



The United Church of Canada
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St. Andrew's United Church



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Sunday, March 15, 2026

Lent 4

St. Andrew's United Church is a Christian community that shares Christ's love through worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, and outreach.



Worship Leader: Mrs. Jennifer Walker

Organist and Choir Director: Lois McKinnon

Greeters: Ron Carter & Ann Brown

Sunday Worship Service

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Stand as you are able.

Musical Prelude

Welcome

Gracious God, we gather in the love of Jesus and open ourselves to your Spirit. We open ourselves to you in the midst of our uncertainty and turn to you in love and trust. May we find new ways of seeing and new ways of understanding in your love.

*Introit: VU # 108, vs. 3, "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"

**We bear the silence, cross and pain
of human burdens, human strife,
while sisters, brothers help sustain
our courage till the Feast of Life.**

Extinguishing of the Forth Lenten Candle: *Cynthia Duplessie*

As we extinguish this candle, we acknowledge the darkness that came into the world caused by our sin. We remember that Christ is the light of the world and we ask God to keep our community mindful of His presence throughout Lent. Knowing ourselves to be loved and blessed, we raise our prayer to you, O God.

Candle is extinguished as we sing: "O Lamb of God"

**O lamb of God, I come, O lamb of God, I come,
O lamb of God, I come, O lamb of God, I come.**

Call to Worship: (responsive)

In this Lenten season, we take a moment to stop and look for God.

All: We search in the wilderness and we search in our hearts.

One: God is here, offering us strength for the journey.

All: We come to worship and to be renewed.

Thank you, loving God, for being with us, always, and helping us to make time in this place. Blessed are you, forever and ever. Amen!

Opening Prayer:

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you

Create a space for spirit to grow in us

Let life and beauty fill us.
Come touch and bless our souls.
That we may love you with our heart our soul.
Come touch us with your grace. Amen

*Opening Hymn: VU # 326, 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Conversation for the Young at Heart

We Hear the Word Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: *Laurie McFarlane*

"Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen".

*Psalm 23: Responsive – Page 749, refrain 2

Ephesians 5:8-14

John: 9:1-14

Ministry of Music: "Spirit God, Be Our Breath"

Reflection: Let There Be Light

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn: VU #357, vs.1,2& 5, "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

Offering

*Choral Offertory: MV # 191, "What Can I Do"

**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 the Cross, help us as we travel our Lenten journey.
May it be that as we give our lives to you, we will find them
again in you. In sharing our money and time, we receive the
blessings of your Kingdom. Use these gifts toward your holy
work of peace, justice, and service in the world. Amen.**

Announcements: *Judy Donnelly*

Praise before Prayer: MV #119, "God Our Protector"

**God our protector, keep us in mind,
always give strength to your people.
For if we could be with you one day in time
it is better than a thousand without you.**

Prayers of the People:

Loving God, we come before you today aware of how you call us to be like

You. We remember that you made us in your own image and that you entrusted to us this world and all that is in it. Help us dear Lord to remember our own sin before you and recall how you forgave us and made us messengers of your reconciling love. May we be people who show forth your grace, and celebrate with your joy.

Lord hear our prayer.

O God of Comfort and God of Challenge. In our complaints, challenge us as you did the Israelites, to consider the bigger picture of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us. Help us to look up until we see what You see in the world.

Lord hear our prayer

We pray too O God for other people in our families and communities who cannot be with us today. We hold these and others before you now in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Hear Our Prayer....

Blessed be your holy name O God

Our Father who art in heaven...

* Closing Hymn: VU # 382, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*Commissioning & Benediction:

Let us go into the world as people of gratitude.

Let us go into the world as people of hope.

Let us go into the world as people of joyfulness.

Let us go into the world ready to share Christ's love!

And let us go knowing this: we are never, ever alone.

**The peace of Christ hold us, the love of the Creator enfold us,
and the wings of the Holy Spirit carry us, today and always.**

Amen!

*Choral Closing: "May the Peace of Christ"

May the peace of Christ be with you.

May the love of God dwell deep in your heart.

May the spirit enlighten your way.

May you walk in the comfort of God's care.

Musical Postlude



Announcements

Worship Leaders: March 22- Daniel Szemok/**March 29** – Daniel Szemok

Greeters: March 22 – Judy & Dennis Morrison/**March 29** – Faye Wilson & Betty MacDiarmid

▪ **Sound System: March 15** – Paul Rose/**March 22** – Paul Rose

▪ **PowerPoint: March 15** – Barry Campbell/**March 22** – Mary Reynolds

-**Offering Collectors: March 15** – Valerie Flynn, Judy Donnelly, Bev & Barry Campbell/**March 22** – Holly Daley, Judy Donnelly, Brenda & Dave Hicks

▪ **Offering Counters: March 15** – Karen Rose, Don Bowman/**March 22** – Karen Rose & Cynthia Duplessie

Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, March 8th \$ 1,255.00

Weekly Par Collection \$ 1,259.00

Total for Week of March 8th \$ 2,514.00

Total needed to meet budget \$3,471.15 weekly.

Congregation members are encouraged to help with the financial needs of the church by either using their weekly envelopes, Pre-Authorized Remittance or E-transfers.

If you use PAR this is a monthly withdrawal from your bank account (amount of your choice) on the 20th of each month. This can be set up by visiting the church office.

If you use e-transfer, you can set it up that it comes out of your bank account either on weekly basis or a monthly basis, whichever is easiest for you. The email address is

standrewswellingtonstreet@gmail.com

Whether you attend church on a regular basis or you don't, your givings are essential to the life and work of St. Andrew's.

This Week:

Tuesday, March 17th – 10:30 a.m. – Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 17th – 1:30 p.m. – Ladies are asked to come and help with the sandwiches for the noon Lenten services. Ladies are also needed to help with the Luncheon at the Lenten service on Wednesday, March 18th as this is St. Andrew's turn.

Upcoming:

Rev. Catherine Stewart will be conducting a Sunday School Workshop here at St. Andrew's United Church on Saturday, April 18th from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Sunday School teachers, parents, grandparents of Sunday School children are encouraged to attend.

Fundraisers:

Easter 2026 Fundraiser - Everyone was invited to take a loonie a week for the year (52 weeks). This was started last Easter and people are asked to return the bag full of your loonies no later than Easter Sunday. This is going to be a great fundraiser for our church.

Community:

Does going to a 3rd world country and helping with a building project to make lives a bit better interest you?

If so come out to a Miramichi Worldwide meeting on Sunday, March 22 at 6 p.m. at 1750 Water St., 2nd floor to learn more about a possible destination.

As part of the Easter season, an ecumenical cast will present "The Living Stations of the Cross" at St. Michael's Basilica on Friday, March 27th. Music begins at 6:30 p.m. and the reenactment of the betrayal, death & resurrection of Jesus begins at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to this amazing presentation.

Lenten Services: every Wednesday till Mar 25, 2026 12:15 to 12:45 pm followed by a light lunch at St. Mary's Anglican Church.

Week Five: March 18- Theme "Need" Presider: Merle Milson and Preacher: Ivan Gegan

Week Six: March 25 – Theme "Fulfillment Presider: Perry Cooper and Preacher: Eddie Quann

April 1 – This week will be used only if a storm cancels a previous week.

- A donation of \$5.00 is suggested for lunch. Funds from the free-will offering, after lunch expenses, will go to support Jermey's Mission.

Annual Tartan Day Dinner/Concert and 180 Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Highland Society in Miramichi, Sunday, April 12th, Beaverbrook Kin Centre. Supper at 5pm followed by Scottish Music. Tickets \$45.00 each by reservation only, call Susan at 506-622-1780 or e-mail susanbutler867@gmail.com. Menu caters to special diets

"Join Nursing Home Without Walls on March 24th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Shannex Losier Hall (515 Water St) for a Seniors Information Fair focused on helping seniors in the Miramichi area learn about services that support aging at home.

Meet representatives from Extra Mural Program, the Department of Social Development, 211, Ability NB and other organizations that provide valuable programs, supports, and resources for seniors and their families.

Learn about services available to seniors in the Miramichi region

Speak directly with community agencies

Everyone is welcome to attend whether you are a senior or are looking for information for seniors. Come gather information, ask questions, and connect with organizations dedicated to supporting seniors in our community."

Anyone in need of Emergency Pastoral Care please contact the church office at 506-773-9932 and Karen will look after the arrangements.

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