...

⁶After forty days Noah opened a window he had made in the ark ⁷and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. ⁹But the dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. ¹⁰He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. ¹¹When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. ¹²He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him. ...

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹"I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

¹²And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

¹⁷So God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth."