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St. Andrew's United Church

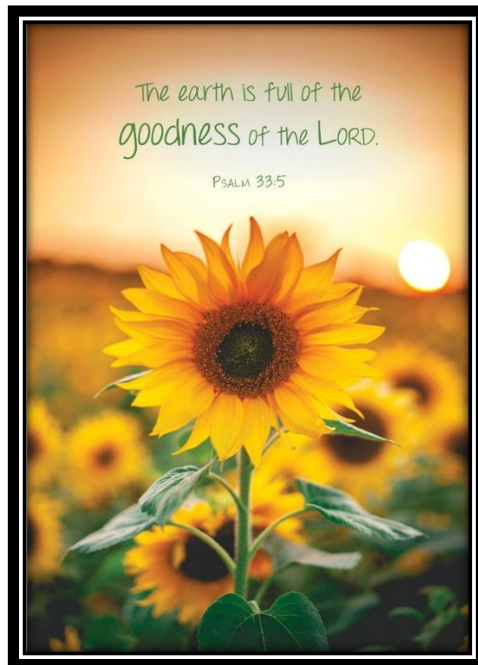


September 7, 2025.

13th after Pentecost

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

September 7, 2025

Worship Leader: Daniel Szemok, LLWL
Organist and Choir Director: Mr. Ken Simpson
Greeters: Patty Deitch & Cynthia Duplessie

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Stand as you are able.

Music Prelude:

Welcome

Introit: MV #1, vs.1 “Let Us Build a House”

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children
tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace:
here the love of Christ shall end divisions;
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Lighting the Christ Candle & Peace Candle – *Ferne MacLean*

Lord, I know you love me, but I need you to change those things which I cannot! I’m waiting! I am waiting for you to help me, can’t you see? There are broken relationships and serious health challenges. Just listen to my thoughts and hear my ideas, because my plan is good!
The Lord says: “...my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,”!

(As candle is lit we sing) VU # 82, “A Light is Gleaming” refrain

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God’s radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.**

Call to Worship: (the bolded section only)

God, if you love me, you will do what I ask!

My child I love you and I do only what is best!

God, fix my problems so I may be happy, don't you want me to be happy?

I want you to have happiness but I want you to have my happiness and not yours!

Just fix my problems that's all I ask, so I could finally have peace!

But here I am, offering you MY peace that is not contingent on your problems!

In Jesus name, Amen

***Opening Hymn:** VU # 376, "Spirit of the Living God"

Opening Prayer:

Children's Time

Invitation to the Offering

***Offering Hymn:** 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.

***Offering Prayer:** (read together with congregation)

God of extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched you have poured out wonder and pleasure and delight, goodness and beauty and bounty. Those who know you, attest to the truth, that your generosity has no limits! You decided to bring about change and healing through us, your children. We cannot understand why you chose, imperfect creatures to carry out your perfect will; but we ask for your help to give abundantly, to love selflessly; just as you through Christ love us! Amen.

The Word of God Proclaimed

Ministry of Music: “Be Not Afraid”

Sermon: The Wait... (part 3)

We Respond to God’s Word

***Hymn:** VU #574, “Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love”

Announcements: *Merle Milson*

We Go Out as God’s People

***Closing Hymn:** VU # 651, “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

***Commissioning and Benediction:**

***Choral Closing:** “Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart;

Give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.

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Give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”

Let the poor say, “I am rich,”

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks!

Musical Postlude



Announcements

**The sympathy of the congregation is extended to
Judy Wiliston and Family on the death of her husband,
Willis Wiliston.**

Memorials:

In loving memory of **Eleanor (Harris) (1934- August 30, 2013) Turner**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from the Turner Family.

In loving memory of **Jack Tozer (1933- September 2, 2015)**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from wife, Doris, children, Edward & Sandra and their families.

In loving memory of **Roger Sherrard**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Mary & Kyla Reynolds.

In loving memory of **Willis Williston**, donations to Local Funds have been received from Jacky LeBreton & Ken Steen, Margaret & John Glidden, Karen & Paul Rose.

In loving memory of **Willis Williston**, a donation to Miramichi Food Bank has been received from Buddie & Frances Blakely.

In loving memory of **Stella Gilliss**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Dennis & Judy Morrison.

In loving memory of **James McGerrilge**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Margaret & John Glidden.

In loving memory of **Steven Tozer (Nov. 3, 1958- Sept. 9, 2005)**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received by his Family.

Worship:

Church Hours: Monday – 9-4; Tuesday – 9-4; Wednesday 9-4; Thursday 9-4; and Friday 9-4

Greeters: **Sept. 14** – Ernie & Ferne MacLean/**Sept. 21** – Debbie Stymiest & Norma Richardson/**Sept. 28** – Joan & Brian Savoy

▪ **Sound System:** **Sept. 7** – Paul Rose/**Sept. 14** – Don Bowman/**Sept. 21** – Brian Savoy

▪ **PowerPoint:** **Sept. 7** – Mary Reynolds/**Sept. 14** – Mary Reynolds/**Sept. 21** – Barry Campbell

-**Offering Collectors:** **Sept. 7** – Helen Jones, Brian & Joan Savoy, Jeanne Breau/**Sept. 14** – Bev & Barry Campbell, Holly Daley, Judy Donnelly/**Sept. 21** – Patty Deitch, Cynthia Duplessie, Dennis & Judy Morrison

▪ **Offering Counters:** **Sept. 7** – Judy & Dennis Morrison/**Sept 14** – Brian Savoy & Don Bowman/**Sept. 21** – Karen Rose & Debbie Stymiest

3. Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, Aug. 31 st	\$ 1,075.00
Weekly Par Collection	\$ 1,448.00
Total for Week of Aug. 31st	\$ 2,523.00

To meet budget we need to receive \$3,115.86 in offerings each week.

This Week:

- 1) **The Good Used Clothing Sale** realized a profit of \$3,158.90. A big thank you to everyone who worked and donated their time to the sale.
- 2) **Daniel mentioned that one of the things he loved about our church was that - before the service - people didn't just sit in their seats but walked around to chat with people.** He asked if we could come up with a way to encourage this each week.

If you remember, we tried to have a "Coffee Time" about once a month before the service and it seemed to be well received.

Would you be interested in taking a turn - perhaps once every 8 weeks or so - in preparing coffee/tea and ONE snack - either Timbits, biscuits, sweet bread, fruit, etc. This way, we could have a "Coffee Time" each week.

If we have enough people wanting to do this, you could be paired up with another interested person to help get things ready. This way, the same people wouldn't be responsible

for the “Coffee Time” every week. If you are able please let Liz Mullin know at 506-778-8292.

Upcoming:

- 1) **Monday, July 8th** – 10:30 a.m. - Church Council Meeting
- 2) **Tuesday, July 9th** - 1:30 p.m. – Faith & Spiritual Development Team Meeting

Fundraisers:

1. St. Andrew's United Church is once again asking congregation members to sell tickets on our **“Thanksgiving Fundraiser.” You can win 1st prize a case of lobster or 2nd prize \$500 in gift cards.** Draw will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 14th. Tickets are 3/\$5 or 7/\$10. Tickets are available through the church office Your support is crucial for this to be a success.

Community:

1. St. James & St. John United Church will be making Cold Plates on Wednesday, September 17th, for a cost of \$15 each. Included is ham, potato salad, pasta salad, cucumber, tomato, lettuce, roll and homemade cookies. Pick up time will be between 10:30 – 12:00 PM. at the Church Centre, 556 King George Hwy. If you would like to order, please phone the church office by Friday, September 12th at 506-622-1598 or email stjiuc@nbnet.nb.ca

Pastoral Care:

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

Church Notes:

- When you want your _____ to change, the reality is that it is _____ have to change! As _____ change, so will _____!
- The _____ I want and wait for is _____ as _____ as the _____ God is doing in me in the midst of my awful, burning wait.
- When _____ things happen, those _____ are _____ part of God's will; however, God will _____ the pain, the loss, the hurt also for our _____.
- I'm not waiting for _____, _____ is waiting for _____!

**We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins
in memory Hallam Curtis by Donna, Coralie & Matt.**



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