



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



November 24, 2024.

Reign of Christ 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.”



Christ, the King of us and the world
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Sunday Worship Service

(November 24.24 Reign of Christ)

Worship Leader: Daniel Szemok, LLWL
Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon
Greeters: Phyllis McCoombs & Judy Donnelly

* **Symbol indicates to stand as able.**

We Gather To Worship

Music Prelude:

Introit: VU #822 vs. 1 All People That on Earth Do Dwell
**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing out our faith with cheerful voice;
delight in God whose praise you tell,
whose presence calls you to rejoice.**

Lightning the Christ Candle: *Judy Donnelly*

One: A flame of compassion,

All: A light of love,

One: The presence of holiness

All: Inside, outside and everywhere in between.

One: We gather in the light of Christ.

Candle is lit as we sing #336, vs. 1

Light up the candle every day

Jesus be with us here as we pray.

Welcome

Call to Worship: (only the bolded section)

God of sorrow and happiness, we know that our faithfulness makes you happy; but we also know that our sins make you sad. We are here once again to claim your second chance. We are here once again to stand on the words of Jesus. You never get tired of our failures; you never cast us away no matter how wicked we may be. Your love is so pure, it is unnatural in this corrupt world. Teach us your wisdom which is beyond our limited logic and teach us your love which is beyond human equality. Amen.

Opening Hymn: VU #602, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Opening Prayer: (read together with congregation)

O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness extends to the skies.

Your righteousness towers like the mountains; your justice is deeper than the sea. Worthy is the one who comes in the name of Jesus. Worthy is the one whose sins are forgiven. Worthy is the one who obeys the law of Christ.

All find protection under the shadow of your wings. We feast on the abundance that you provide.

You are the source of all life. In your light we see the world as it truly is. In your light no shadow can remain. In your light, we see the perfection of God's glory. In Jesus name; Amen.

Children's Time:

The Word of God Proclaimed

Ministry of Music: "Bless this Church"

Psalm 132:1-12, Page 854 – Marj MacPhee

Message: The History of St. Andrew's Church

The Memory Stone

Pastoral Prayer:

We Respond to God's Word

Hymn: VU #331, "The Church is One Foundation"

Announcements: *Sally Donald*

Birthday Box for WDR (*sung seated, as people come forward to share their birthday box offering, for November 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.**

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 at a time
it is better than a thousand without you.**

Prayers of the People:

Invitation to the Offering:

***Offering Hymn:** “All Things are Thine” vs. 1 & 5
All things are Thine; no gift have we,
Lord of all gifts, to offer Thee:
And hence with grateful hearts to-day
Thine own before Thy feet we lay.

O Father, deign these walls to bless;
Fill with Thy love their emptiness;
And let their door a gateway be
To lead us from ourselves to Thee. Amen.

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

God of extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched you have poured out wonder and pleasure and delight, goodness and beauty and bounty. Those who know you attest to the truth that your generosity has no limits! So take these offerings, we pray, as our protest against all that is evil and ugly; impoverished and trivial; wretched and tyrannical, in our world and in ourselves! May we and others know how amazingly blessed we truly are. Amen.

WE GO OUT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

***Closing Hymn:** VU # 274, “Your Hand, O God, Has Guided”

***Commissioning and Benediction:**

***Choral Closing:** VU #419, “May the Grace of Christ”

Musical Postlude

Announcements

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Liz & Wayne Mullin on the death of Liz’s brother, Patrick LeTourneau of Dalhousie, NB.

Memorials:

In loving memory of **Debra Dowling**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Helen & Alison Jones.

In loving memory of **Rhoda Chapman**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Henry & Karen Wilson.

In loving memory of **Gerard Doucette**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Marj MacPhee.

Worship:

▪ **Greeters:** **Dec. 1** – Shirley MacDonald & Ferne MacLean/**Dec. 8th** – Debbie Stymiest & Betty MacDiarmid

▪ **Sound System:** **Nov. 24** – Don Bowman/**Dec. 1** – Ernie MacLean

▪ **PowerPoint:** **Nov. 24** – Karen Rose/**Dec. 1** – Barry Campbell

-**Offering Collectors:** **Nov. 24** - Patty Deitch, Cynthia Duplessie, Judy & Dennis Morrison/**Dec. 1** - Debbie Stymiest, Jeanne Breau, Ernie & Ferne MacLean

▪ **Offering Counters:** **Nov. 24** – Betty MacDiarmid, Debbie Stymiest/**Dec. 1** – Brian Savoy/Barry Campbell

3. Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, Nov. 17 th	\$ 1,520.00
Weekly Par Collection	\$ 1,120.31
Total for Week of Nov. 17th	\$ 2,640.31

This Week:

1. Monday, Nov. 25th - 1:00 p.m. - St. Andrew's Exercise Class

2. CGIT Alumni are meeting at Riverside Entertainment on Monday, Nov. 25th at 11:30 a.m. All former CGIT members are welcome to attend.

3. Advent Bible Study being held on Wednesday, Nov. 27th at 10:00 a.m. with Daniel Szemok.

4. The St. Andrew's United Breakfast group meets on Saturday, Nov. 30th at the Portage Restaurant. This is our last gathering of 2024. All are welcome.

5. THANK YOU – A sincere thank you to those who took part recently in the Samaritan's Shoebox Christmas Campaign. St. Andrew's filled 41 boxes. Thank you for your generosity. *Merle Milson*

Upcoming:

1) Christmas Hampers – Items needed are:

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 Weds, Nov. 27th.

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.

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.

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“I have everything I need.”

“I can’t think of anything I want.”

“No gifts for me this year.”

This is something many of us have heard, and maybe something we’ve found ourselves saying. And while it may be true, despite not wanting or needing anything, we know gifts are going to happen anyway. Instead of searching “gifts for someone who is hard to buy for,” why not give Gifts with Vision?

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When Christmas rolls around, remember that a meaningful gift is a simple click away. If madly dashing around the mall on Christmas Eve has been your gift-buying style, kick back and relax. Gifts with Vision has you covered!



Let the wind teach you that you can change direction and speed as you require.

Reflection: The wind is never bound by a single path; it shifts and changes. Similarly, ecological justice advocates remind us that there is always room for flexibility, growth, and adaptability. Change can be intentional and dynamic, sometimes we must change direction in the fight for the environment, especially when faced with new challenges or opportunities for progress.

We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in loving memory of Keith, Lorraine and Daryl Gammon by Cynthia & John Creamer and Family.



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