

St. Andrew's United Church

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While mask wearing is not mandatory, please apply your precautionary measures.

We Gather To Worship

Music Prelude

Lightning of the Christ Candle

Greetings

***Introit** #315, "Holy, Holy, Holy" vs. 1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

***Lighting of Christ Candle and Candle for Ukraine:**

The Christ candle has once again been lit in acknowledgment and celebration of the light and love that Jesus has shared with so many. Fortunate to live in a country like Canada, we are called to share that light with the people of the world. In a spirit of sincere gratitude and hope. May it be so.

***Call to Worship:**

Leader: We gather as a community of faith that is about to embark on a new chapter of a wonderful story.

All: Holy One, we embrace change full of both anticipation and hope.

Leader: Be with us, young and old, longstanding members and new partners, born of this country and others, all with a common objective. That being to welcome and hold tight to our faith and the purpose to be a force of good in this world. So, let's pray and sing as one.

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All: God, we welcome your presence in our words, our listening, our thoughts, and in our hearts.

Leader: We are here to give thanks.

All: Praise be to God!

***Opening Prayer:**

Thank you for your great love and blessing over our lives.

Thank you that your favor has no end, but it lasts for our entire lifetime. We ask for your guidance so that we might walk fully in your blessing and goodness today.

We ask that your face would shine on us. That you would open the right doors for our lives and for our loved ones, that you would close the wrong doors.

Establish the work of our hands and bring to fulfillment all that you have given us to do in these days. We pray that you would make our way purposeful and our footsteps firm out of your goodness and love. Give us a heart of wisdom. In Jesus name, Amen.

***Opening Hymn** #635, "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"

Words of Welcome/ Announcements (see Bulletin)

Prayer of confession:

This morning, we come to you in a prayer of confession. There are things we have done that are wrong in your eyes. There are things we should have done but didn't. There were times we were silent when we should have spoken up.

Forgive us for sometimes forgetting that you are intimately acquainted with all of our ways, that you know what concerns us, and you cover us, as with a shield. Be our guide as we make decisions and chart our course in this world. Gracious and forgiving God, hear our silent confession.

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Words of Assurance:

Leader: Take comfort in the assurance that whoever we are, wherever we are, God's steadfast love accepts, forgives, redeems and challenges us. Start refreshed and ask what you can do for him.

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of Illumination: Sally Donald

Almighty God, we ask you to clean our minds and hearts of all the things that may prevent us from hearing your word. Empty our hearts of doubt, and empty our minds of preconceptions and assumptions. May we know that you are the source of our knowledge. Prepare our hearts to be ready to accept your truth. Help us be capable of hearing your voice speaking to us. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Hebrews 11:1

New Testament Reading: Romans 5:5

Ministry of Music

Message: "Transition and Hope" (Barb, John, Jayme and Cynthia)

We Respond to God's Word

Offering

***Offertory Choral Response:** 543, "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

***Offertory Prayer:**

All: Gracious God, may the offerings we bring to you today and that of our shared gifts and talents add to your generosity. It is our hope and desire that they make a difference to those who need support, encouragement and practical help. Amen

Join in #400, "Listen to Your Children Praying"

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer: Merle Milson

Gratitude and Thanks

***Closing Hymn:** #602, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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***Benediction:**

Leader: As leave this place, go with re-assurance and trust in God, and in the good deeds you can accomplish on his behalf. Let it be so.

All: We go in faith, with a spirit of hope, looking for people and places to reveal his message and work. For we are rooted in God's abundance. Thanks be to God!

*Choral Closing: #424, "May the God of Hope Go With Us" vs. 2

**May the God of Hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

*Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

Musical Postlude

We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in loving memory of Brian Morrison by Brian Morrison (deceased September 30, 1996) by his mother, Shirley Morrison.

Memorials

In loving memory of **Linda MacDonald**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from mother, Barbara Doucet and Family.

In loving memory of **Charles Richardson**, a donation to Local Funds has been received Donna Curtis.

In loving memory of **Charles Richardson**, donations to Community Kitchen have been received from Ray & Janice Carter, Ferne & Ernie MacLean.

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

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

In loving memory of **Ian Jamieson**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Gary & Natalie Reid.

This Week:

Sunday, September 25th – *-Men's Choir*

- Birthday Box for WDR

Tuesday, September 27th – 1:30 p.m. – *General UCW meeting*

Upcoming Week:

Sunday, Oct. 2nd – *World Communion Sunday and a meet and greet with Rev. Ji and his wife, Sun.*

Wednesday, Oct. 5th – 7:00 p.m. – *Financial Management Team Meeting*

Sunday, Oct. 9th - *Thanksgiving Sunday with the sacrament of Communion. People are invited to bring in non-perishable food items for the Food Cupboard that will be placed at the front of the sanctuary and then taken to the Miramichi Food Bank*

Please Save the Date: St. Andrew's United Church will be holding a Variety Show on Saturday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. Featuring Skits, Music, Jokes etc. More information to follow in the upcoming weeks. Free will offering will be taken.

Church Calendars have arrived and are on sale from the church office for \$6.00 each. These are wonderful gifts or for your own use as they mark all the special days of the church year.

All former CGIT women are invited to lunch on Tuesday, September 27 at Jungle Jim's at 11:30 a.m.

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The congregation are invited to cast a vote (on the back table by the church office) on whether you would like worship services to remain at 11:00 a.m. (year round) or change to 10:30 a.m. Simply check which time you would prefer. We will close the vote following the morning worship service and will send an email with the results of the vote.

Victorian Fall Tea with Bake & Craft Sale will take place on October 1st at St. James & St. John's United Church Centre, 556 King George Hwy. from 11:00 a.m. till 2:00p.m. This is part of the "Order of the Eastern Star, Miramichi N0.44. Price of admission is \$12.00 a person and there will also be a "few surprises" for the day. To purchase tickets please call Beryl Patriquin at 773-5842 or Judy Donnelly at 625-7544.

Remember you are still invited to donate new, warm socks (or homemade) during the month of October for SOCKTOBER. This will be donated to Miramichi Food Bank, Miramichi Transition House, Miramichi Youth House, St. Vincent de Paul, Christmas Hamper Programs on both sides of the river and the Salvation Army. The donation basket is at the back of the sanctuary near the church office for donations to be placed in.