Sunday Nov 1, 2026
10:30am,
Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church
All Saints' Day
Worship Leader: Rev. Wanda Stride, Paul Cook, David Richards & The Worship Committee

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/Announcement Video

Greeting

I greet you with the grace and peace of Christ
May the blessings of Christ be upon us all

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.

Opening Meditation

That one that I loved, O God, is now with you.
I can say that, not knowing "how" or "where,"
but say it because it makes no sense
that so rich and full a life would come to an abrupt end …
except for memories.
Still, I am bereft for she is not with me.
I listen to all the clichés of my friends,
spoken to console me:
"She is better off."

"She is past her pain and suffering."
"She is in heaven," whatever that means.
I listen and am not consoled.
My grief is selfish.
I want to feel her touch
and hear her voice
and see her smile.
I am confident she is with you,
and I am just as confident, O Lord,
you understand how it is with me.
I cannot help recalling times
I might have been gentler, softer, more thoughtful.
I wish I could live some hours over.
I wish I could say "I love you" just one more time.
These failures I must accept.
"Time heals all things," they say.
I do not believe Time does anything.
You, O God, are Healer and Helper.
You can heal me in time,
help me through the lonely days and long nights.
You can give me renewed zest for going on
and entering into life once more.
"Thanks be to God who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ."
I believe that.
But right now I grieve; I hurt; I am bereft.
Thanks be to God who understands
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Kenneth G. Phifer, A Book of Uncommon Prayer, Upper Room Books, 1981, pp. 106-107)

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

We have come to affirm our historic faith, and
To worship the God of our mothers and fathers.
We have come to remember God's benefits to us, the living, and
To respond in thanksgiving to the mighty works of God in our lives.
We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,
To whose name be blessing and honor, glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

(Ruth Duck, Bread for the Journey, Pilgrim Press, 1981, p.56.)

Opening Song: MV12, Come Touch Our Hearts (v1-4)

1. Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.

2. Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us, come touch and bless our souls.

3. Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom, come touch and bless our minds.

4. Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve, come touch and bless our wills.

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Lighting the Christ Candle

Through sadness and joy, Christ goes before us.
May we always follow Christ's light. Thanks be to God.

Lighting Candles For Those We Remember

I invite _____ forward at this time to light a candle for _____.
May God hold and comfort you as you remember.

A Prayer Meditation For All Saints Day

We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you:
Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,

Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses
Where your name was lifted and adored.
We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:
Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil,
Strong hands and those gnarled with age
Holy hands
Used as wave offerings across the land.
We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;
Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,
Head ragged or aproned,
Blue-collared or three-piece-suited
They left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.
Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.
Bless the memories of your saints, God.
May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

(https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-prayer-meditation-for-all-saints-day)

Song: What Are They Doing In Heaven Today (sung by Frank Blanchet)
Written by Charles Albert Tindley

Holy Wondering: What Is A Saint

Hymn: When the saints go marching in

1. O, when the saints go marching in,

O, when the saints go marching in.
Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

2. O when the sun refused to shine,

O when the sun refused to shine,
Lord, I want to be in that number
when the sun refused to shine.

3. O when they gather 'round the throne,

O when they gather 'round the throne,
Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather 'round the throne.

4. O when they crown Him Lord of all,

O when they crown Him Lord of all,
Lord, I want to be in that number when they crown Him Lord of all.

5. And on that hallelujah day,

And on that hallelujah day,
Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

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Repeat After Me Prayer

Scripture: 1 John 3: 1-3

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5 : 1-12

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you O Christ.

Message: Remembering our loved ones

I invite _____ forward at this time to light a candle for _____.
May God hold and comfort you as you remember.

Offering Invitation

Sing during offering: MV 150, Spirit God, Be Our Breath

1. Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn…
Spirit God, be our song.

2. Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.
Comfort us. When we know you are near
we grow more certain, our vision is clear.
Patient God, calm our fear.

3. Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,
we seek your guidance through friendship and care.
Loving God, be our prayer.

4. Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn…
Spirit God, be our song.

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Blessing

The world is yours, loving God, and all that is in it. May the offering of these gifts remind us to whom we belong. In humility we ask for your blessing upon all we do, so all may know the comfort and hope of your eternal love. 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: **the family of Barb Cole, Kathleen**, **Karsen Bourque, Larry Knutson, Pastor Miguel Castro, Nadine, Terry, Daniel, Ewa (Eva), Graham, Grace Peters, Al, John, the family of Gail Todd**
(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.

Closing Hymn: VU 705, For All The Saints (vs 1, 2, 3, 6)

1 For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

2 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might:
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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Blessing

(based on Revelation 7: 12, 16-17)
Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power
and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!
We go out to be God's people.
Go in strength to be the saints of God
for you will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike you, nor any scorching heat.
We go out to be God's people.
Live the way of God with confidence
for God is your shepherd,
and will guide you to the spring of life.
We go out to be God's people.

(from Seasons of the Spirit: All Saints Day—Year A, published by WoodLake Publishing. Reposted: https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/10/benediction-revelation-7.html)

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.

A Story of Courage and Hope from Gaza

The Outreach Committee is working on plans for a special presentation after church on Nov. 29. You will hear the story of a Palestinian family from Gaza, currently living in Cairo, Egypt. It is a story of courage, resilience, and hope, but also one marked by hardship, rejection, and a deep longing for a brighter future. Further details for the presentation will be provided shortly.

The Church Photo Directories are here! If you got a picture taken, you are entitled to a free directory. They can be picked up at the church office, Wed – Fri 10 – 12:30pm.
There are a few available to purchase for $25, if you did not get a photo taken.

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From the Affirm and Accessibility Committee

Rainbow Camp needs your support. Since 2012, Rainbow Camp has provided affirming experiences for 2SLGBTQ+ youth and allies from across Canada.
Rainbow Camp is now raising funds toward a permanent home in Northern Ontario, a place that can provide greater stability and opportunities for connection and belonging.
You can help by supporting their Homecoming 50/50 raffle, sharing their story, or making a donation toward their permanent-home campaign.
The 50/50 draw takes place November 20, 2026. To learn more, visit **HelpRainbowCamp.ca**.
Please consider sharing the campaign with family, friends, colleagues, and your community.

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, Nov 3. 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 Stewardship/Fundraising Committee

Upcoming Concerts:
Nov 1, 3pm, Maggie's Wake, tickets $30 available at the church office, by etransfer to admin@trinitystandrews.ca , or by clicking this link: www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/maggies-wake

Nov 21, 7:30pm, Steve Bell, tickets $30 available at the church office, Lighthouse Books or online at Stevebell.com/events.

Dec 5, 7pm, Heartlight

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
Save the date…Friday November 27…skeerumptious pork roast dinner! Stay tuned, more details to follow.

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 Sept 2026	YTD Sept 2025
TOTAL INCOME	$168153	$163217
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$199809	$196140
VARIANCE	($31656)	($32923)
General Fund BALANCE	$(5924)	
CONTINGENCY FUND BALANCE	$52018	

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 Nov 11th, 2pm

Crafters Group
Starting Thursday Nov 12th, 1:00 - 3:00. 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? Join us October 8 to learn more. No, you don't have to have any experience or equipment!
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.

Listening Station at the Brighton Public Library
Many people in our community feel the world is rocking on a shaky foundation… so many elements of our world are changing faster than we can keep up.
We are blessed to be part of a community of faith where we can talk to each other about concerns, trust in the One who goes ahead of us and remember that we are never alone, and that we are a part of something much bigger than our own immediate connections.
The other blessing to being part of a community of faith, is that you have access to trained listeners / pastors who can spend time with you, really hear you and your concerns, and help you to ground yourself in the faith that keeps us strong.
This fall Rev. Wanda will be spending time in the Brighton Public Library in the hopes that the general public will take advantage of her presence if they have a need to talk, or at least will learn that the help is here, is possible and accessible to everyone.

If you happen to be in the library on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 until 2:30, October 28 & Nov 4, drop by to say hello! Or perhaps you can spend that time in prayer, offering support and blessings on all the ways we can support each other and the surrounding community. We are also looking at three weeks later in the fall / winter to offer a listening station again.

Bible Study this fall

Join us Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am, and we will travel through the New Testament together, starting with Matthew chapter one, all the way to Revelation. It will take as long as it takes, but each session promises to be enlightening, faith-affirming and also challenging. The conversations are always candid and inspiring.

This study is open to everyone, regardless of your experience with the Bible or even with Christianity! If you don't own a Bible, check out these online resources:

Bible Gateway

Oremus Bible Browser (and type in Matthew 1 for the first readings)

There are also large print Bibles at the church available to borrow

If you are interested but Wednesday mornings at 10 don't work for you, please let Rev. Wanda know. If there is enough interest we would consider a second time slot.

From Youth and Christian Education

Messy Church

Join us for a free supper and activities for all ages. **Thursday Nov 19 & Dec 17, 5-7pm**