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## St. Andrew's United Church

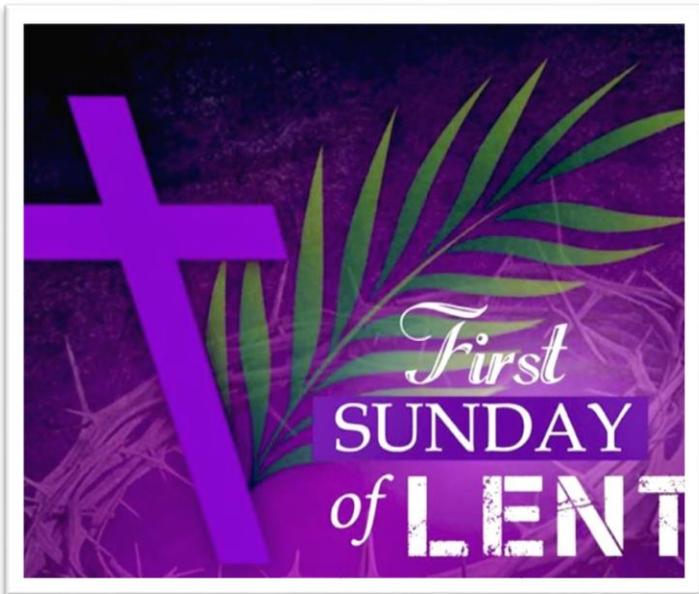


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Sunday, February 22, 2026

Lent 1

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



**Worship Leader:** Daniel Szemok, LLWL

**Organist and Choir Director:** Lois McKinnon

**Greeters:** Margaret & Benjamin Glidden

# Sunday Worship Service

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*Stand as you are able.

Musical Prelude

Welcome

\*Introit: VU #108, vs.1, "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights  
we turn to walk the inward way,  
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,  
we live in hope till Easter Day.**

Extinguishing of the Lenten Candle: *Linda McKinnon*

Lent is a time to slow down and to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time to give up something comfortable and replace it with something important. Don't you see, we are drowning in the business of life, listen, Jesus is here.

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: (only bolded section)

Do you not know? Have you not heard? God is great! He is all-powerful! There is no height or depth to the length he went to save us!

**Our God is the one true God; the maker of heaven and earth.  
Our king is Jesus; he is the king of kings!**

Do not waste time, money or effort for this life is short! It is a waste to build our peace on the things of this earth for they crumble and fade!

**True value and riches are not found in this life but in the life that is to come. Our treasure is to know and to walk with God! Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: VU # 112, "O God, How We Have Wandered"

Opening Prayer: (unison)

**Architect of life, my loving Father, how can I be closer to you? I know you seek fellowship with me but I so often avoid you. It is easy to read your words and than to ignore them. How can I silence the noise of life that crowds my mind and leaves me deaf to your call? I am so often unhappy enough to complain but not unhappy enough to act differently. Help me to put an effort into our relationship in Jesus' name, Amen.**

Conversation for the Young at Heart

Offering

\*Choral Offertory: "Sing, thanks to our God"

**Sing, thanks to our God.**

\*Offertory Prayer: (unison)

**Praise be to You, O Lord our God, maker of all things. You have been generous and merciful; all we need to do is open our eyes to the many gifts that surround us. Help us to copy the actions; the kindness, gentleness and generosity of Your son, Jesus. Amen!**

### **We Hear the Word Proclaimed**

Ministry of Music: "God of the Bible"

Sermon: **Intimacy with God**

Prayer

### **We Respond**

Music Video: "Lord, I Need You" by Matt Maher

Announcements: *Judy Bowman*

**Birthday Box for WDR:** *(sung seated, as people come forward to share their birthday box offering, for February's Birthday's)*

**Happy Birthday to you, to Jesus be true;**

**May God's richest blessings, now rest upon you.**

**These gifts we now share, to show that we care  
for all of God's children, here and everywhere.**

\* Closing Hymn: VU # 595, vs. 1,2,5,& 6 “We Are Pilgrims”

\*Commissioning & Benediction:

\*Choral Closing: VU # 422, vs. 1 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

**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.**

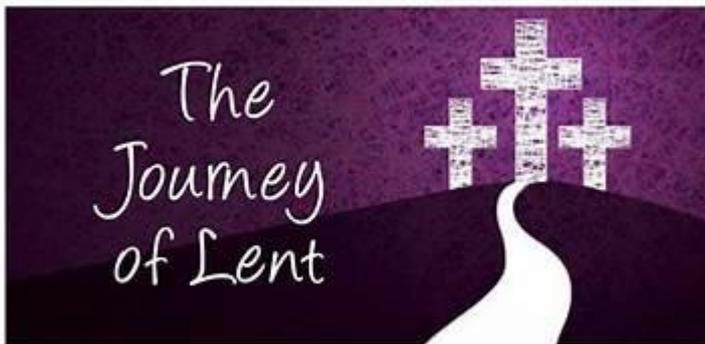
Musical Postlude

**Sermon Note:**

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## Announcements

In loving memory of **Eleanor MacDonald**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Hugh & Colleen Dickson, Brenda & John Jardine, Henry & Karen Wilson, Bob & Dorothy Wilson.

**Greeters: March 1<sup>st</sup>** – Doris Tozer & Charles Tuner/**March 8-** Elizabeth Desaulniers & Marilyn McGerrige

▪ **Sound System: Feb. 22** – Barry Campbell/**March 1-** Don Bowman

▪**PowerPoint: Feb. 22** – Mary Reynolds/**March 1** – Jennifer Walker

-**Offering Collectors: Feb. 22** - Patty Deitch, Cynthia Duplessie, Judy & Don Bowman/**Match 1** – Marj MacPhee, Liz Mullin, Helen Jones, Debbie Stymiest

▪ **Offering Counters: Feb. 22** – Brian Savoy & Don Bowman/**March 1** – Karen Rose & Carol Johnston

### **Weekly Collection:**

Collection on Sunday, Feb.15 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 840.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,259.00</u>
<b>Total for Week of Feb. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 2,099.00</b>

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

### **This Week:**

**Tuesday, Feb, 24<sup>th</sup>** – 1:00 p.m. – Faith & Spiritual Development Team Meeting

**Thursday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>** – 7:00 p.m. – Property & Financial Management Team Meeting

**Saturday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00 a.m. - The St. Andrew's United Breakfast group will be meeting at the Portage Restaurant. Bring a friend and come along, the more the merrier.

## Upcoming:

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – It’s time for our 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> – 1:00 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.

**The congregation is reminded that the suggestion box** is at the back of the church for anyone who would like to make a suggestion either for a worship service, a favourite hymn, for a fundraiser, for an event that you would like to see happen in the church, etc.

(You do not have to sign the suggestions.) The box will be checked on a regular basis and the suggestions sent to the appropriate teams.

**“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.

**The Villagers Concert realized a profit of \$1200.00 and the pancake suppers profit was \$1902.58.** Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make these fundraisers the success they were. A very special thank you is extended to the Villagers Choral Group for their ministry of music.

**Community:**

**Lenten Services: every Wednesday till Mar 25, 2026 12:15 to 12:45 pm** followed by a light lunch at Skyway to Heaven Church.

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

**Week Two:** Feb. 25 – Theme “A New Heaven and A New Earth”  
Presider: Ray Arsenault and Preacher: Derrick Carnahan

**Week Three:** March 4 – Theme “The Bonds of Family, Friends and Community”  
Presider: Ivan Grean 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 Grean

**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.

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