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## St. Andrew's United Church

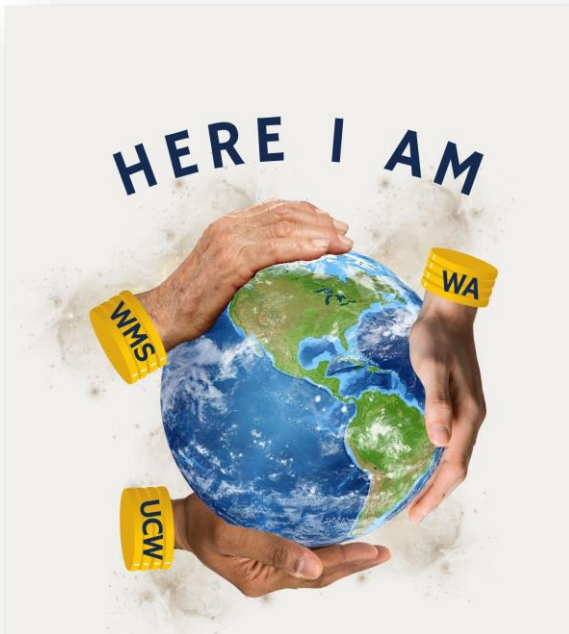


September 28, 2025.

16<sup>th</sup> 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 28, 2025

**Worship Leader:** United Church Women  
**Organist and Choir Director:** Ken Simpson  
**Greeters:** Joan & Brian Savoy

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*Stand as you are able.

**UCW Worship Service for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
United Church of Canada  
“HERE I AM”**

**Music Prelude:**

**Welcome**

**\*Introit: MV # 7, “Gather Us In”**  
**Gather us in, ground us in you.**  
**Gather us in, ground us in you.**  
**Gather us in, gather us in,**  
**ground us, ground us in you.**

**Lighting the Christ Candle & Peace Candle – Linda McKinnon**

We light this candle to begin our worship.

**These candles are the light in the window reminding us that  
God will always welcome us home, no matter what has  
happened or what we have done or left undone.**

Come and worship to remind yourself of the vital promise.

**We come, knowing that God is here to welcome us.**

As the candles are lit we sing: VU # 87, “I Am the Light of the  
World” chorus

**“I am the light of the world!  
You people come and follow me!”  
If you follow and love you’ll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.**

**Call to Worship – Daniel Szemok**

Creator God, You call.

**We come as others came before us.**

You call your people to do your work.



**We come to listen to your call.**

As our ancestors listened to your call to action one hundred years ago.

**Here we are.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** VU # 395, "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"

**Opening Prayer – Karen Rose**

Creator God, we come in search of unity with others and with you. We have not always listened. We have not always heard. We come in gratitude to you for walking with us on our journey. Be with us now as you have with those who have gone before. Be near us as we strive to listen to each other and walk together as one United Church. We welcome all to celebrate God's presence in their lives. Let us join to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

We join our voices in the words of prayer that Jesus taught us to pray...**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Children's Hymn:** MV #156, "Dance with the Spirit"

**Children's Time – Mary Reynolds**

**The Word of God Proclaimed**

**Prayer for illumination – Ferne MacLean**

We come seeking, O God. We seek wisdom. We seek knowledge. We seek what will restore our spirits and provide refuge from the chaos of the world. Bless to us your word, this day, and guide us to the wisdom we need. Amen.

**Scripture Reading:**

1 Samuel 3:1-19 – *Daniel Szemok*

Matthew 10:5-15 Bold Discipleship – *Carol Johnston*

**Ministry of Music:** "Love Lifted Me"

**Reflection:** Here We Are! - *Debbie Stymiest*

**We Respond to Gods Word**

**\*Hymn:** VU # 509, 'I, the Lord of Sea & Sky'

**Announcements – Judy Donnelly**



**Birthday Box for WDR:** *(sung seated, as people come forward to share their birthday box offering, for August and September Birthday's)*

**Happy Birthday to you, to Jesus be true;**

**May God's richest blessings, now rest upon you.**

**These gifts we now share, to show that we care  
for all of God's children, here and everywhere.**

**Invitation to the Offering:**

God is good.

God has blessed us in so many ways. We cannot repay God for the gifts we have received in Jesus Christ. We cannot repay but we can offer our gifts and our lives to further God's work in our world. Therefore, let us join together in our morning offering.

**\*Offering Hymn: MV #191, "What Can I Do?"**

**What can I do? What can I bring?**

**What can I say? What can I sing?**

**I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.**

**I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

**\*Offering Prayer: Unison**

**Loving God, You, have given us so much, have called us to use our time and talents and treasures, united in Your service. Receive our gifts as an expression of our love for You, and of our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ. May they be used for the total mission of the United Church responding to Your call to build a new and better world for tomorrow.**

**Life Membership Pins: Debbie Stymiest**

**Prayers of the People – Cynthia Duplessie**

Compassionate God,

Hear us as we pray for this Anniversary year,

**For the UCW, with its history and hopes...**

We pray for the church and the various ministries...

**For your Church and its varied ministries...**

For the work of justice and the healing of Creation...

**For care of strangers, neighbours, family and friends...**

For those isolated by sickness, sorrow, violence, fear...

**For those who face illness and death...**

For those broken by the world...

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn: VU # 332, The Church's One Foundation"**



**\*Commissioning:** *Judy Morrison*

Loving God here we are. You call us to serve you to walk new paths, not knowing where we are going, we know that your hand will lead us, and your love support us and we go out in Faith, Hope and Love.

**\*Closing Prayer:** *Judy Morrison*

And now, go with us, God, into the days ahead.  
Strengthen us for peace. Give us wisdom, keep us humble,  
and may we live and work together, and so striving,  
Build a new and better world for tomorrow. Amen.

**Blessing of the Food:** *Debbie Stymiest*

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with hearts full of gratitude and joy as we are about to gather for the church luncheon. Thank You for this opportunity to share in fellowship, to strengthen our bonds as brothers and sisters in Christ, and to celebrate the love and unity You have given us. Thank you for the food that has been prepared. We do not take these blessings for granted, and we ask that You bless this food, that it may nourish our bodies and give us strength to continue serving You with joy and dedication. Amen.

**\*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

**We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins  
in loving memory of Steven Tozer (deceased Sept. 9, 2005)  
and Linda MacDonald (deceased Sept. 26, 2014)  
by Robert & Margaret Tozer and Family.**

***The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Faye Wilson  
and Family on the death of Faye's brother, Jack Whyte.***

### **Memorials:**

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

In loving memory of **Rita Russell**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Carol & Lee Johnston.

In loving memory of **Jack Whyte**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Henry & Karen Wilson.

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### **Worship:**

**Church Hours:** Monday – 9-4; Tuesday – Closed for Holiday; Wednesday 9-4; Thursday 9-4; and Friday 9-4

**Greeters:** **Sept. 28** – Joan & Brian Savoy/**Oct. 5** – Karen Rose & Helen Jones

▪ **Sound System:** **Sept. 28** – Paul Rose/**Oct. 5** – Don Bowman

▪ **PowerPoint:** **Sept. 28** – Barry Campbell /**Oct. 5** – Jennifer Walker

-**Offering Collectors:** **Sept.28** – Brian & Joan Savoy, Ernie & Ferne MacLean/**Oct. 5** – Carolyn Shirley, Carol Johnston, Debbie Stymiest, Judy Donnelly

▪ **Offering Counters:** **Sept. 28** – Karen Rose & Barry Campbell/**Oct. 5** – Karen Rose & Carol Johnston

### **3. Weekly Collection:**

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| Collection on Sunday, Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>   | \$ 815.00          |
| Weekly Par Collection                          | <u>\$ 1,259.00</u> |
| <b>Total for Week of Sept. 21<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>\$ 2,074.00</b> |



## **This Week:**

1. **Thursday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – 1:00 p.m. Exercise Class with Judy Bowman

## **Upcoming:**

- 1) **Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating Communion** as part of World Communion Sunday. We will welcome to the pulpit Rev. Charlene.
- 2) **Our usual monthly collection of non-perishable** goods for the Miramichi Food Bank will NOT be held next Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Instead, we hope to have a generous amount of donations on Thanksgiving Sunday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanking you for your kindness in advance
- 3) **A group of volunteers have agreed to run the soup kitchen** with Barb Doucet still having input on the meals for the New Year. They will still actively seek a group to take it over full time but for now it will continue operate to help the community each week.
- 4) **The St. Andrew's United Social Club** invites all ladies of the congregation for a luncheon on Wednesday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Fundraisers:**

The time is getting close to purchase your tickets for the Thanksgiving that take place on Tuesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are 3/\$5 or 7/\$10. Tickets are available through the church office.

## **Community:**

1. **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.
2. **Socktober is running again from Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> till Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.** 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.



3. **Miramichi Quilt Guild will hold their Quilt Show** on Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10-5 and Saturday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> from 10-3 at St. Andrew's United Church. Admission is \$5 a person. Tea Room, Vendors and Quilt Draw to take place.

**Pastoral Care:**

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



The United Church of Canada is a community of hope, a vibrant and vital church with both purpose and vision. We live in a time of rapid change in religious life, great inequities between peoples, and collective harm to our earth community. As church, we have been complicit in injustice. And yet we have this hope. We believe we continue to be called to witness in love and justice to the liberating, healing Christ risen in this place and time. Together, we strive towards repentance, repair, and right relations with all peoples and the planet. Our call and vision statement speaks to how we boldly embody the Christian story in this time, filled with the certainty of resurrection and hope for new life.

Living purposefully into this call and vision anticipates becoming what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others called the *Beloved Community*—the ever inbreaking, ever transforming, ever reconciling realm of God, realized in our time.

**Call**

The United Church of Canada Call reflects the core of our purpose, sharing who we seek to be in “such a time as this” (Esther 4:14).

*Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice*

**Vision**

The United Church of Canada vision reflects what the church aspires to be over a 5- to 10-year span.

*Called by God, as disciples of Jesus, The United Church of Canada seeks to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, and daring justice.*