

Announcements

Our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive



Our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive begins today! Continuing 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.



Coffee Needs You!

Every Sunday after worship, our church family gathers for an important theological practice: coffee and conversation!

But coffee doesn't magically appear (we've checked). We need volunteers to help put the coffee on and tidy up afterward.

There's a sign-up sheet waiting for you! Never made the coffee before? No problem! We're more than happy to show you the ropes. It's easy, it's a great way to help out, and you might even earn the eternal gratitude of the caffeine-dependent among us.



Sign up today and help keep the coffee – and the fellowship – flowing!

IS MEMBERSHIP STILL RELEVANT?

We live in a time when commitment can feel increasingly optional. So why make a commitment to a particular church?



Because Christianity was never meant to be lived alone.

Membership isn't about having everything figured out. It's about choosing to follow Jesus together.

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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:

Jesus calls us to go into the world and make disciples.

We go in faith, trusting the One who calls us.

Jesus calls us to teach and live his ways.

We seek to follow him in all that we do.

Jesus promises, "I am with you always."

We worship the God who never leaves us.

Come, let us worship!

With faith, hope, and joy, we worship God!

(Inspired by Matt 28:19-20)

Hymn #410 Joyful, Joyful We adore Thee

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 #339 **He's Got the Whole World in His Hands**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

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

The Word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "No Map Required"

Hymn #570 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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 #490 God of grace and God of Glory

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...

"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

~ Frederick Buechner



Where in my life am I being asked to take a step without knowing exactly where it will lead?

What am I holding onto simply because it is familiar?

Things to pray for this week...

Monday (September 21) is the International Day of Prayer for Peace. We pray for those affected by war and instability in places such as Sudan and South Sudan, Gaza, Iran, the wider Middle East and many more. We pray that leaders choose dialogue over violence so that peace can prevail.

As summer turns to fall, we delight in a season of abundant harvest on the farm at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre.

We give thanks for peacemaking organizations, such as church partner Project Ploughshares, that work for justice, peace, and a world free of nuclear weapons.



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1. Events Calendar to keep you in the "know"
2. Gallery of Photos to showcase our people & events
3. Live Stream Services to be able to watch our services if you are on the go
4. Giving Page & Memorials to enable you to donate as you wish

Along with the webpage, we will be exploring other ways to enhance our communications:

1. Include more announcements in the weekly bulletin.
2. Email postcards to remind members of upcoming events.
3. QR codes placed in the pews will feature a welcome video and information about us for visitors.
4. There will be a second QR code that will enable donations by members or visitors.
5. Enhance the front entrance- perhaps a moveable information board.

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