

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.



Kirk News

Welcome!

We would like to welcome you to our service today. We are happy to have you and we hope that you will find our worship engaging and our community welcoming. We hope to see you again in the coming weeks.

Bulletins

The bulletins and large print bulletins are available at the main doors.

Receivers and Headphones Available

We have an assisted hearing device installed and receivers and headphones are available for use during the Service. If you would like to use them, please speak to the person at the sound system.

Offering

If you would like to make a donation then please place it in the basket at the entrance of the Church. We thank you for your contributions.

Bulletin Cover

Credit goes to Allan McLeod for the beautiful picture of the Kirk on the cover of the order of service. We are blessed to have such talent amongst us!

This Week's Music

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (March 18, 1657 – February 1, 1743) was an Italian organist and composer. He became one of the leading musicians in Rome during theater Baroque era, the first half of the 18th century. The Choir also sings this anthem in Latin.

The words to the Anthem are:

Now sing ye to the Lord, sing ye a new song. O praise Him in the company of all saints, in the company of His saints. Joyfully Israel, sing His praise, rejoice now, rejoice now, in Him rejoice. In Him who made all. And daughters of Zion, be joyful, and praise Him, your King.



Pastoral Care

If any pastoral care concerns arise then please contact Linda Evans at 902-569-4749 or Glenda Montigny at 902-894-5127.

Birthday Wishes

We would like to wish Rev. Jim Farris a very happy 98th birthday!

Session Meeting

There will be a Session Meeting on Tuesday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Kirk in the lower hall.

Our first (and hopefully last) Lobster-less Fundraiser



As Mother's Day approaches, we usually turn our thoughts to the preparations for our Lobster Plate Take-Out. Because COVID-19 restrictions prevent us from holding the Take-Out this year, we are holding a "Lobster-less Fundraiser" instead. Please consider making a one-time, charitable-tax-receipt-eligible donation in the amount of your usual contribution, or in any other amount — perhaps \$10.00 (our earnings on each Take-Out plate), \$20.00 (the cost of a carrot cake), \$25.00 (the price of a lobster dinner), or \$50.00 (the value of a supply of dinner rolls). Donors' names will be placed in a draw to win one of three copies of the classic book *Chung Lee Loves Lobster*.

Mark your donation "Lobster-less Fundraiser" and place it in the Sunday-morning offering basket, or send it in by e-transfer or mail to the Church office. (Include your offering envelope number or name and address to ensure that you receive credit for your donation.) Your support for the Kirk won't get you a lobster this year, but it will earn a heaping helping of Kirk love!



Calling all Graduates

Are you graduating from university, college or high school? The Kirk wants to acknowledge your good news! If you or somebody you know within the Kirk family is graduating this spring, please reply with the name of the graduate, and if possible, where they will graduate from and additionally, if known, what their next adventure will be. We will recognize all graduates at an upcoming worship service. You can contact the office at 902-892-2839 or by email at kirkstjames@pei.aibn.com.

Sunday Recordings

Just an update on our Sunday recordings – we have purchased new recording equipment and are working on bringing the best quality video and sound that we can. There are still a few kinks to work out so we hope that you will be patient with us as we work on this. We apologize that there was no recording last week and we hope to be able to have a recording available for you to view this Sunday.

PCC Mission Moment

Empowering Youth in Malawi

The people in Malawi's Mzimba District face many challenges. School dropout rates are high and teen pregnancy is on the rise. More women are experiencing gender-based violence, and there is a lack of knowledge about HIV transmission and prevention. To help address and educate the community about these issues, Presbyterian World Service & Development's local partner, Livingstonia Synod AIDS Programme, has trained 20 community facilitators to teach parents how to nurture adolescents. The facilitators help parents engage youth on issues such as sexual and reproductive health, teen pregnancy, early marriage and the transmission of HIV. The project has been successful in encouraging adolescents to return to school after dropping out.

