

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH



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Thanksgiving Sunday

WE GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Good Morning and Welcome to this service of worship and praise!
Come, Give thanks to the LORD! Praise God's Holy name!
Tell the whole world what God has done!
Sing to the LORD, for God has done wonderful things for us!

Raise your hearts and voices! shout and sing your praise!
For great is the Holy One who lives among us. Let us Worship!

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle to remind us that God's house glows with love and light and that the Risen Christ is always with us. Amen.

Acknowledging Our Territory

One: Welcome in the name of the Christ.

All: Welcome to this place of worship, situated on Traditional lands.

One: Welcome to this place of retreat and refuge, worship, and wonder.

All: It is good to be here.

One: It is good to be together.

All: Let us prepare to worship God.

Call to Worship

One: God says, "I will fill your cup and then some."

All: We come now to receive.

One: Jesus says, "I bring abundant life to all."

All: We come now to share.

One: Spirit says, "I fill your hearts with love."

All: We come now to love.

One: Let us worship God.

Gathering Hymn - We Praise You O God - 218 VU

Prayer of Confession

When we have sown sparingly;

Lord, have mercy.

When we have given reluctantly;
so often we making excuses.

Christ, have mercy.

May we know the joy of cheerful giving;

May the Spirit, have mercy.

May Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and keep us in eternal life. Amen.

All God's Children - You Are Welcome Here

Hymn - Jesus Friend of Little Children - 340 VU

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading - Psalm 26

Meditation - *Wisdom for the Road*

Hymn of Meditation - We Plough the Fields - 520 VU

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Offering -

Now in response to God's love and generosity, let us take up our offering in support of the mission and ministry of our congregation and the Mission and Service of our wider church.

Dedication -

Like the psalmist, gracious God, we love living with you and we are grateful for our many blessings. We love knowing that you are present with us as we journey through life. With thanksgiving in our hearts, we pray that our gifts of time, talent, and treasure will bless our neighbours, near and far. Amen.

A Moment for Concerns and Celebrations

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Gracious God,
move us to thanksgiving,
not because of all that we have received,
but because of your love of us.

Move us to thanksgiving,
not only for the bounty of the harvest,
but for your ongoing presence in the world
and your promise of abundant life for all.
Move us to thanksgiving, not just today, but every day.

Let our thanksgiving be expressed in our generosity.
Let our thanksgiving be expressed in our service.
Let our thanksgiving be expressed in our compassion
as we take a moment now to offer the prayers of our hearts in silence...

(silent prayer)

May our cups overflow with gratitude and compassion as we gather our prayers using the words that Jesus taught us so long ago....

Lord's Prayer

Hymn - Go Make a Difference - 209 MV

Blessing and Commissioning

In the spirit of Thanksgiving,
go into the world, this week,
determined to share God's lavish love with all whom you encounter. Go
love God,
go love yourselves, and
go love others,
knowing that God goes the way with you.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Services

October 11th-UCW at 10am

October 11th-Work Bee

Oct.13th-Board Meeting-10am

October 22-Rummage and Bake Sale



Souper Sundays in support of Alzheimer's Society

On October 16th and October 30th.... various delicious soups will be served after church. All proceeds go directly to the Alzheimer's Society. \$5 but if you donate \$20 you get a tax receipt from them! October Sundays are going to be wonderful! Let's soup-port this great cause!



UCW meeting on October 11 at 10am.



Board meets on October 13 at 10am.

Thanksgiving

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blessings

cranberry sauce

gourds

Indian

Native American

pumpkin

thanksgiving

buckle hat

dressing

green beans

love

November

succotash

travel

chicken

family

ham

mashed potatoes

pecan pie

sweet potatoes

turkey

cornbread

friends

harvest

Mayflower

Pilgrim

thankful