



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



November 16, 2025.

23rd After Pentecost

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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Sunday Worship Service

November 16, 2025

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Worship Leader: Pastor Derrick Carnhan
Organist and Choir Director: Lois McKinnon
Greeters: Doris Tozer & Charles Turner

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Stand as you are able.

Musical Prelude

Welcome

Introit: "Bless the Lord, O my Soul"

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O my soul, worship your holy name.

Sing like never before,

O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

Lighting the Christ Candle & Peace Candle – Jennifer Walker

If you've ever got real peace, you've got Jesus. If you haven't got Jesus, you don't even know what peace means, until you come to Him. Thank you Jesus for your peace.

As candles are lit we sing: VU #629, "Eternal Light, Shine In My Heart" vs.1 (seated)

Eternal light, shine in my heart;

Eternal hope, life up my eyes;

Eternal power, be my support;

Eternal wisdom, make me wise.

Responsive Call to Worship:

L: God built the heaven, the earth, and everything in them.

P: God calls us to build our lives:

L: To restore broken places;

P: To build our faith;

L: To build our community;

P: To build bridges of understanding.

L: Come, let us build God's church.

P: We give God our praise and glory!

***Opening Hymn:** VU #218, “We Praise You, O God”

Opening Prayer:

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession in Unison

Gracious and Holy God, we come before You with humble hearts, acknowledging that we have not always walked in Your ways. We confess the times we have placed our own desires above Your will, when pride has silenced compassion, and when fear has kept us from speaking truth in love. Forgive us for neglecting the gifts You have given, for withholding grace from others, and for failing to build one another up in faith. Lord, forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all that divides us, and renew in us a spirit of unity, so that together we may be a living temple, built on the foundation of Christ, shining Your light into the world. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

Words of Assurance

For the young at heart

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for illumination (Unison) – *Joan MacKnight-Savoy*

Holy God, you speak words of challenge and words of comfort through the scriptures. Send your Spirit to open our understanding to the word we need to hear this day, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

***Responsive Reading:** Isaiah 12 VU Page 880

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Ministry of Music: “Bless This Church”

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Meditation: “Church Building” - *Jennifer Walker*

We Respond to God’s Word

***Hymn:** VU #579, “The Church Is Wherever”

Invitation to the Offering

***Offering Hymn: “Give Thanks”**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart;
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ,
the Son.**

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Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ,
the Son.**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”
Let the poor say, “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!**

***Offering Prayer in Unison**

Steadfast God, we enjoy your loving kindness day by day. We offer our gifts in gratitude for what we have received from your love. Bless our gifts and our lives so that your goodness will touch many lives in the name of Jesus Christ, our friend and saviour. Amen.

Announcements – *Judy Donnelly*

Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: MV #1, “Let Us Build a House” vs. 1,3 & 4**

***Benediction**

***Choral Closing:
Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Musical Postlude



Announcements

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the Family of the late, Judy Sipes. Judy attended St. Andrew's until she moved out west with her family. Judy's celebration of life will be celebrated here at St. Andrew's on Saturday, Nov. 22nd at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Charlene Maguire MacKnight officiating.

Memorials:

In loving memory of **Gerald Tozer**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Doris Tozer, Barbara Doucet.

In loving memory of **John Bracken**, a donation the Food Bank has been received from Barbara Doucet.

In loving memory of **Judy Sipes**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Barbara Doucet, Karen & Paul Rose and Family.

Coffee Hour: Nov. 23- Karen Rose & Carol Johnston/Nov. 30 – Ferne MacLean & Jennifer Walker/Dec. 7 – Liz Mullin & Cynthia Duplessie

Greeters: Nov. 23 – Faye Wilson & Betty MacDiarmid/Nov. 30 – Judy Donnelly & Marjorie MacPhee

▪ **Sound System:** Nov. 16 – Paul Rose/Nov. 23 – Barry Campbell/Nov. 30 – Brian Savoy

▪ **PowerPoint:** Nov. 16 – Barry Campbell/Nov. 23 – Mary Reynolds/Nov. 30 –

-**Offering Collectors:** /Nov. 16 - Helen Jones, Brian & Joan Savoy, Marj MacPhee

▪ **Offering Counters:** Nov. 16 – Brian Savoy, Barry Campbell

▪ **Weekly Collection:**

Collection on Sunday, Nov. 9 th	\$ 1,125.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,259.00</u>
Total for Week of Nov. 9th	\$ 2,384.00

Upcoming:

- ❖ **Tuesday, Nov. 18th** – 1:30 p.m. – Faith & Spiritual Development Meeting
- ❖ **Wednesday, Nov. 19th** – 6:30 p.m. – Ministry & Personnel Meeting
- ❖ **Thursday, Nov. 20th at 12 noon** – The ladies of St. Andrew's are invited to attend a Social Gathering. We have special music planned with Claire Fracker and Deanna Baldwin, lunch, jokes, and more.
- ❖ **Christmas Shoe Box Campaign** – Filled shoeboxes must be returned to the office **no later than Wednesday, Nov. 19th.**
- ❖ **Church Calendars for 2026** have arrived and are on sale through the church office for \$8 each.

Fundraiser:

- ❖ **Annual Memory Wreath Project is now underway.** People are invited to place a bulb in memory of/in honour of loved ones in the booklet. Each bulb is \$2.00 and donations may be placed into the donation box what will be available. The project will run till Wednesday, Nov. 26th. The dedication of the wreath will take place the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30th. All proceeds will go to the Christmas Hamper Fund.

Community:

- ❖ ***Miramichi On the North & South Side of the River & the Bay***, a pictorial history edited by John Bosma, will be available on November 3rd at the church office, All Decked Out, Dickison's Pharmasave and Mill Cove Coffee shop at \$20 a copy. Proceeds will go to a JMH and MVHS 2026 Graduate.
- ❖ The St. James & St. John Drama Players will present **CHRISTMAS CRUISE**, a Dessert Theatre, on **November 28, 29 & 30 at 7pm**. The over a dozen cast members, not playing themselves, include Charlene Maguire MacKnight and John Bosma. Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by phoning Kim @ **506-622-1598**.

Helping Children and Communities Grow



Becoming a new parent can be overwhelming, with the constant demands of caring for a newborn, sleepless nights, and the pressure to make the right choices for your child. The exhaustion of balancing daily responsibilities while navigating the unknowns of parenthood often leaves new parents feeling unsure and isolated. It's a time filled with great joy, but also uncertainty, as parents adjust to their new roles and work to create a safe and nurturing environment for their little one.

At Fairview Resource Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the New Parents Support group aims to walk with parents as they navigate the complexities of raising a newborn. Once a week, parents gather to meet with a public health nurse who provides education and answers questions. From expectant parents to those with babies up to 18 months, the program provides resources for those who might not otherwise have access to in-person support or resources.

Parents connect not only with health professionals, but form deep bonds with each other, and some are still in contact many years later. Many of us have heard that "it takes a village to raise a child," and Fairview Resource Centre is truly taking action to give a positive space for children in the community to flourish. Thank you for walking alongside our Mission and Service partners as they help children and communities grow.

Your support of [Mission and Service](#) is vital to the continuation of incredible programs like these.

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