



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



November 9, 2025.

Remembrance Sunday

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 9, 2025

Remembrance Sunday

Worship Leader: Rev. Charlene Maguire MacKnight

Organist and Choir Director: Lois McKinnon

Greeters: Ron Carter & Ann Brown

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Stand as you are able.

Musical Prelude

Opening Words

*National Anthem: O Canada!

O Canada!

Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all of us command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,

The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Peace Candle: *Liz Mullin*
(*Candles are lit*)

We gather in the presence of Jesus who came as Light for the world!

As we remember great sacrifices of the past, as we recall the service of those who continue to work for peace, may we bring light to bear on the shadows which war and injustice bring to all who are touched by that reality.

May we live in the light of Christ.

Hymn: VU 629, Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart (vs. 1, seated)

Eternal light, shine in my heart;

Eternal hope, lift up my eyes;

Eternal power, be my support;

Eternal wisdom, make me wise.

Call to Worship: (*seated*)

On this Remembrance Sunday, we have come together in the presence of God to offer our worship and praise.

We come, in awareness that God calls us to be a holy people.

In a world of war, we search for peace.

In a world of confusion, we search for calm.

In a world of pain, we search for healing.

In a world of isolation, we search for communion.

Communion with each other,

and communion with God.

Opening Prayer:

In sorrow and in hope, O God, we gather: remembering sacrifices made in the cause of freedom and peace; and celebrating the courage of those who continue to seek their way forward in a world of conflict and injustice. As followers of Christ, gather us and weave us – heart, soul, and mind – into a people whose love for you leads us to care for one another with compassion, and in ways that offer justice and peace for all. So may we be those who share in the building of a better world, to the honour and glory of your name.

Amen.

Ceremony of Remembrance

Honoring our Veterans here at St. Andrew's

L: Let us remember before God, those who have lived and died for their country in war, and all who have given of themselves in the service of humankind.

*Hymn: VU 806, O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs. 1,2)

*Placing of the Cross – *Denis Desaulniers*

Act of Remembrance

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

We will remember them.

Last Post

Moment of Silence

Reveille

Commitment to Remember

*They were young, as we are or were young,
They served, giving freely of themselves.
To them, we pledge, amid the winds of time,
To carry their torch and never forget.
We will remember them.
We will remember them.*

*Hymn: VU 806, O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs.5, 6)

Children go out for Sunday School following hymn

We Hear the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination: *Sally Donald*

Loving God, in whose mercy we find our peace, in whose presence we find our place, in whose world we find our calling: grant us grace to hear and respond to your Word, that we may be faithful followers of your way. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 78, Part One, VU 792

O.T. Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3, 14-18

Choir Anthem: 'Let There Be Peace on Earth'

A Remembrance Day Dramatic Presentation

- "If You Were There" – *John Bosma & Merle Milson*
- The Merchant Navy (Part 1) – *Joan MacKnight Savoy, Pat Boucher, Marjorie Cassidy, Holly Daley, Sally Donald*
- Hymn: VU 526, Weep for the Dead (vs.1,2 – *cong. seated*)
- In Waters Deep
- Hymn: VU 527, God! As with Silent Hearts (vs.1,2 – *cong. seated*)
- We Remember Them
- Hymn: VU 526, Weep for the Dead (vs.5- *cong. seated*)

Our Response

Offering Invitation

Choral Response: VU 549, For All Your Goodness

**For all your goodness, God, we give you thanks.
Thanks for the food we eat, and for the friends we meet;
for each new day we greet, we give you thanks.**

Offertory Prayer:

**We who give, remember those who gave all they were and all they had. Bless us in our giving. Use our gifts, that in the sharing, peace and justice and new life may become a reality for all whose lives they touch. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

Announcements – Marjorie MacPhee

Service of the Table

Invitation to the Table

Communion Hymn: VU 457, As We Gather at Your Table

Communion Prayer:

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples. Therefore we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, O God! In the power of the Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them good.

You called to yourself a people to make your mercy and truth known in all the world. We betrayed your calling; you were

faithful. We wandered from the way; you called us to return, and led us home.

And still we turned from your ways.

At the right time you came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing table with the unrighteous, and teaching the way that leads to life.

By your living and your teaching, by your death and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, that we might be channels of your love, peace, and justice in the world.

On the night of your betrayal, Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said,

"This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying,

"This cup that is poured out is the new covenant made with you in my blood."

Through this bread and cup, Jesus lives within us. In word and deed, Jesus lives among us.

Remembering his boundless love for us we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Holy God, pour your Spirit upon us, that we may know Jesus 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 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, by this bread and cup, you have given us a living portion of Christ's love – with which we can serve others in his name. Enable us to accept the mystery of our faith and to trust in it.

Thankful for the gift of life, aware of our call to care for one another, and with compassion for those with special needs, we bring our prayers for those whom we name from the silence of our hearts ...

(moment for silent prayer)

We seek your presence, O God ...

with those of our families or community who are ill at home, in hospital, or in homes for special care; with the lonely or distressed, and with all who suffer loss.

We pray for those in the wider world ...

who live with hunger, fear and war; who have suffered the devastation of earthquake, typhoon, hurricane or other disaster. May they know hope and peace and may they benefit from aid that will sustain them in their daily living.

Prepare each of us, as members of your living Body, for the task that is always before us –

to offer care and support and a blessing in the name of Christ whose love unites us and whose Spirit sustains us with bread for the journey and light for the way.

In the strong name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

*Commissioning & Benediction:

Let us go forth from this time of worship with renewed commitment to do the work of God.

We will seek good, not evil; we will work to establish justice and peace.

May the blessing of God rest upon you, may God's peace abide with you, may God's presence fill your hearts, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

*Choral Closing:

**God save our gracious King, long live our noble King,
God save the King:
Send him victorious, happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us: God save the King.**

Musical Postlude

***Wreath pre-laid in loving memory of
William & Katherine Bransfield WWI
and Robert Bransfield WWII
by Lee and Carol Johnston.***

Announcements

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the

**Wilson Family on the death of their brother-in-law,
Gerald Tozer of Bathurst.**

**The sympathy of the congregation is also extended to Gail
Arsenault and Family on the death of Gail's sister, Iona Mae
Dick of Hamilton, ON.**

Memorials:

In loving memory of **Paul Boucher**, donations to Local Funds have been received by Joan & Brian Savoy, Judy & Dennis Morrison, Gail Arsenault, Marj MacPhee, Don & Judy Bowman, Jeanne Breau, Miramichi Agricultural Exhibition Association, Margaret & John Glidden, Denis & Liz Desaulniers.

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

In loving memory of **Rev. John Fraser**, a donation to the Food Bank has been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.

In loving memory of **Iona Mae Dick**, a donation to the Mission & Service Fund has been received from sister, Gail Arsenault.

In loving memory of **Sonny Thompson**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Gail Arsenault.

In loving memory of **Bessie Sweezey**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Helen & Alfred Steeves.

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

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

In loving memory of **John Bracken**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Jacky LeBreton and Kennie Steen.

Greeters: Nov.16 – Charles Turner & Doris Tozer/**Nov. 23** – Faye Wilson & Betty MacDiarmid

- **Sound System:** Nov. 9 – Paul Rose/Nov. 16 – Paul Rose
- **PowerPoint:** Nov. 9 – Mary Reynolds/Nov. 16 – Barry Campbell
- Offering Collectors:** Nov. 9 – Patty Deitch, Cynthia Duplessie, Dennis & Judy Morrison/Nov. 16 = Helen Jones, Brian & Joan Savoy, Marj MacPhee
- **Offering Counters:** Nov. 9 – Karen Rose & Marj MacPhee/Nov. 16 – Brian Savoy, Barry Campbell

▪ **Weekly Collection:**

Collection on Sunday, Nov. 2 th	\$ 1,110.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,259.00</u>
Total for Week of Nov. 2th	\$ 2,369.00

Upcoming:

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Save the date:** Our next Ladies Social Gathering is planned for Thursday, Nov. 20th at 12 noon. More information will follow.

Fundraiser:

- ❖ **Next Sunday, Nov. 16th** we will start our Annual Memory Wreath project. People are invited to place a bulb in memory of/in honour of loved ones in the booklet that will be by the Minister's Study. 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:

- ❖ **Christmas Hamper Registration** will be taking place on Monday, Nov. 10th and Wednesday, Nov. 12th from 10 am till 12 noon at St. Mary's Anglican Church. This is for Chatham Area: Harper Road to Loggieville, Black River, Napan and St. Margaret's.

- ❖ **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**.

We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in loving memory of Jeep & Moetsche (Maudie) Bosma, Tineke (Bosma) Goodfellow and all the Canadian Soldiers who liberated the Bosma Family from the Nazis received from John, Marjorie and the Bosma Family.



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“WE REMEMBER”

Our Veterans

Barry Campbell
Denis Desaulniers
Clarke Fraser
Robert Gregan
John MacKnight
Terry McKay
Emerson (Cam) Tilley

We fondly remember deceased veterans during the past year Reg Fulton and James McGerrigle.

Second World War Casualties:

Army:	22,917 killed	52,679 wounded
Navy:	2,204 killed	319 wounded
Air Force:	17,101 killed	1,416 wounded
Merchant Navy:	12,000 killed	1,600 wounded
Korean Casualties:	516 killed	1,557 casualties

Our Canadian Troops Injured or killed in Afghanistan

