



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



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Sunday, March 8, 2026

Lent 3

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



Worship Leader: Pastor Derrick Carnahan
Organist and Choir Director: Lois McKinnon
Greeters: Jeanne Breau & Marilyn McGerrigle

Sunday Worship Service

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Stand as you are able.

Musical Prelude

Welcome Theme “God’s Love For Us”

Call to Worship

L: O come, let us sing to our God and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

All: We lift our hearts and voices in joy and thanksgiving for being here together in the presence of our beloved God.

L: Come, let us worship this amazing God, for we belong to God.

All: We will listen for God’s word and live in the hope it inspires.

Introit: VU 108, vs.2 “Throughout these Lenten Days and Nights

**The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,
who found in weakness greater power,
embraces us, though lost and flawed,
and leads us to his Rising Hour.**

Opening Prayer

Extinguishing of the Second Lenten Candle – *Liz Mullin*

Today we remember that the path of Christ was not easy. He met misunderstanding, rejection, and thirst — not only for water, but for hearts to turn toward God. We, too, know the dryness of spirit, the weariness of walking in faith when the way feels long.

As we extinguish this third candle, we acknowledge the shadows that grow as we draw nearer to the cross. Yet even in the dimming light, we trust in the One who offers living water to all who believe.

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.**

Prayer in Unison

Holy God, in this season of Lent, forgive us our sins, quench our thirst for truth, soften our hearts to Your presence, and guide our steps toward the hope of Easter. Amen.

Words of Assurance

*Opening Hymn: VU #371, "Open My Eyes"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination (Unison) – Sally Donald

Jesus Christ, we turn to you this day to be refreshed by God's living Word in the Scriptures. Let the Holy Spirit open our eyes to your truth and shine truth on the way you set before us. Amen.

Epistle: Romans 5:1-11

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Anthem: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Message: "God's Love For Us"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn: VU #663, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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

Invitation to the Offering

Choral Offertory: VU #541, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow'

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Offertory Prayer In Unison

Gracious God, what we place before you today is small beside your abundance. Take these offerings and use them to bring your living water to dry and weary places. Let our generosity reflect your endless gift. In the name of the One who is the Messiah, we pray. Amen. (John 4:5-42)

Announcements- *Marj MacPhee*

*Closing Hymn: VU 333, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Benediction:

Choral Closing: "Go Now In Peace"

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Musical Postlude



Announcements

***Congratulations are extended to Robert & Edna Price
who will celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary
on Tuesday, March 17th, 2026.***

In loving memory of **Margaret (Peggy Wood) Dutcher, Marie (Malcolm) Dutcher, Michael Lee Dutcher**, a donation to St. Mark's Cemetery has been received from Robert, Eleinor, Jean, Nancy, Daniel & Ian.

Worship Leaders: March 15 – Jennifer Walker & Merle Milson/**March 22-** Daniel Szemok/**March 29** – Daniel Szemok

Greeters: March 15 – Ron Carter & Ann Brown/**March 22** – Judy & Dennis Morrison

▪ **Sound System: March 8** – Brian Savoy/**March 15** – Paul Rose

▪ **PowerPoint: March 8** – Mary Reynolds/ **March 15** – Barry Campbell

-**Offering Collectors: March 8** – Ferne & Ernie MacLean, Carolyn Shirley and Carol Johnston/**March 15** – Valerie Flynn, Judy Donnelly, Bev & Barry Campbell

▪ **Offering Counters: March 8** – Brian Savoy & Barry Campbell/**March 15** – Betty MacDiarmid, Don Bowman

Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday,	\$ 1,475.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,259.00</u>
Total for Week of	\$ 2,734.00

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

This Week:

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

Upcoming:

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

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: every Wednesday 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 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.

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 featuring- Villagers- Landry Scottish Dancers- Susan Butler – Dawn Patterson- Norman & Bernard Young – Donna & Tyrone Hubbard - Melanie Ross. Tickets \$45.00 each by reservation only, call Susan at 506-622-1780 or e -mail susanbutler867@gmail.com. Menu caters to special diets. Hosted by the 69th Miramichi Folksong Festival Inc.

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 Edmond Boucher by daughter, Patricia Boucher and son-in-law, Merle Milson.



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