



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



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26th After Pentecost

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.”



“The vibrant colours of God's Creation”

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Sunday Worship Service

November 17, 2024

Worship Leader: Mr. Wendell Gregan, DLM

Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon

Greeters: Marjorie MacPhee & Liz Mullin

Pentecost 26

*Go into the world
Believe, hope, struggle and remember.*

We Gather To Worship

*indicates to stand as you are able

Musical Prelude

Welcome

Announcements: *John Bosma*

Introit: VU # 396. "Jesus Stand Among Us" (as we sing please light the Christ Candle) – *Brenda Hicks*

**Jesus stand among us
In your risen power
Let this time of worship
Be a hallowed hour.**

**Breathe the Holy Spirit
Into every heart;
Bid the fears and sorrows
From each soul depart.**

**Lead our hearts to wisdom
Till our doubting cease,
And to all assembled
Speak your word of peace.**

***Call to Worship:** (responsive)

L: God declares: There is a time to break down and a time to build up.

All: There is a time to build up God's creation!

L: There is a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

All: There is time to dance in God's creation!

L: A time to keep silence, and a time to speak.

All: There is a time to shout God's praise with joy, in celebration of all God's blessings and the gifts of God's creation.

L: Come, for this is the time to worship.

Gathering Prayer: (Unison)

Compassionate God, who sent your Spirit to be with us at all times and who invites us to be in a loving relationship with you and with each other. Open our hearts that we may understand and accept your sacred message. You know our needs and you reveal yourself to us in our times of need. Help us notice and feel your love and support. We thank you for your Son, Jesus, who came to teach us love, justice, and acceptance of others. May we grow in our understanding as we attempt to live Christ's message in our lives daily.

***Opening Hymn of Praise:** VU #409, "Morning Had Broken"

Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25 – *Jennifer Walker*

Affirmation of Faith: (Unison)

We believe in God, who invites us to places of unexpected relationship, with God and with one another. We believe in God, who offers healing and hope in the midst of all that life offers us. We offer ourselves as God's children, eager to share God's vision of wholeness for all God's people. We follow Jesus, the Christ, who teaches us through parable and story all that we need to live lives of wholeness. We live with joy, knowing we are challenged, loved, and forgiven. We are God's children, brothers and sisters of the risen Christ. Thanks be to God.

Children's Time:

Hymn of Praise: VU # 381, "Spirit of Life"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (unison) – *Jennifer Walker*

God, we are just plain, ordinary people gathered here this morning in St. Andrew's Church to meet with you and to receive your Word. We pray that your voice will be heard in liturgy, song, scripture, and preaching. Amen.

We Hear the Word

Psalm 16 – VU #738 – Jennifer Walker

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:1-8

Hymn of Praise: VU #220, “Praise to the Lord the Almighty” vs. 1-3

We Respond to the Word

The Message:

Anthem: “Never Ending Joy”

Offering Invitation (Unison)

God invites us into relationship with the world and all creatures in it. Part of the way that we show our commitment to care for the world is through our gifts, which represent our commitment to share in God’s mission. Let us be a thankful people as we share our gifts for the work of the church in this community and around the world.

Offering Received

***Offertory Choral Response: VU # 539**

**God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,
use them your holy purpose to fulfil
tokens of love and pledges brought anew
that our whole life is offered to your will.**

***Offertory Prayer:**

These are tokens, God, of the riches you have given us. Take, with these, our time, our talents, our questions, our hopes. We dedicate these gifts and our lives in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Communion Hymn: VU # 457, “As we Gather at Your Table” vs. 1 & 2**

(Follow in the insert in your bulletin)

***Communion Hymn: VU # 457, “As we Gather at Your Table” vs. 3**

Sending Forth

***Commissioning & Benediction:**

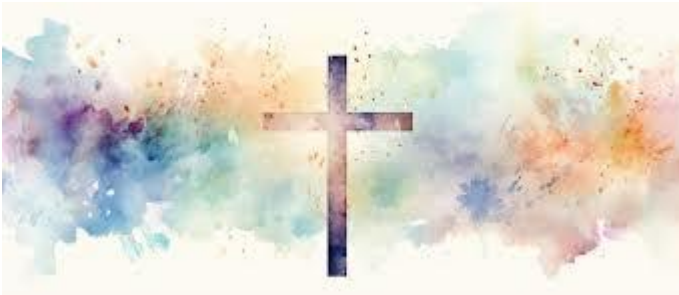
Return to the world, to your work and play, recognizing all, family, friends, strangers, as children of God, reflections of God, upheld, forgiven, loved by God, neighbours all.

Choral Blessing: (Tune – VU 457)

**From this place of prayer and praising,
cross the table, well-worn pews,
God we leave to work and witness,
living every day for you.**

**Bless your people as we journey,
loving parent, Holy Friend:
Spirit guide your people onward
till once more we meet again.**

Musical Postlude



Announcements

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Carol Doucette and Family on the death of Carol's husband, Gerard Doucette.

■ Memorials:

In loving memory of **Agnes LeCoure**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.

In loving memory of **Thelma Sobey**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.

In loving memory of **Cleveland Joudry**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.

In loving memory of **Gary Gillespie**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Ernie & Ferne MacLean.

In loving memory of **Gary Gillespie**, donations to the Food Bank have been received from Carol & Lee Johnston, Karen DeWolfe.

In loving memory of **Gerard Doucette**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Frances & Buddie Blakely.

In loving memory of **Gerard Doucette**, a donation to the Local Funds has been received from Helen Jones.

In loving memory of **Molly Worrell**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Frances & Buddie Blakely.

In loving memory of **Rhoda Chapman**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Gail Arsenault, Faye & Jim Wilson.

In loving memory of **Rhoda Chapman**, a donation to the Mission & Service has been received from Kathy, Candace and Steven.

In loving memory of **Gordon MacDonald** and Lorraine Moller, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Shirley MacDonald and Family.

Worship:

■ **Greeters:** **Nov. 24** – Phyllis McCoombs & Judy Donnelly/**Dec. 1** – Shirley MacDonald & Ferne MacLean

- **Sound System: Nov. 17** – Brian Savoy/**Nov. 24** – Don Bowman
- **PowerPoint: Nov. 17** – Mary Reynolds/**Nov. 24** – Barry Campbell
- Offering Collectors: Nov. 17th** – Barry & Bev Campbell, Holly Daley, Judy Donnelly/**Nov. 24** - Patty Deitch, Cynthia Duplessie, Judy & Dennis Morrison
- **Offering Counters: Nov. 17** – Judy & Dennis Morrison/**Nov. 24** – Betty MacDiarmid, Debbie Stymiest

3. Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, Nov. 10 th	\$ 1,045.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,120.31</u>
Total for Week of Nov. 10th	\$ 2,165.31

This Week:

- 1. Monday, Nov. 18th – 10:30 a.m.** – Church Council Meets
 - 1:00 p.m. - St. Andrew’s Exercise Class
 - 1:00 p.m. – Clean-up of church grounds. Volunteers are needed.
- 2) Wednesday, Nov. 20th - 10:00 a.m. - The Futures Team meets.**
New attendees are welcome.
- 3) On Sunday Nov. 24. St. Andrew’s will be celebrating its history in keeping with the United Church** celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2025. Memory Stones’ will be provided to help commemorate loved ones or past events in the life of this congregation. The stones can also carry our hopes and prayers. While this information will not be shared, everyone will be invited to bring their stones forward during the service to be held in trust for the 100th anniversary next June.
- 4) Samartian’s Purse Christmas Shoebox** - Deadline for returning the filled boxes is Wednesday, Nov. 20th.
- 5) We have two big pots for sale for \$20 each** if anyone is interested in one. They would be excellent for corn boil or cooking lobster.

Upcoming:

- 1) Christmas Hampers** – Items needed are:
 - Nov. 24th,** canned fruit, canned cranberries, canned meat, Stove Top dressing
 - Dec. 1st,** large apple juice, Kraft dinner, chocolates, soup
 - Dec. 8th,** cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter
 - Dec. 15th,** canned vegetables, pkg. of cookies, large tub of margarine
- 2) The Memory Wreath Project** will run from till Wednesday, Nov. 27th. People are invited to fill out the memory of/in honour of loved ones

in booklet by on the back table by Karen's office, bulbs are \$2.00 each and donation may be placed in the memory box.

Fundraisers:

1) 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.

2) Annual Loonie Sock will be held on Thursday, Dec. 5th at noon with a Pot Luck Luncheon. All women of the congregation (along with a friends) 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.

Community Events:

1) Victorian Christmas Tea being held on Saturday, Nov. 30th at the WS Loggie Cultural Centre, 222 Wellington Street. To purchase tickets call Joan Cripps at 506-773-4996 or Janice Carter at 506-773-4960. Limited number of tickets available.

Pastoral Care:

For anyone needing Pastoral Care please contact Karen at the church office and it will arranged for you at 506-773-9932.

**We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins
in loving memory of Bill & Susie Wilson by
Bob & Dorothy Wilson.**



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