

The United Church of Canada L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



Nov. 23, 2025.

Reign of Christ Sunday



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Sunday Worship Service

Nov. 23, 2025 Regin of Christ

Worship Leader: DANIEL SZEMÖK Organist and Choir Director: Lois McKinnon Greeters: Faye Wilson & Judy Donnelly

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Stand as you are able.

Musical Prelude

Greeting

*Introit: "Bless the Lord, O my Soul"

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O my soul, worship your holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Peace Candle: (seated)

- Liz Mullin

There is a King who left everything and gave up all his authority to save his people. He came to us in simple clothes and when the price for our wrongs needed to be paid, he paid it, he took it, because we wouldn't, because we couldn't! That is the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, the lonely carpenter who came and saved the world. Amen.

Candle is lit as we sing:

Light up the candle everyday
Jesus be with us here as we pray.

Call to Worship:

Lift up your voice to the Mighty one of Zion, lift up your hands in praise.

If we remain timid and silent the stones would start to sing and praise!

We are here to celebrate life! The life we could not earn but which was given to us. We have been made alive in the one who is called the Messiah!

Heaven has a king, who is mighty and powerful, yet he entered into our hearts through gentle words of love and compassion. Amen

*Hymn: VU 330, "Jesus Shall Reign"

Opening Prayer: (lay minister will pray)

Conversation for the Young at Heart

Offering

*Choral Response: "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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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!

*Offertory Prayer: (read together with congregation)
People cry; more, more we want more of everything!
But do you not know that stuff will not make you happy?
The paradox of following God is that when we give our time, energy and money, we will not have less but through His blessing we will have even more!

Fear not, but ask and pray, be generous for God knows what we need and he provides.

In Jesus name, Amen.

The Word of God Proclaimed

We Respond to God's Word

Ministry of Music: "Draw the Circle Wide"

Title

Sermon:

Prayer

*Hymn: VU #341, Fairest Lord Jesus
Announcements of the Life & Work of the Church
– Judy Donnelly
Closing Hymn: VU 595, "We Are Pilgrims" vs/. 1, 2 5 & 6
*Benediction:
*Choral Blessing: VU #424, "May the God of Hope" vs. 2 & Chorus
May the God of healing free the earth from fear, freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued. May the God of love keep our commitment clear to a world restored, to human life renewed.
Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all, working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.
Musical Postlude
Sermon Notes: Jesus' identity is defined by three traits; he is
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Announcements

Memorials:

In loving memory of **Paul Boucher**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Ernie & Ferne Maclean.

In loving memory of **Kevin Moller**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from father, John Moller.

In loving memory of **Judy Sipes**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Colleen Dickson.

In loving memory of **Judy Sipes**, a donation to Local Fund has been received from Collen Dickson, Ron Cronkhite & Lynn Somers, Ray & Janice Carter.

<u>Coffee Hour</u>: Nov. 30 - Ferne MacLean & Jennifer Walker/ Dec. 7 - Liz Mullin & Cynthia Duplessie

<u>Greeters</u>: Nov. 30 – Judy Donnelly & Marjorie MacPhee/Dec. 7 – Ray & Janice Carter

- Sound System: Nov. 23 Barry Campbell/Nov. 30 Brian Savoy
- ■PowerPoint: Nov. 23 Mary Reynolds/Nov. 30 Jennifer Walker
- -<u>Offering Collectors</u>: Nov. 23 Barry & Bev Campbell, Holly Daley, Judy Donnelly/Nov. 30 Patty Deitch, Cynthia Duplessie, Dennis & Judy Morrison
- Offering Counters: Nov. 23 Betty MacDiarmid, Marjorie Cassidy/Nov. 30- Carol Johnston, Liz Mullin
- Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, Nov. 16th \$ 720.00 Weekly Par Collection \$ 1,259.00 **Total for Week of Nov. 16th** \$ **1,979.00**

This Week:

- ❖ Tuesday, Nov. 25th 7:00 p.m. Property & Financial Management Team Meeting
- ❖ Saturday, Nov.29th 10 a.m. The St. Andrew's United Church Breakfast Group will be meeting at the Portage Restaurant. All are welcome!

A huge thank you for all those who participated in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Campaign. We filled an amazing 50 boxes. Many children in impoverished parts of the world will be touched by your generosity.

Merle Milson

The Gifts and Talents list has been updated, anyone who would still like to fill one out, please do so and bring it into the church office. We appreciate all who took the time and is volunteering for certain aspects within the church. Forms can be picked up on the back table by the water cooler.

Upcoming:

❖ Sunday, Nov. 30th − Birthday Box for WDR

Fundraiser:

- Annual Memory Wreath Project is now underway.

 People are invited to place a bulb in memory of/in honour of loved ones in the booklet. Each bulb is \$2.00 and donations may be placed into the donation box. The project will run till Wednesday, Nov. 26th.
- As was discussed for two Sundays at church, donations for the Christmas Hampers can be made through the church office.

Our hampers consist of cheese whiz, jam, peanut butter, margarine, can vegetables, can fruit, pasta, pasta sauce, can meat, cookies, cranberries, can soup, stove top, candy, can milk, juice, cereal, tea, coffee.

Perishables are potatoes, carrots, oranges, apples, bread, milk and a turkey.

Community:

- 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.

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