



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



October 8, 2025.

World Communion 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

October 8, 2025

World Communion Sunday

Worship Leader: Rev. Charlene Maguire MacKnight

Organist and Choir Director: Lois McKinnon

Greeters: Mary Reynolds & Helen Jones

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

**Stand as you are able.*

Musical Prelude

Greeting

*Introit: VU 606, In Christ There Is No East or West (vs. 1,3)

**In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north,
But one great family of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**Join hands, then, people of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be;
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me**

Lighting of the Christ Candle: *(seated)- Patty Deitch*

In the light of the Christ candle,

we remember Jesus who came as Light for the world.

May the Light of Christ shine through each of us,

as a reflection of the love which Jesus showed for all.

Candle is lit as we sing VU 679, vs.1:

**Let there be light, let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather, let them be face to face.**

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to Worship:

This is God's world.

**We come to worship our Creator and to celebrate the various
gifts God has given us.**

We are called to prayer,

opening our hearts to God and to one another.

We share in the vision of a world joined as one family.

**For the vision we are given and for the love that we share:
Thanks be to God!**

Opening Prayer:

God who nourishes us for the journey: It is strengthening to know that, as we gather at your table today, your people throughout the world are offering praise and thanksgiving as bread and wine are shared. May the mystery of your presence, experienced in our worship, bind us together into one worldwide community, through Christ our Host. Amen.

*Hymn: VU 316, Praise Our Maker

Conversation for All Ages

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: *Sally Donald*

God ever present, ever new, as we read your Word let us hear your voice, and in hearing, may we find inspiration for our day to day living. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 138, VU p. 860

O.T. Scripture: Lamentations 1:1-6; 3:19-26

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Ministry of Music: 'Bread of Life, Feed My Soul'

Reflection on the Word

Prayer

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn: VU 288, Great Is Thy Faithfulness (vs. 1,3)

Announcements of the Life & Work of the Church – *Merle Milson*

Offering

*Choral Response: VU 549, For All Your Goodness, God

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:

Our time, our talent, and our treasure we bring to you, O God. We return with gratitude, and for your blessing, gifts that seem small by themselves, but gifts that, when added one to the other, become a mighty witness. Bless our offerings as a sign of our faithfulness and may they be used to benefit the purpose and service of this congregation and the wider church. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

*Communion Hymn: VU 467, One Bread, One Body (vs. 1,2)

Communion Prayer:

L: Jesus prayed that we might be one. One in spirit, one in mission, one in union and communion with each other and with God. Let us open our hearts in prayer as we come to the table.

L: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to our Creator God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: We thank you, God, that you have made this wonderful world: the sun and stars, the grain and the grapes, all of the amazing creatures, and each one of us. Our hearts are filled with awe and praise!

All: We thank you for the stories of your people throughout all time, that show us your way, that remind us how much you love us, even when things get out of focus and we forget you.

L: And especially we give thanks that you sent Jesus to the world to live your love, and bring us back again to you. And so with all the faithful throughout time, we sing with joy:

(Sung, MV #203)

O holy, holy, holy, God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings your praise.

**And blessed is the one who comes and bears your name
always.**

L: Today we join together with brothers and sisters around the world, praying that we may live in peace and hope, with justice and love.

All: We unite with people of faith on all continents celebrating the simple grandeur of your grace.

L: We remember how Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, gathered with his disciples at table. He took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to his friends saying:

All: "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

L: Jesus also took a cup and after giving thanks, gave it to his friends saying:

All: "Take and drink. This cup that is poured out for you is the promise of God, made in my blood. Do this in remembrance of me."

L: God of heaven and earth, bless what we do here. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our world that we may live to see your Law and your Way become our reality.

All: May the Spirit's presence make this meal one that changes us, and through us, the world. Grant that, in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

(Sung, MV 204)

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

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L: Glory be to you, eternal God, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray together, saying:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven

Breaking of the Bread & Blessing of the Cup

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer after Communion:

For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the Spirit in which we live, we thank you, God of all love! May our sharing at table strengthen and enliven us to share your love with one another here and in the whole world. Amen.

Hymn: VU 467, One Bread, One Body (vs. 3)

*Benediction:

L: As a community of compassion, shaped in God's image, go out into the world to spread and point out the goodness of God's love and grace that is present in the world around you.

All: We go in the strength of Christ, with the encouragement of the Spirit, knowing we are both loved and blessed by God, this day and forevermore. Amen.

***Choral Blessing: MV 213, Take Up This Song**

**Take up his song of peace
and go into the world.
Take up his song of peace
in ev'ry moment.**

**In ev'ry moment of the journey,
we're laying down our lives;
lay them down, in peace,
lay them down and take up his song.**

Musical Postlude



World Communion Sunday is observed on the first Sunday in October, bringing together Christians around the world to share in the sacred act of communion on the same day. This special occasion invites believers from many traditions and backgrounds to pause and reflect on their unity in Christ, despite cultural, language, or denominational differences. Whether celebrated in a quiet countryside church or a vibrant city congregation, it serves as a gentle but meaningful reminder that the Christian faith is deeply rooted in community — a global community bound not by walls or rituals, but by grace and shared belief.

Announcements

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the
Family of the late Diane Baker.*

*The sympathy if also extended to Elvina & Jack Sobey, Jayme
& Donald Campbell and Family on the death of Elvina's
sister, Gladys Jardine.*

Memorials:

In loving memory of **Brian Morrison (1969-Sept. 30, 1996) and
Ron Morrison (1941- Oct. 11, 2017)**, a donation to Local Funds
has been received from Shirley Morrison, Kevin and David.

In loving memory of **Diane Baker**, donations to Local Funds have
been received from Karen & Paul Rose, Barbara Doucet.

In loving memory of **Diane Baker**, a donation to Riverside
Cemetery has been received from cousin, Norma Richardson and
Family.

In loving memory of **Gladys Jardine**, a donation to Local Funds
has been received from Barbara Doucet, Karen & Paul Rose and
Family.

In loving memory of **Donna (Dickson) Yeaman** (deceased Oct.8,
2023), a donation to Local Funds has been received from parents,
John & Elaine Dickson and Family and Friends.

In loving memory of **Jack Whyte**, a donation to Local Funds has
been received from Helen Jones.

Worship:

Greeters: Oct. 12- Bev Campbell & Muriel Lamkey/Oct. 19 –
Margaret & Benjamin Glidden

▪ **Sound System:** Oct. 5 – Don Bowman/Oct. 12 – Brian Savoy

▪ **PowerPoint:** Oct. 5 – Jennifer Walker/Oct. 12 – Mary Reynolds

-Offering Collectors: Oct. 5 – Carolyn Shirley, Carol Johnston, Debbie Stymiest, Judy Donnelly/Oct. 12 – Patty Deitch, Cynthia Duplessie, Dennis & Judy Bowman

▪ Offering Counters: Oct. 5 – Betty MacDiarmid & Carol Johnston/Oct. 12 – Brian Savoy & Barry Campbell

3. Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, Sept. 28 th	\$ 835.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,259.00</u>
Total for Week of Sept. 28th	\$ 2,094.00

A very special **THANK YOU** is extended to all the congregation members who so graciously sent food, who visited and all the phone calls received while I was recovering from my surgery. It certainly meant the world to me and each and everyone brightened my day.
Lois McKinnon

This Week:

- ❖ **The St. Andrew's United Social Club** invites all ladies of the congregation for a luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 9th at 12 noon. This will be followed by lots of laughs from special guests, a few rounds of bingo, maybe a joke or two and a great time of fellowship. We also encourage you to bring a friend along as well.
- ❖ **We are now accepting donations towards the fundraiser for the church (that would be in place of the supper).** Tax receipts will be issued and an suggest amount was \$20 or \$25 dollars. Thank you for your support of St. Andrew's United Church.

Upcoming:

- ❖ **We invite you to bring in donations of non-perishable food items** next Sunday, Oct. 12th for the Miramichi Food Bank.
- ❖ **As you are aware, Daniel has been dealing with ongoing health concerns for quite some time.** It has been recommended that he consider a consultation with the health care professionals at the Mayo Clinic in the United States. After careful consideration and consults with specialist at the Mayo Clinic, Daniel and his mom Rev. Alice, will be leaving for the clinic in Minesota, on November 3rd with hopes of finding a diagnosis for Daniel's illness. A trip of this magnitude will result in significant medical expenses. To help ease the financial burden, a concert with a free-will offering, will be held at St.

James & St. John United Church on Sunday, October 19th, at 2 PM, 557 King George Hwy. Entertainment will be provided by the congregations of St. Andrews and St. James & St. John United Churches, as well as the Red Bank Pastoral Charge, the Villagers, Bill Hachey and Friends, United Harmony and Kimberley Shaddick. We look forward to seeing as many people come out and support Daniel with his journey.

For anyone not able to attend the musical event but still would like to donate you can do by dropping them to Karen at the church office and she will make sure they are sent to the Daniel.

- ❖ **CGIT Alumni** will be meeting for their monthly gathering at O'Donaghue's Pub on Monday, Oct. 6th at 11:30 a.m.

Fundraisers:

- ❖ **The time is getting close to purchase your tickets** for the Thanksgiving that take place on Tuesday, Oct. 14th. Tickets are 3/\$5 or 7/\$10. Tickets should be all returned to the church office no later than Sunday, Oct. 13th.

Community:

- ❖ **Victorian Fall Tea** being held on Wednesday, Oct. 8 from 11am – 2 pm at St. James & St. John's United Church Centre. Prize is \$12. **"Thanksgiving Pies for PRE-ORDER at \$10 each** to be picked up at the centre on the same day. Ticket Contacts: Jean 506-622-6375 or Helen 506-779-6002.
- ❖ **Socktober is running again from Oct. 1st till Oct. 31st.** People are invited to donate a pair of new socks and warm the soles of those in need! Socks can be dropped off to the church throughout the week and placed in the tote placed at the back of the sanctuary by Karen's office.
- ❖ **The Annual Fall Sale** will be happening again at the Wesley United Church, Trout Brook on Saturday, Oct. 18th from 1-3 p.m. Come along and bring a friend.
- ❖ **St. Andrew's United Church, Tabusintac, N.B. will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the United Church with an "Old Fashion Hymn Sing"** Sunday, Oct. 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the church. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the church basement. Hope to see you there!

- ❖ **Men & Women Fellowship Breakfast** will be held at St. Mary's Anglican Church on Saturday, Oct. 18th at 9am. Music will be by Mark & Natalie Rector, Andrew & Judy Lavergne. Testimonies by: Kevin & Dinah Horsman. Cost is \$12 each. For tickers call Clarie Fracker 625-7290; Keith Trevors 220-0031; or Church Office 773-7387.

Pastoral Care:

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

**We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins
in loving memory of father, Alex Milson
by Merle Milson and Patricia Boucher.**



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