

SAINT ANDREW'S
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(United)
Ecumenical Shared Ministry
October 26, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

**OF DAVID. BLESS THE
LORD, O MY SOUL; ALL
THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS
HIS HOLY NAME.
- PSALM 103:1**

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Noon Wednesday

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples.

This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi’kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726.

The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi’kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude: All Hallow’s Eve

~ Bedell

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Introit: Come, All you People

VU 2

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker

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Come now and worship the Lord.

Call to Worship: ¹ (Responsive)

God is here, in this place —

the glory of the Lord is all around and fills this house!

Our Living God dwells here among the people —

forever and ever, God is with us!

Come, let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Opening Hymn Let us build a house ~ MV 1

***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;

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,

All are welcome in this place.

***Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and a symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:***

R

***Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:***

R

***Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.***

R

***Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:***

R

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession: ² *(Unison)*

God of grace and glory, you fill your holy place and your holy people with your presence.

We confess that we have believed we could confine you, that your glory can only be seen in certain places or by certain kinds of people.

We admit that we like the sense of control that comes with the idea that you'll be in one place, a place we call ours.

And we confess that we sometimes misplace our trust in buildings and the establishments they represent, so we lament the failing of institutions and put our efforts into saving them...forgetting that you are the One who saves, you are the One who is everywhere present, you are the One who does a new thing.

Forgive us, O God. Save us from mixing up place and purpose, that we might be always ready to join your kingdom work wherever you go. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Time for all ages

The story before the Story

***Listen God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness,
comfort and joy.***

Scripture Readings:

I Kings 5:1-8, 8:1-13

Voice 1: Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram had always been a friend to David. Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying,

Voice 2: “You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until he put them under the soles of his feet. But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, ‘Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.’ Therefore command that cedars from the Lebanon be cut for me. My servants will join your servants, and I will give you whatever wages you set for your servants, for you know that there is no one among us who knows how to cut timber like the Sidonians.”

Voice 2: When Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced greatly and said, “Blessed be the Lord today, who has given to David a wise son to be over this great people.” Hiram sent word to Solomon, “I have heard the message that you have sent to me; I will fulfill all your needs in the matter of cedar and cypress timber.

Voice 1: Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. So they brought up the ark of the Lord, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered.

Voice 2: Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites when they came out of the land of Egypt.

Voice 1: And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

Then Solomon said,
“The Lord has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.
I have built you an exalted house,
a place for you to dwell forever.”

Psalm 132:1-12

O Lord, remember in David’s favor
all the hardships he endured;

**how he swore to the Lord
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,**

“I will not enter my house
or get into my bed;
I will not give sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,
until I find a place for the Lord,
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.”

**We heard of it in Ephrathah;
we found it in the fields of Jaar.**

“Let us go to his dwelling place;
let us worship at his footstool.”

**Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting place,
you and the ark of your might.**

**Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let your faithful shout for joy.**

For your servant David’s sake
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

**The Lord swore to David a sure oath
from which he will not turn back:**

“One of the sons of your body
I will set on your throne.

If your sons keep my covenant
and my decrees that I shall teach them,
their sons also, forevermore,
shall sit on your throne.**John 2:19-21**

[To those who questioned as he cleansed the temple] Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Praise God for this Holy Word.

Anthem: Cantate Domino

~ Lewis

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response:

"Be Thou My Vision"

TBoP 461

***Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.***

***Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.***

***Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou my heavenward, O power of my power.***

***Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.***

***Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.***

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of the Offerings

Doxology

***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.***

VU 541

Prayer of Dedication¹ *(Unison)*

Good and generous God, receive our humble gifts, offered in hope and gratitude. Make something of them, and of us, so that the world will be surprised by your love and what we can offer them in Jesus' name. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Closing Hymn:

Amazing Grace

VU 266

***Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.***

***'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!***

***Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.***

***The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.***

***When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.***

Commissioning & Benediction

Sung Response

'Teach Me, God, to Wonder'

TBP 704 Vs 3

***Let me, God, Be ready, Let me be awake
In your world of loving my place take.
Praise to you be given, Love for you be lived,
Life be celebrated, Joy you give.***

Postlude: Excerpts from "the Halloween Ball"

~ Dinda

¹ Adapted from PCC and Bibleworm Oct 26, 2025 ; ² Bibleworm Liturgy Oct 26, 2025 ; ³PCC Worship Planner Oct 26, 2025

GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME EVERYONE!

May this service be a blessing to you as we continue to
worship together each week, in person and online (via Zoom).

Thank you to our Volunteers

Greeters - Rose Johnston and Ron Naugler

Scripture Readers -

Jean Boudreau (Voice #1 and Gospel), Vee Mariner (Voice #2 and Psalm)

Audio/Visual - Glynis Martin, Shawn and Beth Meister

Coffee Hour/Fellowship Host - Heather Labadie

Counter - Jean Boudreau / **Tellers** - Bill Paterson, Wendy & Ross Mathers

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR & FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Nov. 2 - Tuesday AM Ladies Group

Nov. 9 - Mary Hossack.

Nov. 16 - Volunteers needed.

Nov. 23 - Kim Keetch, Beth & Shawn Meister

Nov. 30 - Volunteers needed.

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Hall entry, just outside the Kitchen door.

Thanks in advance – we all appreciate the minstry of coffee, tea, and treats!

THE (Friday) BREAKFAST 2 GO PROGRAM needs pantry supplies for our breakfast guests. Donations of canned pasta, canned soup, pudding, Cheeze Whiz, peanut butter, coffee, Boost/Ensure or other nutritional drinks as well as toothbrushes and paste, shampoo, razors and laundry pods would be welcomed. We are grateful for your faithful support.

THE MISSION TREE

Located just inside the vestibule of the West door, it is decorated in Fall leaves, with a note on the reverse with a request for small items we try and have on hand for our visitors at Breakfast 2 Go, and for our staff to hand out at their discretion to those seeking support on weekdays. Thanks for considering taking a leaf with you and returning the item/s to under the Mission tree.



PHOTO APPOINTMENTS will take place this coming week in the Church Hall, 512 Charlotte Street. There is **RESTRICTED PARKING** on Charlotte Street, from 1:30-3:00, Monday to Friday. If your appointment is between these hours, please consider parking on Needham St. or in the church parking lot behind the Hall. *Caution, as Carleton St. is ONE WAY between Charlotte & Needham (no entry off Charlotte).* **Easiest way to access our parking lot** is to turn on to Needham St. from York St. then turn left at the stop sign on Needham St. to Carleton St. Turn right immediately after the picket fence and you are in the Hall driveway. Congratulations! Does this sound complicated? It isn't once you have found it the first time.



THE BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM needs canned proteins with pull tops (such as flakes of meat, Chef Boyardee, chili, sardines), chicken/tuna salad & crackers, pudding cups, fruit & apple sauce cups, and small, sweet treats such as mini chocolate bars. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

THE (Tuesday AM) PANTRY needs Mircle Whip[, pancake mix, sardines, white rice, pasta s and pasta sauce. Thank you for your generosity.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Monday - Friday ~ Community Outreach ~ *Brown Bag Lunch Program*, 10 a.m - 2 p.m.

Tuesdays ~ *Ladies Group*, 9:30 a.m. ~ *All are welcome!*

Tuesdays & Thursdays ~ *Quilting Group*, 1- 4 p.m. ~ *All are welcome!*

Wednesdays ~ Community Outreach ~ *Pantry Program*, 9 -11am

Thursdays ~ *Bible Study*, 6 - 7 p.m. in Rev. Michelle's Study ~ *All are Welcome!*

~ **Choir Practice** at 7 pm. ~ *All are Welcome!*

COMING SOON to a Christmas tree near you!

Once again, Greener Village Food Bank is seeking our help in making Christmas wishes come true for 40 local children whose families are being looked after by the Food Bank this year. Our little tree will be set up at the back of the sanctuary in early November. It will be decorated with 40 angels each identifying a child, their age and gift request. The angels are valued in various amounts and include requests for gift cards and preferred gifts. After you have selected an angel, you shop for the gift or gift card and bring it to the church by the requested date. We look after taking all the gifts to the Food Bank. More information will be available once we receive our angels from the Food Bank.

ARE YOU INTERESTED in purchasing a 2026 Presbyterian Church in Canada or United Church of Canada calendar? If so, please let Joanna know by October 30th end of day as we have an opportunity to save some \$\$\$ by ordering them with another church (we save the tax). Thank you!

CONNECTING WITH REV. MICHELLE

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Appointments are preferred to ensure the time you need to connect.

Can't make it to Sunday Service in person?

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