



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



July 27, 2025.

7<sup>th</sup> 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."*



The Seventh Sunday  
*after* Pentecost

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# Sunday Worship Service

July 27, 2025

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Derrick Carnahan  
**Organist and Choir Director:** Lois McKinnon  
**Greeters:** Judy Donnelly & Marjorie MacPhee

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*Stand as you are able.

### Music Prelude:

**\*Introit:** "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place"  
**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wing,  
I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

### Lighting the Christ Candle – Linda McKinnon

We light a candle symbolizing the presence of Christ's Spirit in our midst, as we recall the words of Jesus:

**"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."**

Catherine Elsdon, Kingston, ON

### As the candle is lit we sing:

Light up the candle everyday  
Jesus be with us here as we pray.

### Lighting of the Peace Candle

### Welcome

### Responsive Call to Worship

L: We come before God with thanks and praise.

**All: We will praise God for God's unfailing love and faithfulness.**

L: We bow before God in worship.

**All: We will worship God, for the glory of the Lord is great.**

L: We lift up our prayers to God with faith and persistence.

**All: We have faith that God answers our prayers and increases our strength.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** VU # 234, "Let Us with A Gladsome Mind" vs. 1,2 & 5

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Call to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Ever faithful God, quickly we forget the gifts we have received from your grace; instead of giving thanks, we ask for more. We complain about what we lack and fail to trust your generosity. We refuse others the forgiveness we seek for ourselves. Forgive us our sins, O God. Transform our hearts and reshape our desires to reflect your goodness in the way we live. Amen.

### **Words of Assurance**

#### **The Word of God Proclaimed**

#### **Prayer for illumination (Unison) – *Merle Milson***

God of wisdom, as we listen to the Scriptures today, fill our hearts and minds with your living Word, so that our faith in Christ will grow stronger as we build our lives on him. Amen.

### **\*Responsive Psalm 138, Page 860**

#### **Scripture Reading:**

Colossians 2:6-15

#### **Ministry of Music:** "The Lord's Prayer"

#### **Gospel:** Luke 11:1-13

#### **Reflection:** "Praying with Faith and Persistence"

#### **We Respond to God's Word**

### **\*Hymn:** VU # 560, "O Master, Let me Walk with Thee"

### **Announcements:** *Wayne Mullin*

### **Invitation to the Offering:**

**\*Offering Hymn: 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.

**\*Offering Prayer: Unison**

Generous God, we offer you our gifts, thankful that your love is overflowing. Bless these gifts so that your love will flow through them to meet the needs of those who cry out to you and to us, for Christ's sake. Amen.

**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**

**\*Closing Hymn: VU #664, “What a Friend we have in Jesus”**

**\*Commissioning and Benediction:**

**\*Choral Closing: VU 236, “Now Thank We All Our God” vs. 3**

All praise and thanks to God  
for all that has been given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest  
who dwell in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**Musical Postlude**



## Announcements

### **Memorials:**

In loving memory of **Marie MacDonald**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Barbara Doucet, Helen Jones, Henry & Karen Wilson.

In loving memory of **Marie MacDonald**, a donation to the Miramichi Food Bank has been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.

In loving memory of **Ron Flieger**, a donation to the Miramichi Food Bank has been received from Marjorie MacPhee.

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

### **Worship:**

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

**Greeters:** Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ray & Janice Carter/Aug. 10 – Judy Donnelly & Ferne MacLean

▪ **Sound System:** July 27<sup>th</sup> – Bon Bowman/Aug. 3 – Brian Savoy

▪ **PowerPoint:** July 27<sup>th</sup> – Jennifer Walker/Aug. 3 – Barry Campbell

- **Offering Collectors:** July 27 – Helen Jones, Brian & Joan Savoy, Marj MacPhee/Aug. 3 – Patty Deitch, Cynthia Duplessie, Judy & Dennis Morrison

▪ **Offering Counters:** July 27 – Brian Adams, Brian Savoy/Aug. 3 – Betty MacDiarmid, Cynthia Duplessie

### **3. Weekly Collection:**

Collection on Sunday, July 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 1,260.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,270.00</u>
<b>Total for Week of July 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 2,530.00</b>

### **This Week:**

- 1) **Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>** – 1:00 p.m. – Fitness Class here at St. Andrew's

### **Upcoming Week:**

1) **Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** is your next opportunity to offer your aid to the Miramichi Food Bank. Your donations of non-perishable goods would be greatly appreciated.

### **Pastoral Care:**

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

### **Fundraisers:**

1) **Good Used Clothing Sale** will take place on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. All donations must be into the church **no later than Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**.

## Healing with Compassion: Sue's Story at Wesley

Your gifts support people building a better future for themselves and their families.



Sue, 61, has faced a lifetime of challenges, starting in her youth when her mother was involved with organized crime and jailed for fraud. Later, as a young mom, a car accident left Sue with chronic back pain. And last fall, a fire destroyed her Hamilton apartment, forcing her onto the streets. Despite these struggles, Sue has found stability at Mission and Service partner Wesley. In Wesley's special care unit, Sue is working to overcome the drug addiction that she has lived with since she was 11. While the process has been difficult, she is slowly reducing her drug use with the help of prescribed medications and support from Wesley's staff.

The care unit operates under a harm reduction model, allowing clients like Sue to manage their addictions in a supported environment. Wesley's program is part of a broader effort in Hamilton to address homelessness and substance use. Recently, the program expanded its capacity, and now provides about 30 beds for individuals struggling with multiple substances. Clients are not expected to quit drugs immediately but are supported in stabilizing their lives, receiving medical care, and reconnecting with family.

Wesley's team includes doctors, nurses, and addiction specialists who help clients find their own path to recovery.

For Sue, this support has been transformative. Her room at Wesley provides a much-needed sanctuary, offering a reprieve from the constant stress of homelessness and addiction. She continues to focus on her recovery, working in the garden and taking steps toward quitting fentanyl altogether. Sue dreams of eventually finding her own home and reuniting with her beloved cat, Kitty Cat, who was rescued from the fire and is being cared for by a friend.

Your gifts through [Mission and Service](#) help support people like Sue on her ongoing journey to build a better future for herself and her children. Thank you for your continued support.

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