

Dear Friends: In our relationship with God, reading & receiving the Bible, his Word, is crucial - for this is chiefly how we come know *who God is*, what he has done, and all he has promised to do. Our faith grows in confidence based on his character.

Prayer is likewise vital - for this is how we communicate *who we are* to this faithful God: all of our hopes, fears, needs and more. We cast our cares on him, because he cares for us (cf. 1 Peter 5:7).

As we pray however, we are reminded that prayer includes more than asking for help, as absolutely right as this is; throughout Scripture we are shown a great wide-range of prayers - including petition and intercession, but also among them: regular repentance, overarching worship, and thanksgiving.

Thankful worship is magnificently modelled often in the Psalms - "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." (Psalm 136). We have so much to be thankful for, and this is right (and healthy!) for us to remember, and to bless the Lord for his many undeserved mercies, including our very lives. This summer might we will be helped and our hearts lifted up afresh as we look to the Scriptures (especially the Psalms, and the means of grace the Book of Common Prayer is), for aid in giving us language as we too thank the Lord.

Warmly, **Chris**

SJR FINANCIAL STATEMENT, TO JUNE 2024

	<u>YTD June 2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD June 2024</u> <u>Budget</u>
Income	\$100,799	\$115,000
Expenses	\$115,774	\$121,750
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$14,975)	(\$6,750)

TODAY'S SERVICE

LITURGY AND LYRICS will be on-screen and are available online by using the code:

BIBLE READINGS Philippians 3:1-11 Psalm 136:1-9 Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 Sharmila Pal

CHILDREN AND YOUTH After the children (K-grade 6) come forward for prayer, their class meets upstairs. They will be returned to their parents during or after the service.

COLLECT OF THE DAY O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth: We humbly beseech you to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which will be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT O Almighty God, whose blessed Son sanctified Mary Magdalene, and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be healed of all our infirmities, and always serve you in the power of his endless life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

OFFERING We are very grateful for the financial support we receive from our church family! Please use the offering plate at the welcome table or give online, navigating using the code. If you are visiting SJR, simply be our guest.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Chris Wright

NOTICES

- SJR Camping trip next weekend, July 27-29! Please see the SJR email for all info, and to sign up!
- Sunday July 28th there were be two Holy Communion services held: in-person in the morning at the Deas Island campsite at 10am, and in-person in the evening here at the church at 6pm.
- Baptism and Basic Christianity course will be held over the four Sundays in August, 8-9pm, in the Chapel.
- Summer Christian Book Club: please contact Louise McConaghy if interested.



WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

OPENING HYMN *(All lyrics will be screen-shared)*

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

CONFESSION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God:

O Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned greatly against you in thought, and word, and deed, and have done that which is wrong in your sight. Forgive us our sins, and give us grace always to resist temptation and to do your holy will; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR PARDON *(said by the leader)*

Grant, we ask you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE *(Sung)*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

(Standing)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Praise ye the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

SONGS

FIRST BIBLE READING *(Bible Readings are found on Page 1)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

PSALM OR CANTICLE *(found on Page 1)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

SECOND BIBLE READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed is a historic profession of faith in the faithfulness of God, and locates us in a community of faith stretching back to the early Church. It is a theological summary of apostolic doctrine, originating before the 4th century and ratified by the 7th.

SERMON

OFFERING SONG and PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever.
All that is in the heaven and in the earth is yours.

All things come from you, and we offer only what you have first given us.

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY *(printed on Page 1)*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS & COLLECTS

ANTHEM

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Preserve us, O Lord, while waking
And guard us while sleeping,
That awake we may watch with Christ,
And asleep we may rest in peace.

NOTICES

CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night, and at the last a perfect end; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

Introduction and Literary Context

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Living Under the Sun