



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



November 3, 2024.

Reformation/Memorial Candle Lighting

Our Mission Statement

"St. Andrew's United Church is a Christian Community of Faith that shares Christ's love through
Worship, Fellowship, Spiritual growth, and Outreach."



Reformation
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Sunday Worship Service

(November 3, 2024. Reformation/Memorial Candle Lighting)

Worship Leader: Daniel Szemok, LLWL
Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon
Greeters: Harriet MacNaughton & Cheryl Lamkey

We Gather To Worship

Music Prelude:

Introit: "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power and His grace
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Lightning the Christ Candle: *Elaine Dickson*

When Christ came, the world was groaning, nations were raging,
the people were crying and the weak were oppressed.

Christ gave us his gentle love, Christ gave us the unspoken word
of God! We light this candle to claim the victory of life over death,
the victory of Christ over darkness!

(As candle is lit we sing) "Light Up the Candle"

**Light up the candle every day
Jesus be with us here as we pray.**

Welcome

***Call to Worship:** (only the bolded section)

God of generations, we give you thanks this day for our ancestors
in faith,

those individuals down through the ages who taught about you.

This day we remember in particular those reformers
whose work and commitments reshaped the Christian Church of
their time.

**Grant us a similar passion for renewing our faith,
for wrestling again with the unchanging scriptures that speak
to every generation.**

Give us, like the reformers, the courage to challenge our society, a society that tells us to put ourselves first, whatever the cost to others and to the created order.

May we, like them, live and work as people who have experienced your grace, and therefore live and work to make this world the place you imagined it to be, In Jesus name Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** VU #238, "How Great Thou Art"

***Opening Prayer:** (read together with congregation)

The beginnings of faith call for seeking the Lord.
The beginnings of faith call for the reading of Scripture.
The beginnings of faith call for understanding the Word of God.
The authority of the Scripture stands on its own.
Our discussion and questions are answered there.
Seek the Lord in The Word.

May we Christians never fear to ask those questions.

May we never fear the truth of Scripture.

May we never cease proclaiming God's Word.

May we never cease to critically apply Scripture to our lives. May the Holy Spirit infuse us with the living knowledge of Christ, the Word made flesh, the Way, the Truth, and the Light. Amen.

Children's Time:

The Word of God Proclaimed

Ministry of Music: "Those Hearts That We Have Treasured"

Message: Reformation

We Respond to God's Word

Announcements: Merle Milson

Invitation to the Offering:

***Offering Hymn:** VU #537, vs. 2 “Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands”

**Because we love you and your work,
Our offering now we make:
Be pleased to use it as your own,
We ask for Jesus’ sake.**

***Offering Prayer:** (read together with congregation)

**As so many have done before us, we make our offering now.
As so many have prayed before us, we ask your blessing
upon it.
As so many have dreamed before us,
we pray that our gifts will touch many lives. Amen**

Memorial Candle Lighting

Introduction – *Merle Milson*

Litany Prayer: “Always With Us”

L: Those who cared for, nurtured and protected us,

All: They are always with us.

L: Those who have loves us unselfishly,

All: They are always with us.

L: Those we have loved deeply,

All: They are always with us.

L: Those who have inspired us to greater things,

All: They are always with us.

L: Those who have listened to us when we were struggling and helped to guide us on the right track,

All: They are always with us,

L: Those who shared their wisdom with us and enabled us to see more of the truth,

All: They are always with us.

L: Those to whom we have had to say goodbye with great sadness.

All: They are always with us.

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - *Daniel*

Hymn: VU #747, “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Lighting of the Candles

Poem: “Live a Life that Matters”

Closing Prayer

WE GO OUT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

***Closing Hymn:** VU #436, “Abide With Me”

***Benediction:**

*** Choral Closing:** “Thank you, Lord”

**Thank you, Lord on this day,
for our many good blessings.**

**Thank you, Lord on this day,
for our many close friendships.**

**Glory to God, may you hear our prayer,
Guide us on forever.**

**Thank you Lord, on this day,
for our blessings and friendships.**

Musical Postlude



Announcements

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Roberta MacKinley on the death of her sister, Agnes LeCoure.

■ Memorials:

In loving memory of **Don, Tyler & Marg Dealy**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Nancy Dealy.

In loving memory of **Sam Shirley**, a donation to St. Mark's Cemetery has been received from Nancy Dealy.

In loving memory of **Margaret MacDougall**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Barbara Doucet.

Worship:

▪ **Greeters: Nov. 10** – Clarke Fraser & Barry Campbell/**Nov. 17** – Marj MacPhee & Liz Mullin

▪ **Sound System: Nov. 3** – Ernie MacLean/**Nov. 10** – Paul Rose/**Nov. 17** – Brian Savoy/**Nov. 24** – Don Bowman

▪ **PowerPoint: Nov. 3** – Nathan Robichaud/**Nov. 10** – Karen Rose/**Nov. 17** – Mary Reynolds/**Nov. 24** – Barry Campbell

-**Offering Collectors: Nov. 3** - Patti Deitch, Cynthia Duplessie, Dennis & Judy Morrison

▪ **Offering Counters: Nov. 3** – Betty MacDiarmid, Cynthia Duplessie/**Nov. 10** – Karen Rose, Carol Johnston/**Nov. 17** – Judy & Dennis Morrison/**Nov. 24** – Betty MacDiarmid, Debbie Stymiest

3. Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, Oct. 27 th	\$ 1,235.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,220.31</u>
Total for Week of Oct. 27th	\$ 2,455.31

This Week:

1) **This morning** is our monthly Hymn Sing. Please be seated by 10:50 a.m. and have your favorite hymns selected from Voices United.

2. Monday, Nov. 4th – 1:00 p.m. – St. Andrew’s Exercise Class. New people are always welcome.

3. Tuesday, Nov. 5th – 1:30 p.m. – St. Andrew’s UCW meeting

4) The Futures Team meets on Wednesday, Nov. 6th at 9:00 a.m. (at the church) New attendees are welcome.

5) Thursday, Nov. 7th – 7:00 p.m. – Property & Financial Management Team Meeting

6) Samartian’s Purse Christmas Shoebox Campaign is running again with boxes available at the back of the church. Deadline for returning the filled boxes is Wednesday, Nov. 20th. For more information contact Merle Milson at 506-773-9719.

Upcoming:

1) Please note that collections for the Food Bank will be cancelled for November and December, instead we will be collecting food for the Christmas Hampers. (More to follow)

2) Sunday, Nov. 10th - Remembrance Sunday - *All veterans of the congregation (those who have served in the Armed Forces, RCMP, Peace Keepers, and Auxiliary) will be recognized as our honour roll and are invited to wear medals.*

Fundraisers:

1) Ham & Potato Scallop Supper realized a profit of \$1,635.00. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.

2) SAVE THE DATE: The United Church Women are holding their Annual Loonie Sock Fundraiser on Thursday, Dec. 5th at noon with a Pot Luck Luncheon. All women of the congregation (along with a friend) are invited to join the luncheon and congregation members are invited to bring in their “Loonie Sock” (contains a Loonie for every month of the year). This is a fundraiser for the Christmas Hamper Program. There is some Christmas Socks on the back table.

3) Tickets are on sale for our Gift Card Baskets Fundraiser.

1st Prize is a Christmas Basket worth \$450; 2nd prize is a Christmas Basket worth \$350. Both baskets have lots of assorted homemade preserves, Christmas towel, potholders, Christmas napkins, and assorted gift cards. Tickets are 3/\$5; 7/\$10; 15/\$20. Tickets can be picked up from the church office to sell or purchase.

4) **Socktober** at St. Andrew's brought in **166 pairs of socks**. Thank you extended to everyone who donated to this project. Many will have warm **SOLES** because of your generosity.

Community Events:

1) Victorian Christmas Tea being held on Saturday, Nov. 20th at the WS Loggie Cultural Centre, 222 Wellington Street. First sitting is 12 – 1:30 pm and second sitting at 2:00-3:30 pm. Includes sandwiches, sweets, tea, coffee and apple cider. Come enjoy seasonal music in an 1879 Heritage Home. To purchase tickets call Joan Cripps at 506-773-4996 or Janice Carter at 506-773-4960. Limited number of tickets available.

2) Christmas Hamper Registration will take place at St. Mary's Anglican Church on Monday, Nov. 4th and Tuesday, Nov. 5th from 10am – 12 noon.

Pastoral Care:

Rev Alice Szemok is covering for any pastoral emergencies. If you need pastoral care, please contact the church office at 506-773-9932, and Karen will arrange it or on her cell at 506-626-4162.

We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in loving memory of Steven Tozer by his family.



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