

St. Andrew's United Church

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October 7, 2018

Thanksgiving Sunday & World Wide Communion

We Gather to Worship God

Musical Prelude

Greeting

*Opening Hymn: #820, Make a Joyful Noise

*Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Reese Godfrey*

L: We gather this day as Christians all over the world gather;

All: to hear God's word, to praise God's name, and to be fed at God's table.

L: We gather with thankful hearts, in the name of Jesus who blesses us with light and love.

All: May we be those who are always ready to share the Christ-light.

(candle is lit as we sing)

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

Call to Worship: *(seated)*

L: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

All: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.

L: Praise be to God who provides for us.

All: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.

One: People of God, come let us worship!

All: Let us offer to God our thanks and praise!

2.

Hymn: #516, Come, You Thankful People, Come (*vs.1 – congregation seated*)

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Announcements

*Hymn: #226, For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer of Confession:

Generous God, there is so much in our lives for which we can give thanks, but we often forget. There is abundance in our lives, but we end up noticing what we don't have. Open our hearts to your grace and your presence. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

L: God's hand opens, and we are filled with good things.

All: God's Spirit moves, and we are renewed.

L: God's glory endures forever.

All: Thanks be to God for God's sustaining love.

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: (#377, vs.2)

**Holy Spirit, shine now on the book we read;
light its holy pages with the truth we need.**

O.T. Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 – *Merle Milson*

A Parade of Gifts:

Leader: Isabel Gallan

- Gifts of Agriculture – *Sandi Mae MacDonald*
- Gifts of Home – *Donna Gallan*
- Gifts of Study, Art and Music – *Maya Campbell*
- Gifts of Industry and Technology – *Alex Gallan*
- Gifts of Faith – *Evan Gallan*

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:25-33 – *Barb Doucet*

Ministry of Music

A Story for Reflection

*Hymn: #227, For the Fruit of All Creation

3.

We Respond to God's Word

Minute for Mission: "In Thanksgiving" - *Cynthia Duplessie, Ben Allen, Julia Campbell*

Offering

*Choral Response: #191, MV

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

*Offertory Prayer:

God of overflowing abundance, receive our thanks and praise for your many gifts. Receive too our hearts, our hands, our work, and our love. May our gifts draw us closer to you and to one another, that we might all share the love and mind of Christ. Amen.

Litany Prayer:

L: God of Harvest,

All: on this Thanksgiving Sunday we pray for the hungry that they may be filled.

L: God of New Life,

All: we pray for those who live with war or violence that they may know peace.

L: God of the Ages,

All: we pray for all who lead, in governments, in our community, in the church and in our homes, that they may be filled with wisdom and compassion.

L: God of Love,

All: we pray for those who suffer loss; for all who are sick or shut-in; for those imprisoned or bound by fear, that they may be comforted, healed, and set free.

L: God of Compassion,

All: we pray for those who are lonely or worried, that their hearts may be lifted and filled with hope.

L: Loving, Generous God, we pray for those whose names are held in our hearts and in our prayer book ... (*names read*)

4.

Bountiful God, in your loving purpose receive our prayers and fulfil our hopes.

All: In all things for which we pray, give us thankful hearts, and the grace and wisdom to accept your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

*Hymn: #460, All Who Hunger

Communion Prayer:

ONE: May God be with you!

ALL: May God be with us all!

ONE: Lift up your hearts!

ALL: We lift them up to God!

ONE: Let us join creation in praising God's goodness.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ONE: It is right and joyful, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, O Holy One, Creator of all the Universe. In you we live and move and have our being.

ALL: We celebrate the beauty which you have breathed into the world, the way your spirit moved upon the face of the waters and called forth life from the deep.

ONE: We give you thanks for the way the clouds move and the way the stars stay fixed in place. We thank you for fathomless oceans and rolling rivers, for waterfalls that appear once the mountain snows have melted or summer rains have watered the earth.

ALL: We thank you for birds and cows and dogs and caterpillars, for forests and deserts and grasslands.

ONE: We thank you for our own humanity in all its beautiful brokenness, and we widen the cracks in our hearts now as we join in creation's unending hymn.

**ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy God,
your love is more powerful than death.
Heaven and earth sing of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name
of our God.
Hosanna in the highest!**

5.

ONE: Blessed are all who come in your name, especially Jesus, your beloved child.

ALL: We remember his invitation to remember the birds of the air, to consider the lilies of the field, to welcome little children as messengers of the sacred, and we renew our trust in your providence above our own anxiety.

ONE: We remember how on the last night of his life, gathered around the table with his friends, Jesus took the simple gift of bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take. Eat. This is my body, given for you. As often as you eat this bread, remember me."

ALL: We remember you, dear Jesus.

ONE: After supper, Jesus took the simple gift of a cup of wine, gave thanks to you, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Drink from this, all of you. This is the cup of my love, poured out for you and for many that all might be forgiven. As often as you drink from this cup, remember me."

ALL: We remember you, dear Jesus.

ONE: Holy One, we ask that you pour out your Holy Spirit on these simple gifts and your people gathered here to receive them.

ALL: As we eat, may we remember those who are still hungry. As we drink, may we be in solidarity with those who thirst for justice. As we remember that we are all part of your body, may we remember the earth, who you also call your beloved child.

ONE: And gathered as one, we continue to pray, joining with your people around the world in the prayer that Jesus taught us:

ALL: OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN ...

Breaking of the Bread & Blessing of the Cup

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion:

Gracious God, with your people around the world, we have responded to your invitation to join in the Banquet.

In our eating and our drinking, we have tasted your goodness.

May the joy we find in this meal together lift up our hearts, and send us forth to serve in Christ's name, living your love wherever we go. Amen.

6.

*Hymn: # 236, Now Thank We All Our God

*Commissioning & Benediction:

L: Let us leave this time and place of worship remembering God's goodness to us:

All: a goodness known in Creation, in our relationships, and most especially known in Jesus Christ.

L: Let us commit ourselves to lives of thanksgiving and thanksgiving,

All: remembering that when we are simply grateful, life is simply great!

L: Let us go now, with smiles on our faces, with joy in our hearts, with purpose and in kindness,

All: to be God's people in all the places life calls us to be.

L: May grace, peace, and love from God - Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer - be with you all, this day and forevermore.

All: Amen.

*Choral Blessing: (tune: Edelweiss)

Thank you, God, on this day

for our many good blessings.

Thank you, God, on this day

for our many close friendships.

Glory to God, may you hear our prayer,

guide us on forever.

Thank you, God, on this day,

for our blessings and friendships.

Musical Postlude

The bulletins have been presented in loving memory of Ron (deceased Oct. 11, 2017) & Brian Morrison (deceased September 30, 1996) by Shirley, David, Kevin and Families.

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Memorials

In loving memory of **Ron Morrison**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Dennis & Judy Morrison & Family.

In loving memory of **Lloyd Cameron**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Bob & Anna MacDonald, Brian & Joan Savoy, Margie Sticklen.

In loving memory of **Lloyd Cameron**, a donation to the Mission & Service Fund has been received from Helen & Ed Jones, Alison Hubbard and Family.

In loving memory of **Gerry Simister**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Helen & Ed Jones, Alison Hubbard and Family.

In loving memory of **Hallam Curtis**, donations to the Community Kitchen have been received from Pauline & Ed Skidd, Bill & Dana Gunn.

In loving memory of **Erma (MacKnight) Gildart**, donations to the Community Kitchen have been received from Bill & Donna Sweezey, Ferne & Ernie MacLean.

In loving memory of **Erma (MacKnight) Gildart**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Donna Curtis, Bob & Dorothy Wilson, Sherman & Shirley MacDiarmid, John & Margaret Glidden, Jack & Cynthia Duplessie.

In loving memory of **Erma (MacKnight) Gildart**, a donation to the Mission & Service Fund has been received from Margie Sticklen.

In loving memory of **Richard Quann**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Donna Curtis, John & Margaret Glidden.

8.

Tape Distribution: Oct. 7 – Marjorie Cassidy/Oct. 14 – Joyce Forbes

Duty Unit: Oct. Maude Jardine Unit/Nov. – Princess Anne Unit

Greeters: Oct. 7 – Brenda & Dave Hicks/Oct. 14 – Colleen Dickson & Judy Sipes/Oct. 21 – Anna MacDonald & Mildred Campbell

Sound System: Oct. 7 – Brian Savoy/Oct. 14 – John MacKnight/Oct. 21 – Paul Rose

Power Point: Oct. 7 – Mary Reynolds/Oct. 14 – Debbie Benson/Oct. 21 – Margaret Moran Glidden

Offering Collections: Oct. 7 – Barb Doucet, Mavis Williamson, Margaret Glidden, Helen Jones/ Oct. 21 – Carol Johnston, Cynthia Duplessie, Gail Arsenault, Frances Blakely

Offering Counters: Oct. 7 – Juanita Hamilton, Debbie Stymiest, Betty MacDiarmid/Oct. 21 – Lib Hachey, Marjorie MacPhee, Don Bowman

Honourarium

In honour of **Anna MacDonald’s Birthday (Oct. 5, 2018)**, a donation to Local Funds was received from Cynthia Duplessie.

Announcements

This Week:

Sunday, Oct. 7th – *Thanksgiving and World Wide Communion*

Tuesday, Oct. 10th – 12 noon – *Worship & Faith Development Team meeting with a brown bag lunch*

Wednesday, Oct. 11th – 2:30 p.m. – *Devotions at Mount St. Joseph Nursing Home (choir and congregation members are encouraged to attend)*

Upcoming:

Monday, Oct. 15th – 8:00 p.m. - *“Tribute to the Legends of Country Music” will be presented by “Country Blend” here at St. Andrew’s. Tickets are \$15.00 a person and are now on sale at St. Andrew’s Church Office. Following the concert there will be light refreshments and a chance to purchase Country Blends 10 CD releases.*

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Wednesday, Oct. 17th – 1:00 p.m. – *Ministry & Personnel Meeting*

Thursday, Oct. 18th – 6:30 p.m. – *Lesley Daigle Unit Meeting here at the church*

The Property Management Team is now accepting tenders for the 2018/2019 season. Tenders must include snow removal, salting, sanding the parking lot and front walkways. All tenders must be addressed to Barry Campbell and be into the church office by Monday, Oct. 8th.

Carmel United Church Thanksgiving Supper (795 South Napan Road in Napan) on Monday, October 8th from 3-6 PM
Turkey & Ham served with all the trimmings (dine-in or take-out)
Adults are \$12.....Children (12 & under) are \$5.

“Inspiring Excellence” The award winning Youth Orchestra will perform at James M. Hill Theatre on Sunday, Oct. 14th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Brookdale Flowers and Scotts Pharmasave adults \$20.00 and students \$10.00

Annual Fall Supper at St. James & St. John United Church centre, 556 King George Highway on Saturday, October 20th, 3:30 – 6 PM. Hot roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, fresh turnips, carrots, choice of dessert, tea/coffee for \$12.50, children under 12 \$6.00. Take outs available.

A DINNER THEATRE will be held at the **NBVM Church Hall** in Chatham Head on **Oct. 27th**. A delicious Roast Beef dinner will be served by the **NBVM Dinner Ladies** and a one-act play, suitable for all ages, entitled **“Would The Real Martian Please Stand Up”**, will be performed. Dinner at **6pm**; play begins at 6:45 with a dessert break included. **TICKETS:** \$20 adults; \$10 Children (12 & under); and \$50 Family of 4 (2 Adults & 2 children) Available at the **NBVM Church Office** or by reservation call **John Bosma (773-5174)**. *Only 120 tickets available.*