**St. Andrews United Church**



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November 10th, 2024
Remembrance Sunday

**WE GATHER**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Acknowledging Our Kinship**

One: For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on their traditional territory and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

**All: Many of us have come from other places, arriving from distant shores, our families arriving years ago or some of us more recently. When settlers came, they were met by others who** **were already here, already knew these lands, already lived rich and full lives based on ancient and proud cultures.**

One: As we acknowledge the peoples who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial, and their continued claims to the land, help us to become neighbours that we might live together in better ways.

**All: For we are all kin in Christ,** “**All My Relations,” with each other and this earth, its waters, air, animals, and plants.**

**Candle Lighting**

**Call To Worship**

One: On this Remembrance Sunday we gather to pray

**All: for a world where no one will learn war anymore.**

One: On this day when the guns once fell silent,

**All: we gather to pray for peace to reign in every heart, home and nation.**

One: On this day of hope,

**All: we come before you, God, to remember all those who gave their lives so we could be free.**

One: In this time of story, song, and prayer,
help us to catch a vision of how the world could live together.

**All: And so, let echo the old prayers—make us channels of your peace.**

One: In that spirit, let us join our hearts in song.

**Gathering Hymn - This is God’s Wondrous World - 296 VU**

**Prayer of Confession**

One: Almighty God,
We thank you for bringing us together this Remembrance Sunday to recall with tenderness and respect
those who lost their lives from this community
and the many thousands farther afield in the wars
of the last century.

**All: We pray for all those still caught up in conflicts across the world and acknowledge what may be our own confusion about war and how we might participate in creating an enduring peace.**

One: Help us to meet with you in these moments of worship,
Make us ever mindful of your goodness toward us,
and strengthen us to be aware of the needs of others.
As we pray for peace, may it start with peace in our hearts.

### **Words of Assurance**

One: Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life,

**All: Hear our prayers for all this day, and help us to live in love and service. Amen.**

**A Time of Remembrance**

“O Canada,”

**Flanders Fields**

**Response to Flanders Field**

**Words of Remembrance**

One: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

**All: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.**

One: At the going down of the sun and in the morning.

**All: We will remember them.**

**Last Post**

**Minute of Silence**

**Rouse**

**Words of Remembrance**

One: Eternal rest grant unto them, O God, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

**All: May all souls, through your great mercy, rest in peace. Amen**

**Hymn - For the Healing of the Nations - 678 VU**

**We Listen For God’s Word**

**Scripture Reading - Micah 4: 1-5, Ephesians 4: 25-27**

**Ministry of Music**

**Meditation - *Peace and the Pebble in Your Shoe***

**Hymn - Make Me a Channel of Your Peace - 684 VU**

**RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offering Hymn - For the Gift of Creation - 538 VU**

**Offering Prayer**

Faithful God, you ask us to be faithful people.

In this community, you ask us to be people of justice.

In this community, you ask us to be people of mercy.

In this community, you ask us to be people of peace.

Be with us as we try to be faithful

in large ways and in small ways

so your eternal community may come in every way.

**A Moment for Concerns and Celebrations**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

My brothers and sisters,

through this common prayer,

let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ,

not only for ourselves and our own needs,

but for all people, young and old, near and far.

For the holy Church of God,

that we follow in the footsteps of the Prince of Peace

and serve with compassion

the last, the least, the lost, and the littlest ones, let us pray,

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

For all the peoples of the world,

especially those wounded by war

and those who bear the brunt of poverty,

that we heed the prophets’ call

to beat swords into plowshares

and work to transform our world from one

of weapons and want to one of peace and plenty, let us pray,

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

For our nation and our leaders,

that we seek to unite and not divide,

to place a priority on the poor and not the powerful,

grant us wisdom, compassion,

and commitment to justice and peace, let us pray,

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

For all our brothers and sisters in need,

especially the children and families suffering from gun violence

and the violence of poverty, let us pray,

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

For ourselves and our community,

that we join with people of all faiths across our nation

to make our nation and world safe for children, let us pray,

**Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

God of love,

who shelters us like a mother hen and welcomes us like a father,

hear the prayers of your Church,

and grant us today what we ask of you in faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Closing Hymn -Let There Be Light - 679 VU**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

Remember the sacrifices of those who have gone before us.
Take up the whole armour of God and remain steadfast.
Fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.
Put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.
May the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the hope of the Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

**Announcements**

**Coming Events**

* **UCW on November 12 at 10:30am**
* **Board meeting on November 14 at 10:30am**
* **Euchre on November 14 at 1:30pm**
* **St.Andrews Craft Sale on November 16**
* **St. Thomas Youth Choir will perform during the service on November 17th.**

**Don’t forget Rev.Cheryl’s convenanting Service on November 17th at 2pm at New Vision Community Church. Guest Speaker is Rev.John Brown**

**Please help bake for the St. Andrew’s table on November 16th. Bring in your items on November 15th between 1pm and 4pm. (Muffins, cookies, loaves, candy etc). Thank you for your participation.**

**Please join the Hatch family on November 17th after church for cake and ice cream to help celebrate Neil Hatch’s 90th birthday. All are welcome.**