



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



October 27, 2024.

23rd after Pentecost / Peace Sunday

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."



God's Nature
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Sunday Worship Service

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Worship Leader: Wayne Mullin & Jennifer Walker

Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon

Greeters: Marina Tilley & Wanda MacDonald

* Indicates to stand as able

We Gather to Worship

Music Prelude

***Introit:** VU 235, verse 1 “O Worship the King”

**O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God’s power and God’s love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.**

Lighting of Christ Candle: *Judy Bowman*

As we gather to worship, we acknowledge the important role song and music plays in the life and work of our community of faith. That God would be glorified by His Church, singing songs of praise from a thankful heart, with the mind engaged and focused on His glory. For generations upon generations, the light has been shared. That love continues. Jesus is still with us. Today we welcome the light of the world, through song.

“...speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord.”
(Ephesians 5:19)

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

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

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Lord God, in this short time together, open our ears and our eyes to see your vision for this place and our part within it. Today we focus on our many blessings expressed through the gift of music. Teach us, hear our prayers and enable us for service wherever you might take us, to your praise and glory. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** VU Psalm 100 page 820 “Make A Joyful Noise”

Opening Prayer: (in unison)

Singing is a humbling experience for us.

Father, I know that when you look at me you see the perfection of your Son Jesus, and not my sin. I pray today that when you hear my singing it will be pleasing to you... having been transformed and perfected.

Prayer, worship, and praise go hand in hand in our Church services. Praise through song fuels worship and worship fuels our prayers. Praise be to God.

Children’s Time

Word of God Proclaimed

Message Through Song: “Blessings” - Elizabeth Shatford

Pastoral Prayer (Lord’s Prayer in Unison)

We Respond to God’ Word

***Hymn:** VU # 361 “Small Things Count”

Announcements: *Wayne Mullin*

Samaritan Purse: *Merle Milson*

Birthday Box for WDR: *(sung seated, as people come forward to share their birthday box offering, for October’s Birthday’s)*

**Happy Birthday to you, to Jesus be true;
May God’s richest blessings, now rest upon you.
These gifts we now share, to show that we care
for all of God’s children, here and everywhere.**

Invitation to the Offering:

God is faithful, generous, creative, and loving. Therefore, let us put our trust in God, offering our gifts of finances, time, prayer, and creative imagination for the joy of ministry here in this community of faith and beyond through Mission and Service. I invite you at this time to share God’s abundance—in person, online, or through PAR. The offering will be received.

***Choral Response: VU #549, “For All Your Goodness, God”**

For all your goodness, God,
We give you thanks.
Thanks for the food we eat,
And for the friends we meet;
For each new day we greet,
We give you thanks.

Offertory Prayer: (read in unison)

Holy and Gracious One, increase our imagination that we may see your love and blessings more fully realized through this community of faith. Bless the gifts we make in your name, and help us to give with the generosity and compassion we have received from you. May they be used for mission you have challenged us to promote and preserve. Amen.

Hymn of Praise Before Prayer: MV #119 God Our Protector

**God our protector, keep us in mind,
always give strength to your people.
For if we could be with you one day in time
it is better than a thousand without you.**

Prayers of the People/Prayer Book:

As you hold our lives torn by pain, sorrow or hatred within your aching heart,
we cry out for wholeness - for ourselves, for those we love, and for our world.
May your healing presence gently transform the places of our lives where we hold pain.
Our thoughts, best wishes and prayers are extended to ... (see prayer book)

We Go Out as God’s People

***Closing Hymn: VU #563 “Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore”**

***Choral Benediction:** (in song) VU 509: "Here I am Lord" (chorus only)

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

Musical Postlude



Announcements

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to
**Laurie & Shelley Gorman on the death of Laurie's sister,
Catherine (Gorman) Rennick.**

Memorials:

In loving memory of **Roger Sherrard**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Shirley MacDonald.

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

Worship:

- **Greeters: Nov. 3** – Cheryl Lamkey & Harriet MacNaughton
- **Sound System: Oct.27** – Paul Rose/**Nov. 3** – Ernie MacLean
- **PowerPoint: Oct. 27** – Karen Rose/**Nov. 3** – Nathan Robichaud
- Offering Collectors: Oct. 27** – Carol Johnston, Helen Jones, Holly Daley, Judy Donnelly/ **Nov. 3** - Patti Deitch, Cynthia Duplessie, Dennis & Judy Morrison
- **Offering Counters: Oct.27** – Judy & Dennis Morrison/ **Nov. 3** – Betty MacDiarmid, Cynthia Duplessie

3. Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, Oct. 20 th	\$ 935.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,220.31</u>
Total for Week of Oct. 20th	\$ 2,155.31

This Week:

1. **Monday, Oct. 28th** – 1:00 p.m. – Exercise Class
2. **Monday Oct. 28th** – 1:00 p.m. – Property Management clean-up of church grounds. All volunteers are welcome
3. **Tuesday, Oct. 29th** – 6:30 p.m. – Ministry & Personnel Meeting
- 4) **The Property & Financial Management Team are now accepting bids for snow removal of parking lots and driveways and also for steps and walkway.** All bids should be submitted to St. Andrew's Church office no later than Monday, Oct. 28th.

5) The Annual Memorial Candle Lighting Service to honour those who have died in the past year (October 2023 to October 2024) will be held as part of the Sunday service on November 3rd. If you have a family member or close friend you would like to honour, please submit their name to Karen no later Wednesday, October 30th. Any and all family members are invited to attend this service to light a candle.

6) As part of our outreach program at St. Andrew's United, we are pleased to once again offer the chance to participate in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Campaign. Last year, we filled 38 boxes which was very good for the size of our congregation. Boxes can be picked up from Karen. Deadline for returning the filled boxes is Wednesday, Nov. 20th. For more information contact Merle Milson at 506-773-9719.

Upcoming:

1) Sunday, Nov. 3rd is our monthly Hymn Sing. Please be seated by 10:50 a.m. and have your favorite hymns selected from Voices United.

2) The Futures Team meets on Wednesday, Nov. 6th at 9:00 a.m. (at the church) We will be discussing the possibility of a Joint Anniversary service June 2025 or lesser Joint Events with other churches. Please note the earlier time from other meetings. New attendees are welcome.

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

4) Please note that collections for the Food Bank will be cancelled for November and December. Instead we will be collection food for the Christmas Hampers.

Fundraisers:

1) Ham & Potato Scallop Supper will be held on **Tuesday, Oct. 29th 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.** (take out only) Tickets are \$16.00 dollars a person and are on sale through the church office.

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 will be lots of fellowship, laughter (bring a skit or a joke to share) and a delicious luncheon.

Community Events:

1) The 3rd Annual Socktober will run till Oct. 30th

2) CGIT Alumni are meeting for their monthly gathering on Monday, Oct. 28th at Pizza Delight (Chatham) at 11:30 am for their Halloween Luncheon. It is always fun with many wearing a mask, hat or costume. If you have never joined us or haven't been out in awhile this would be a great time to attend.

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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