

St. Andrew's United Church

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We Gather to Worship

Musical Prelude

*Introit: #679, vs.1,2

**Let there be light,
let there be understanding
let all the nations gather
let them be face to face;**

**Open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Alex Gallan*

One: As we light the Christ candle, we light a symbol of the presence of Jesus with us - individually and as a community of faith.

All: We are blessed to be in the presence of Christ's spirit.

One: We gather in the power of the Christ-light

All: which shines in and through us, bringing love and light to the world.

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

*Call to Worship:

L: In the presence of the God whose word called the stars into being,

All: we stand in awe.

L: In the presence of the Christ whose arms held little children and whose eyes sparkled with laughter,

All: we stand in trust.

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L: In the presence of the Spirit who stirs within us and causes our hearts to thirst for meaning,

All: we stand in longing.

L: Before you, God, Giver of Life, in search of love and peace and wholeness,

All: we come in worship.

*Hymn #288, Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Opening Prayer:

God of all people, we give you thanks for bringing us together to strengthen our faith community. Jesus has come among us to bring acceptance, healing, and peace. Help us to seek for peaceful harmony. Lead us into new and faithful ventures so that we may work with you to build a better neighbourhood and world. In Jesus' name we pray: Our Father, who art in heaven ... Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

*Hymn #340, Jesus, Friend of Little Children

Conversation with the Children – *Mary Reynolds*

Birthday Box for WDR

Sing: **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.**

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination:

L: As we hear and read the scripture, O God:

All: Let your word speak in each heart. Let your truth set each one free. Let your gospel inspire us for love and justice and peace. Let your presence fill us with joy. Amen.

O.T. Lesson: Isaiah 2: 1-5 – *Cynthia Duplessie*

N.T. Lesson: Matthew 5: 1-12 – *Anna MacDonald*

Ministry of Music

Reflection on the Word: *John Bosma*

Our Response to the Word

*Hymn: #676, God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace
Offering

*Offertory Choral Response: #543, vs.1

**We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.**

*Offertory Prayer:

**God of blessings and promises, you provide for what we need.
Help us to use these gifts to provide for the needs of others. May
we be joyful in our giving and in our working to bring love,
justice, and peace to the world. Amen.**

Prayers of the People: *led by Cynthia Duplessie*

L: Peace before us. Peace behind us.

All: Peace under our feet.

L: Peace within us. Peace over us.

All: Let all around us be peace.

L: Let us pray.

Holy One, we know that we are not alone ...

*Hymn: Let There Be Peace On Earth (*as printed*)

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, family all are we.

Let us walk with each other

in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,

let this be the moment now.

With ev'ry step I take let this be my solemn vow;

To take each moment and live each moment

in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*Commissioning:

L: Go from this place, taking the peace you have found here.

**All: Renewed in our faith and inspired to act, we will be the
peacemakers the world aches for.**

L: Go in peace. Make peace. Be at peace.

Benediction:

L: May the presence of God nourish and strengthen us.

May the grace of Jesus Christ encourage us to live with open
hearts.

May the power of the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with joy and
fullness.

All: Amen.

*Choral Blessing: #422, God Be With You (vs.1)

Musical Postlude

Duty Unit: May – Maude Jardine Unit/June – Princess Anne Unit

Tape Distribution: May 27 – Blair Vessie/June 3- Norma

Weatherby

**Greeters: June 3 – Roland & Liz Taylor/June 10 – Brenda & John
Jardine**

**Sound System: May 27 – Paul Rose/June 3 – Ernie MacLean/June
10 – John MacKnight**

Power Point: May 27 – Karen Rose/June 3 – Juanita

Hamilton/June 10 – Margaret Glidden

Offering Collections: May 27 – Sam Shirley, Dave & Brenda

Hicks, Marjorie MacPhee/June 3 – Shirley MacDonald, Helen

Jones, Frances MacLean, Clarke Fraser

Offering Counters:

May 27 – Karen Rose, John MacKnight, Hallam Curtis/ June 3 –

Juanita Hamilton, Marjorie MacPhee, Helen Jones

Announcements

This Week:

Sunday, May 27th – Men's Choir; Birthday Box for WDR

- This mornings worship will be conducted by Worship & Faith
Development Team with message by John Bosma. Rev. Charlene,
Ernie MacLean & Wayne Mullin are attending Maritime Conference
meeting in Sackville, NB

Monday, May 28th – 12:00 noon – *Maude Jardine Unit Meeting with a brown bag lunch*

– **7:00 p.m.** – *Property & Financial Management Team meeting*

Tuesday, May 29th – 10:00 a.m. – *Church Council Meeting*

Wednesday, May 30th – 10:00 a.m. – *Ministry & Personnel Team Meeting*

- **2:30 p.m.** – *Devotions at Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home. Congregation and choir members are encouraged to attend.*

Upcoming:

Sunday, June 3rd – 7:00 p.m. – *Gospel Concert for St. Andrew's Summer Community Kitchen, hosted by Susan Butler. Featuring The Villagers, Chloe Furlong, Blair Baisley, Donna & Tyrone Hubbard, Gerald Doiron, Colleen Furlong, Bill Hachey, Claire & David Young and Susan Butler. Admission is a free will offering and refreshments will be served following the concert.*

Wednesday, June 6th – 1:30 p.m. – **Special Seniors Gathering** to be held here at St. Andrew's. *All seniors are invited to attend an afternoon of fellowship and games (card games and board games). There will be a light lunch served and all are welcome.*

Thursday, June 7th – 11:00 a.m. – *Devotions at Miramichi Senior Citizens Home (congregation and choir members are encouraged to attend).*

Graduation Recognition – Sunday, June 10th. Please let us know the names of any from our congregation who are graduating this year from High School, Community College or University. Also if you have grandchildren graduating, please let us know so they can be recognized in our bulletin as well. Information has to be in to the office no later than Tuesday, June 5th.

Mowing of Church Lawn – Bill Hachey has volunteered to do the mowing of the church lawn but he is in need of weekly volunteers to do the trim work and close cutting around the trees. If you are available for one week or a few weeks please sign up at the back of church by the church office. Please be sure to include your phone number so that Bill will be able to be in contact with you in regards to time.

CGIT Alumni monthly gathering will take place at Jungle Jim's Restaurant on Tuesday, May 29th at 11:30 a.m. All former CGIT members are invited to attend.

Headstones Saddles made by Brenda Hicks or Jacky LeBreton are now on sale at Newcastle Farmers Market or by calling Brenda (773-6787) or Jacky (773-8002).

Luminaries for the Relay for Life are available at the church office \$7.00 each or 2/\$10.00. Relay for Life will be on Saturday, June 9th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Care & Share of Miramichi invites you to a Day by the River with Susan Butler and Friends. Rodd Miramichi, June 9th from 10 am – 2 pm. All women are welcome! Cost of the day is \$15.00 this includes lunch. Please see the bulletin board for more information.