



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



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Celebration of Scots

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.”



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PRELUDE

The sounding of the Chimes

Processional

Welcome & Acknowledgements

CALL TO WORSHIP –

We hear the call of God's Spirit, welcoming us together in the sanctuary of worship, in grace from our troubles and fears.

God of all creation, draw us together in fellowship in the same delicate way streams stitch mountainsides, forming water farmland in new gentle slopes and valleys.

Let us call upon the one who embroiders new designs unto the skies, and weaves the textiles of the universe into purpose

God, Maker of the Universe, gather and mend us in patience with hope.

We call upon God, whose Holy Spirit mend our brokenness with truth, patches worn spirits with compassion, and inspires our bold celebration of who God has made us to be.

God of every seam and stitch, gather and mend us.

We are the tapestry of God, each strand important to the pattern, each frayed end worth the mending, every thread a treasure.

Let us worship our God! Let us praise God's name together.

Lighting of the Christ Candle & The Candle for peace in Ukraine & Memorial
JACK SUTHERLAND

Kirkin O' The Tartan

Invitation

Prayer – Blessing of the Tartans
this prayer:

Please, join responsively in

O Lord our God,

When heritage and identity were threatened, and our ancestors suffered for mistakes of others and those who failed to lead our people well; we all suffered the fate of many whose culture and language, stories and livelihoods were robbed, stolen for generations but for a brave few. We sadly have little memory of all that has been suffered, for faith and culture and clan, in order that we might celebrate today. Lord make us mindful, and help us reclaim a heritage that is true.

But we speak out against that which is worse than our enemies; those who would deprive and bury a culture, silence

a language, marginalize a people, make anyone to forget their stories, drive out people from their homes and homeland, or to set aside their faith in you. Help us not to empower ourselves by the hurt and shame of others.

We pray this day for the way you have preserved and protected us. We thank you, O God, for you have brought us to a day and a place where we are no longer afraid or ashamed. Guide us to define ourselves in hope and peace, acknowledging the world of hurt we still need to heal. Our hope is in more than our pieces of cloth, but in what – we pray - they have come to symbolize before you, O Lord God.

We are a people made proud in our faith; for our greatest honour is found humbly before your throne in praise and service, O Lord. Keep us from the kind of empty pride that causes us to prance about in ignorance, to make our faith and culture an empty show.

Woven into our stories is more than coloured woolen threads, but the ties of love and friendship that define us when we are at our best, and call us to love our neighbour, to acknowledge and help those who are downtrodden, to cloth one another with respect and compassion and uplifting others who suffer similar cultural and real genocide as was enacted against us.

These plaid bands and clothes are made of warm enduring strands, and - worn with care - they have made us stand out against a cold hard-hearted world; for even our thread-bare swatches of cloth remind us about what the world would forget and the wrong that has been – and is being - done. Lord, keep us from forgetting, and safe-guard our way we from repeat the mistakes of the past.

Bless these signs of our families, O Lord, and the heritage that gathers around this service of praise.

We forgive the hurts, that for so many have marked as red lines in our plaid; we cherish the green hills, bens & glens, even the brown of tilled farming land of that far off land and how we have found it in a new ways, to rejoice in the land you have given us to share here, with the water of streams and lochs and sea that refresh us and provide food and the means irrigate our fields, and the many bright colours we bear; reflecting the beauty of your creation, till the white strands stand out to remark upon the 'narrow way', which is Christ and the faith we cling to in Him. In all we may say about ourselves - in who we are, we are through it all yours; your people; and by the grace of Jesus Christ, heirs of even a greater kingdom than all that have been won or lost on this earth, the very kingdom of

Heaven, where robed in purest white, we will gather before your throne together in praise.

May we persevere as a people who strive to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. In the name of our precious Saviour and Head of the Kirk, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

PIPER'S LAMENT

OPENING HYMN: For the Beauty of the Earth

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

(Adapted from John Knox's liturgy of 1560)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Adapted from The Scots Confession, chapters 6-8)

When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost...

We acknowledge and confess that this wonderful union between the Godhead and the humanity in Christ Jesus did arise from the eternal and immutable decree of God from which all our salvation springs and depends...

Further, it behooved the Messiah and Redeemer to be true God and true man, because he was able to undergo the punishment of our transgressions and to present himself in the presence of his Father's judgment, as in our stead, to suffer for our transgression and disobedience, and by death to overcome him that was the author of death. So we confess, and most undoubtedly believe.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

MEMORIAL – OF FATHER LEON CREAMER

He loved the word of God, sharing and celebrating it with us and guiding our understanding.

While he was called father, he is for us a true brother in Christ and an example for our faith as we persevere in our life's journey until we are joined in praise before our heavenly Father's throne.

We rejoice in the service we shared, and pray for those communities that were blessed by his care in Saint John and throughout the Miramichi. And who still grieve his passing.
We mourn with them as fellow-Christians, and with Father Creamer's family as brother and sister in faith.

And so, in fitting memorial, we join our voices in song and sing in praise to God this psalm. For our departed brother loved God's word, and the psalms especially:

HYMN: The Lord's my Shepherd (The 23rd Psalm)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord, whose still-small-voice speaks through the ages we open your word, that our lives may be opened to your truth.

Humble our presumptions, awaken our understanding, and illumine our discourse; that all we say and do may be praise and glory unto you. In Christ Jesus name we pray, Amen

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 82

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN – *Having Stories* Rev. Sutherland

HYMN: Abide With me

SCRIPTURES: Hebrews 11:29-12:2 read by Don & Nancy Walls
Matthew 3:1-15 read by Don & Nancy Walls

REFLECTION: *Cairns of our Faith* Rev. Sutherland

ANTHEM: *Where the green will rise again* sung by Rev. Sutherland
by Shirley E. Murray

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Daniel Szemok

We bring our gifts as joyful givers.

From our prudence and careful use of what God has already bestowed on us, we are enabled to be generous to the service of God's kingdom.

Keep us rise above a reliance on the store-houses of this life.

And guide us to put up our treasure where thief cannot steal nor corruption reach.

Let who we are, as well as the resources we share, be a sign of God's blessings to all; in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION & THE LITURGY & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER LITURGY FOR THE CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION OF SCOTTISH HERITAGE

(This prayer has been distributed and is being shared by churches and individuals throughout the region)

L: O Lord our God, gather us together and hear us as we pray. Bless us in the understanding of our praise, listen to the sentiments of our hearts as we voice these prayers before you.

R: **You heard the prayers of our fore-bearers, and in a forgotten time, you sent your Word across the expanse of continent and nations and pronounced faith in Jesus as Messiah – our true Lord - to harsh people in a rugged land.**

L: Lord, hear us now as you heard them long ago, and rescue our faith from a faithless world; help us honour those whose faith we have inherited in hopeful trust, and to pass on in greater grace.

R: **Keep us mindful of ourselves, our actions, and how we share our faith in Christ. Let us not stray into fantasies and false ideologies, but teach us to test the spirits and those who propose to speak for Christ by the gift of scripture.**

L: Missions gave rise to mission, and our ministry grows with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Send your Spirit on us now to strengthen faith to stand up to spiritualities that lack truth.

R: **Forgive our past: when we broke faith in Christ, hurt those we were meant to help, squabbled and went to war with one another; forgive us and them for how the church has been made to act colonially instead of evangelically; disrupting the Gospel in Christ for other agendas.**

L: Bless those who lead us in faith, that they especially will not forget the mistakes of the past; but in the grace we are given, guide our spirits unto truth that we may foster a revived faith of hope and peace.

R: **Forgive us too, when we are keen to celebrate our heritage, but forget the mistakes, and even make the mistake of forgetting our faith in Christ.**

All: **And may our faith in Christ make us courageous and hopeful, that along with the richness of heritage that we bear and we share, we shall honour Jesus above all.**

**So in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord we pray, offering together the words Christ taught, and so we pray saying:
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)**

HYMN **Amazing Grace**

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Daniel Szemok

Go, and let your faith be evident to all.

We will follow the way of Christ that is the only way to life and truth

Go, and be the blessing that Christ commands you to be

**And we will obey the risen Lord, who says 'Love one another',
who tells us to feed His lambs.**

Go, and be a revival in fellowship and hope that we may join in the heritage of Christian faith.

**And may the grace and mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship be ever with us;
Now and always. Amen**

CHORAL RESPONSE – VU 422, "God Be with You till We Meet Again" vs. 1

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we
meet again.**

**Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

RECESSION OF THE TARTANS – The flag bearers recess from the church follow the clergy and attend to the memorial in Elm Park for a final prayer led by Rev. Sutherland immediately after the service. All are welcome to attend.



Announcements

**The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the Family
of the late, Phyllis Lamb.**

Memorials:

In loving memory of **James McGerrigle**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Jeanne & Tim Breau, Wanda & Dean MacDonald.

In loving memory of **James McGerrigle**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Barbara Doucet.

Worship:

Church Hours: Monday – closed; Tuesday – 9-1; Wednesday 9-1; Thursday 9-1; and Friday 9-3

Greeters: **Aug. 17** – Doris Tozer & Judy Morrison/**Aug. 24** – Brian & Davida Adams/**Aug. 31** – Jennifer Walker & Holly Daley

▪ **Sound System:** **Aug. 17** – Brian Savoy/**Aug. 24** – Paul Rose/**Aug. 31** – Barry Campbell

▪ **PowerPoint:** **Aug. 17** – Barry Campbell/**Aug. 24** – Jennifer Walker/**Aug. 31** – Karen Rose

- **Offering Collectors:** **Aug. 17** – Helen Jones, Marj MacPhee, Brian & Joan Savoy/**Aug. 24** – Cynthia Duplessie, Dennis & Judy Morrison/**Aug. 31** – Debbie Stymiest, Carol Johnston, Ferne & Ernie MacLean

▪ **Offering Counters:** **Aug. 17** – Brian Savoy, Barry Campbell/**Aug. 24** – Betty MacDiarmid & Marjorie Cassidy/**Aug. 31** – Karen Rose & Marj MacPhee

3. Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, Aug. 10th \$ 1,718.00

Weekly Par Collection \$ 1,448.00

Total for Week of Aug. 10th \$ 3,166.00

To meet budget we need to receive \$3,115.86 in offerings each week.

Community:

- 1) Pine Grove Cemetery Service will be held on Sunday, August. 17th at 2:00 p.m. at the cemetery. Chairs are provided.

Fundraisers:

1. **The Good Used Clothing Sale will be held on Thursday, Aug. 21st from 9 am – 2 pm; Friday, Aug. 22nd from 9 am – 6 pm and again on Saturday, Aug. 23rd from 9 am – 1 pm.** Volunteers are needed for set up and also working the sale. This is a church fundraiser and all congregation members are encouraged to help out.

Pastoral Care:

If you need pastoral care, please contact the church office at 506-773-9932, and Karen will arrange it.

Ladles of Love

Minute for Mission Story



At Spring Park United Church in Charlottetown, PEI, the annual Soup Luncheon in support of Mission and Service has grown into something truly special—a celebration of community, compassion, and connection.

More than just a meal, it's a moment where people gather to enjoy hearty soup, delicious desserts, rich conversation, and the joy of being together. The Sunday service sets the tone with powerful Mission and Service stories and guest speakers who remind us why this work matters so deeply. Each message connects to the wider church, and to people whose lives are being changed thanks to your generous support.

The luncheon also connects generations. Youth and adults alike enjoy laughter and connection, filling the space with energy and purpose. Mission and Service volunteer Joyce MacLeod adds a thoughtful touch by placing Mission and Service bookmarks and pens on each table, quiet reminders of the impact our shared generosity can have.

With over 20 dedicated volunteers offering their time and efforts, the Soup Luncheon is more than a tradition. It's a living expression of faith in action, showing how [support](#) of Mission and Service continues to nurture hope, build relationships, and change lives.

The response from the community? Overwhelmingly positive. Year after year, this event continues to strengthen the bonds at Spring Park United, offering a living example of how Mission and Service helps us grow in faith, friendship, and love. Thank you for being part of Mission and Service, making a difference locally, in Canada, and around the world.

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