Sunday Nov 22, 2026, 10:30am,
Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church
Reign of Christ
Worship Leaders: Rev. Wanda Stride & Phyllis Campbell

MISSION

Rooted in the transformative love of Christ, Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church is a bold and inclusive community where people are empowered to explore faith, deepen their spiritual lives, find hope and take meaningful action. We support programs that uplift lives, strengthen community bonds, and embody God's love in visible, lasting ways.

VISION

Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church will be a welcoming spiritual centre for all, known for inclusivity, justice, and adaptability to community needs. Through worship, partnership, and service, we will strive to share good news and benefit others.

10:20 Announcements from the Pulpit & Prelude

10:30 Welcome and Greeting

May the blessings of Christ be upon you.
May this community of faith always give thanks for the blessings of God.

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Territory

This morning we are gathered on the traditional territory of Alderville First Nation, situated in the treaty territories of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, specifically the Gunshot Treaty which is part of the Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement of 2018. May those of us, of settler heritage, strive to learn about these Treaties and develop good relationships with First Nations.

Moment To Gather Ourselves (silence)

Song To Gather Us Together:

TLUS 107, Come And Rest In The Arms Of God

Come and rest in the arms of God, leave your worry and fear;
make your home in the heart of God,
God will dry ev'ry tear.
For the burden you carry will fade within God's care,
Come and rest in the arms of God. *Repeat*

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Call To Worship & Candle Lighting

We gather today longing for the light of God's realm.
We trust that one day all will have enough, nobody will live with fear, and love will abound.

We gather in this hope, on this realm of Christ Sunday, knowing that we have not arrived.
We trust in the long arc of justice and love: we trust in God's guiding light, we come to worship the Holy One in hope.
We light a candle now, praying anew that Christ's light will be our sole beacon.
(candle is lit)
May it be so.
Let us worship the Christ now, in hope, in joy, and in trust.

Opening Hymn: VU 509, Here I Am Lord

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? R

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? R

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Holy Wondering: Lots of Blessings

New Member Blessing: We welcome Frank Blanchet

Congregational Commitment

Do you, the members of Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church promise to support Frank as he grows in faith and responsibility, and do you promise to pray for and with him as he discovers his calling here in Brighton?

We promise, and we welcome Frank, beloved child of God. Together, we will walk along a path of justice-seeking and mercy-loving, together resisting evil. May we all feel the blessings of a loving God as we wonder what new paths God is calling us to walk together. Welcome Frank! Amen.

New Council Blessing

Litany on the prophets

Leader: The prophet Ezekiel spoke to those living in captivity, hearing of destruction at home, and he told them that even in their own suffering, they would be judged by how they treated those who depended on them. He likened them to sheep, fat sheep hoarding all for themselves, no care for those who are lean and have nothing. The prophet implores his people to take care for each other, just as God will take care of the flock.

Congregation: We are asked to seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our Creator.

The prophet Amos cried out to the people: take away your songs of praise and the noise of your harps, but let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

We are asked to seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our Creator.

The Psalmist is even more clear: our divine calling as citizen, as members of Christ's family, and as leaders in our communities, is to help the needy when they call, to have pity on the weak and save the oppressed from violence and injustice.

We are asked to seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our Creator.

To the members of Brighton Council:

Leader: Do you recognize the honour and responsibility placed on your shoulders by those who cast ballots in this past election?

Council member: I recognize with gratitude.

Do you promise to remember the faces of the poor, the needy, the oppressed and the marginalized as you carry out your duties as elected officials?

I promise, with gratitude.

Do you feel that your privilege as a member of Brighton Council is guided by a higher calling, and that in service to Brighton, you are in service to goodness itself?

I feel guided and in service.

I ask the congregation to now stand, and invite all who wish to raise their hands as we offer this blessing:

Congregation: We ask for a blessing upon you as you carry out your duties as elected officials in our municipality.

We ask that a deeper sense of integrity be placed in your hearts, and that you recognize the light that guides you as a beacon of the long arc that bends toward justice.

May you serve humbly, justly and with mercy.

Amen.

Invitation to members of council to respond

Ukelele Song: VU 575, I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2 I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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Repeat After Me Prayer

Scripture: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 31-46
This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you O Christ.

Message: Justice and Joy

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn: TLUS 23, For Everyone Born, A Place At The Table vs 1-3

1. For everyone born a place at the table
For everyone born clean water and bread
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing
For everyone born, a star overhead

Refrain
And God will delight when we are creators of justice
And joy —
Compassion and peace
Yes God will delight when we are creators of justice
Justice and joy

2. For all who share life a place at the table
Revising the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power
For all who share life, a system that's fair. R

3. For those we neglect a place at the table
A voice to be heard a part in the song
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled
For those we neglect the right to belong. R

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Blessing

We trust that you delight in justice and joy, and sacrifices made for the good of others. We humbly ask for a blessing on these gifts, and the work we offer in Christ's name, trusting that one day our world will be Christ's Realm of justice and joy. Amen.

Prayers of the People

We pray for those who asked that their names be remembered each Sunday:
We pray for our own bodies and souls, especially: **Kathleen**, **Karsen Bourque, Larry Knutson, Pastor Miguel Castro, Nadine, Terry, (Eva), Graham, Grace Peters, Al, John.**
(time of silence, as we also please hold these people in your ongoing prayers: Rebecca; Bill; Nancy; Larry; Ken; Mike; Danny Li; Alexandra; Ron; Margaret Knight; Barb; Lori; Patti, Rita McKeown and Michelle Ludlow)

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Closing Hymn: VU 681**,** Where Cross The Crowded Ways Of Life

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your words of life again.

2 In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.

3 The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view the strong compassion of your face.

4 O Jesus, from the mountain side, make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide, and tread the city's streets again,

5 till all the world shall learn your love and follow where your feet have trod,
till glorious from your heaven above shall come the city of our God.

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Commissioning and Benediction

We leave here now, knowing that sometimes we turn away from need, ignore loneliness and block our ears to the cries of the oppressed.
We ask Christ to guide us on a good path today and always.

We leave now, committed to offering a cup of cool water to the thirsty.
We leave now, the Holy Spirit enlivening our hearts, ready to be a part of God's justice.
Let us go in peace
Let us go seeking justice and joy.

Choral Amen VU 967:
Amen, Amen, Amen
Postlude

Announcements

Scent Free Environment –Please be mindful that many people suffer from scent triggered reactions to personal products (such as fragrances, colognes, hairsprays, lotions and powders, laundry detergents and fabric softeners, which can linger on clothing) that are perceptible to others and these should be avoided. Changes have already been made to ensure that the sanctuary, hall and other areas are scent free. With your support, we are creating a scent free environment that is welcoming for all.

The church office is open
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am -12:30m.
Pamela works from home on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Colours of Advent. We invite you to wear colours for the 4 weeks of advent:

Sun., November 29, we light the candle of hope, & you are warmly invited to wear blue.
Sun., December 6, we light the candle of peace, & you are warmly invited to wear white.
Sun., December 13, we light the candle of joy, & you are warmly invited to wear rose or pink.
Sun., December 20, we light the candle of love, and you are warmly invited to wear red.

Notes of Hope, DEC 13, from 11:30 TO 1:00
Join us to make a difference in the world: **Notes of Hope will Write for Rights**!

25 years of Write for Rights! 25 years of solidarity & people power!
For 25 years, Amnesty International's annual Write for Rights campaign has transformed the lives of people whose rights have been wronged.
Using the power of their words, hundreds of thousands of Write for Rights supporters in more than 200 countries have united behind a common purpose: together, we can change lives for the better. Join Write for Rights, Write for Rights Cases
Writing a letter, sending a tweet, signing a petition—can you make a difference with something so simple? Yes, you can. When we all act together, we have the power to change lives. Everything you need to do this will be provided, including a template and a snack.

From the Affirm and Accessibility Committee

LGBTQ+ Family Support Group. This group is for parents, grandparents, friends and loved ones of LGBTQ+ family members who would like to share their experiences and learn how to support their loved ones. Join us the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the

Quiet Room at the church. The next meeting is Tuesday, Dec 1. For more information, email: brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com.

The LGBTQ+ Family Support Group has a lending library of books related to trans, non-binary and queer issues such as parenting, self-care, transitioning and more. You don't have to attend the group to borrow a book - just ask Jeanette or Janet and they will show you all of the titles available!

From The Outreach Committee

A Story of Courage and Hope from Gaza

The Outreach Committee is hosting a special presentation after church on Nov. 29. We will hear the story of a Palestinian family from Gaza, currently living in Cairo, Egypt. It is a tale of courage, resilience and hope, but also one marked by hardship, rejection and a deep longing for a brighter future. Please join us to listen, ask questions and learn.
You are invited to bring a bag lunch to the Quiet Room/ Sonja Rundle Room for this half-hour presentation following the church service. **Palestinian treats will be provided!**

Amazing Fair Trade items from around the world.
Friday, Dec. 4th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (with carol sing)
Saturday, Dec. 5th 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 6th 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Please contact Helmut at 613-849-8756 if you could enjoy helping with set up, sales or clean up.

Christmas Hampers 2026
Please speak with Elizabeth Scriven, 613-391-4051 or email escrive49@gmail.com if you are available to help with sorting and packing at Evangel Pentecostal Church. Days for sorting to be determined.

From The Stewardship/Fundraising Committee

Upcoming Concerts:
Dec 5, 7pm, Heartlight. Tickets are available at the door. In support of those in need in Brighton.

Dec 11, Heartlight, 7pm. Free Will offering

January 19, 7pm, Dave Gunning, tickets $30 available at the church office, Lighthouse Books or online at www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/dave-gunning

Please join us for a Roast Pork Dinner…With all the fixin's & cake for dessert
Friday Nov.27, Serving 5pm to 6pm
$25/ticket, $12 for children under 12, Free under 5 or over 100
Tickets available from the Office, Lighthouse Books and at the door.

As our 2026 Concert Series continues to bring wonderful music to our community, we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our intermission team
Whether you can help occasionally or on a regular basis, your time and talent would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in assisting during upcoming concerts, please contact our Kitchen Coordinators, **Wendy Zinck** or **Jean Green**.

	YTD October 2026	**YTD October 2025**
TOTAL INCOME	$194081	$181180
TOTAL EXPENCES Transfer from Contingency	-$227454 $20000.	-$217439
VARIANCE	(-$13373)	(-$36259)
General Fund BALANCE	$12360	
CONTINGENCY FUND BALANCE	$31870	

From The Worship Committee

Newcomers & Friends Breakfast – Sunday December 6 at 8:30
The Worship Committee invites all newcomers or those who feel "new" to join in for a delicious breakfast and conversation before the service and before choir practice. If this means you, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Lectio Divina resumes on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 2.00pm in the Quiet Room. Looking forward to sharing this Spiritual Experience with you as we explore our Creators personal message for us through Scripture. Our next meeting is on Wednesday Dec 9th, 2pm

Crafters Group
Second Thursday of the month, 1:00 - 3:00pm. We have a vibrant prayer shawl ministry and prayer bead ministry in our congregation, but right now people do their work on their own, in their homes. Would you like to be part of this important pastoral ministry?
Yes, you have to have a desire to spend quality time with friends.
Yes, you have to have a desire to learn a new skill (knitting? Crocheting? Beading?)
We will gather in the Quiet Room at 1:00. for the first day, bring whatever you are working on, or bring your curiosity, and we will decide how to structure our time going forward.

From Youth and Christian Education

Messy Church
Join us for a free supper and activities for all ages. **Dec 17, 5-7pm**