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# St. Andrew's United Church



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Sunday, March 1, 2026

Lent 2

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



**Worship Leader:** Rev. Charlene Maguire MacKnight

**Organist and Choir Director:** Lois McKinnon

**Greeters:** Doris Tozer & Charles Tuner

# Sunday Worship Service

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*Stand as you are able.

Musical Prelude

Greeting

Introit: MV 156, Dance With the Spirit

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin'  
walk with the Spirit through-out the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life aborn-in;  
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

Call to Worship:

As we continue our Lenten journey, we pay attention to what is behind us, and we notice God's presence.

**We pay attention to what is beside us, and we know that God is here.**

We notice what is before us, we realize that the path is unclear, **and yet we trust God's promises.**

In our journey along the Lenten way, may our loving God give us purpose and direction, **and bring us to Jesus Christ and his cross-bound way.**

Opening Prayer:

**God of our ancestors in faith, you call us to be faithful in the journey, even when confronted with newness and the unknown. Help us, as we travel the Lenten road, to trust that wherever you may lead us, we will always know your loving embrace. Just as Jesus set his path steadfast toward Jerusalem, may we also move forward with a strong vision and a daring love, willing to take the risks that life requires for the building of your Kingdom in this world. Amen.**

Extinguishing of the Second Lenten Candle: *Linda Laviolette*

On this second Sunday in Lent, we remember how Abraham and Sarah were called: to leave home, and to travel to a new land in response to God's call and God's promise.

**We too are called, each one of us, but we are not always comfortable with that call or prepared to risk the unknown.**

Yet, we are called to be faithful: to trust in what the future holds, even though we don't know, or can't imagine what God has in store for us.

**Today, we extinguish the second Lenten candle for those times when we have let the shadows of doubt overpower our sense of being guided and led by God.**

(candle is extinguished)

**Prayer: Beckoning God, you call us to journey with you into the unknown. Help us to respond in faithful obedience.**

**Strengthen us for what lies ahead so that, secure in the knowledge of your loving care, we like Abraham may be a blessing for all. Amen.**

\*Hymn: VU 634, To Abraham and Sarah

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Introduction and Scripture

Choir Anthem: 'Out of Deep, Unordered Water'

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Congregational Support:

One: All of us are now invited to pledge our support and care.

**All: As a baptized and baptizing church, and as family and friends, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith and within the circle of family life. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism and to follow the way of Christ in our day-to-day living.**

Pouring of Water and Prayer over the Water

Lighting of the Baptism Candle

The Baptism

Blessing:

Together, let us offer words of blessing:

**The Lord bless you, and keep you:  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,**

**And be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.**

**Welcome:**

L: As a sign of our joy in celebrating this day of baptism with *Millie-Anne and her family*, and in a spirit of welcome, let us join together:

**All: We welcome you into the community of the church and we celebrate all that you mean to your parents and other family members. We surround you with love, that you may learn to love. You are a part of God's family, as well as your birth family; and in this circle of family, you will always find a welcome place.**

Presentation of Baptism Candle & Certificate

Blessing

**The Word of God Proclaimed**

Prayer for Illumination: *Laurie MacFarlane*

**We come, seeking guidance for our journey and companions on the way. Open us to your promise and your will, O God, as we hear your word read and proclaimed this day. Amen.**

Hebrew Scriptures: Genesis 12:1-4a

\*Responsive Reading: Psalm 121, p. 844 VU

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Reflection

**We Respond to God's Word**

\*Hymn: VU 400, Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Prayers of the People

Announcements of the Life and Work of the Church – *Jeanne Breau*

Offering

\*Choral Offertory: Sing, thanks to our God

**Sing, thanks to our God.**

\*Offertory Prayer:

**Believing that you will use all that we bring before you, we put our money, our talent, and our time where our faith is, O God.**

**Bless the gifts we offer for your work in this church and community, and in the wider world. May they, and each of us, be instruments for the sharing of your goodness and love.**

**Amen.**

### **Sacrament of Communion**

Invitation to the Table

\*Hymn: VU 460, All Who Hunger (vs.1,2)

Communion Prayer:

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God of Light and Love, by the light of your promise you guide your people in the wilderness and the night. You lead us through times of temptation and help us to discern between good and evil. You claim us as your beloved, and joy is our banquet.

**We thank you for sending us Jesus, your Chosen One, Bread for our journey. He lived this human life, taking upon himself our suffering and sorrow, being tested as we are tested, and reaching out to victims of the world's brokenness.**

We give thanks that through the life and teaching of Jesus, we are given direction for our journey through Lent. You have set a table for all who hunger, and invited each one of us to come and feast. So it is that we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory!**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us remember together that vision of God's reign shown to us in Jesus at table:

**He shared food with saints and sinners, with crowds of thousands on the hillside, and a few friends in an upper room.**

On the night before he died, he had supper with his companions. He took bread, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he passed it among them, saying: "This cup is a sign of the new covenant which God has made with you in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do so in remembrance of me."

**Through this bread and cup, Jesus lives within us.**

**In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.**

Remembering your boundless love for us in Jesus Christ, we offer to you, O God, our praise, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Holy God, pour your Spirit upon us, that we may know Christ in the breaking of bread, and that in word and deed we may be channels of your love, peace, and justice in the world.

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.**

Thankful that we may turn to you, and as Jesus taught, we continue to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

Breaking of the Bread and Blessing of the Cup

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

**Prayer after Communion:**

Gracious and Nourishing God, having received again a blessing in this sacred and holy meal, we pray with humble hearts. We affirm, in your presence and with each other, that you have come to us in the One whose name is Jesus.

**By this bread and cup, you have given us a living portion of Christ's Spirit of love – with which we can serve others in his name. Enable us to accept the mystery of our faith and to trust in it. Amen.**

\*Hymn VU 460, All Who Hunger (vs.3)

Benediction:

May the blessing of God give us strength for the journey;

**May the Spirit of wisdom give us vision for the road;**

May the love of Christ make us caring companions,

**As together we go forth in this Lenten time.**

Go in peace.

**Amen.**

Choral Closing: MV 221, I am Walking a Path of Peace

**I am walking a path of peace,**

**I am walking a path of peace,**

**I am walking a path of peace,**

**lead me home, lead me home.**

**I am home.**

Musical Postlude



## Announcements

**The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Bill & Evelyn Row on the death of Evelyn's nephew, Andy Lobban.**

In loving memory of **Andy Lobban**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Barbara Doucet, Karen & Paul Rose and Family, Nancy Fowlie, Melanie Facey.

**Greeters: March 8-** Elizabeth Desaulniers & Marilyn McGerrigle/**March 15** – Ron Carter & Ann Brown

▪ **Sound System: March 1-** Don Bowman/**March 8** – Brian Savoy

▪ **PowerPoint: March 1** – Mary Reynolds/**March 8** – Mary Reynolds

-**Offering Collectors: Match 1** – Marj MacPhee, Carol Johnston, Helen Jones, Debbie Stymiest/**March 8** – Ferne & Ernie MacLean, Carolyn Shirley and Carol Johnston

▪ **Offering Counters: March 1** – Karen Rose & Carol Johnston/**March 8** – Brian Savoy & Barry Campbell

### **Weekly Collection:**

Collection on Sunday, Feb.22 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 965.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,259.00</u>
<b>Total for Week of Feb. 22<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 2,224.00</b>

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

### **This Week:**

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Monthly collection for the Miramichi Food Bank.** If you can we are collecting non-perishable items. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

**Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11:30 a.m. – CGIT Alumni meet for their monthly luncheon at Mike's Bar & Grill**

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 p.m. – The St. Andrew's Social Club will meet for lunch, fellowship and some games. We hope that many of you will be able to attend.**

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** – 2:00 p.m. – World Day of Prayer to be held at Skyway to Heaven Church

**Upcoming:**

**Tuesday, March 10 – 1:30 p.m.** – Faith & Spiritual Development Team Meeting

**“Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have,” – *Arthur Ashe***

Are you willing to give a few minutes of your time on a Sunday morning?

The Faith and Spiritual Development Team is looking for a Sunday School Teacher, someone who is willing to help out with the Sunday School Ministry.

We have an easy curriculum to follow and a well stocked classroom full of craft supplies, games and books.

If you think you might like to help out please contact Cynthia Duplessie at 506-773-5602 or Karen at the church office 506-773-9932.

**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:**

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

**Theme is “Cries from the Cross”  
Seven Last Words of Christ**

**Week Three:** March 4 – Theme “The Bonds of Family, Friends and Community” Presider: Ivan Gregan and Preacher: Rev. Charlene Maguire MacKnight

**Week Four:** Mach 11 – Theme “Suffering” Presider: Keith Carter and Preacher: David Rioux

**Week Five:** Mach 18- Theme “Need” Presider: Merle Milson and Preacher: Ivan Gregan

**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.

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

**We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in loving memory of Jennifer Devereau by Nanny, Nancy, Diane, Robert and their families.**



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