

Sunday Oct 11, 2026

10:30am,

Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church

Creation 6 & Thanksgiving Sunday

Worship Leader: Rev. Wanda Stride & Ellen Goodeve

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

The earth is God's, and all that is in it!

The world, and those who live in it.

Thanks be to 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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Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a symbol of God's presence.

In every moment, especially at the time of harvest, Christ's light shines. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer: VU 353, 'Tis The Gift To Be Simple (spoken)

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;
to turn, turn will be our delight
'til by turning, turning, we come round right.

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Opening Song: VU 520 We Plough The Fields And Scatter

- 1 We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by your almighty hand;
you send the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain: All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God, for all your love.

- 2 You only are the maker of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star;
the winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children, you give us daily bread. R
- 3 We thank you then, O Maker, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts,
and, what from us you long for, our humble, thankful hearts. R

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Holy Wondering: Thanksgiving offerings

Ukulele Hymn: MV 185 Ev'ry Day Is a Day of Thanksgiving

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving,
God, you've been so good to me.
Ev'ry day you're blessing me.
Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.
I will glorify you, O my Lord, today! *Repeat*

You keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.
You opened the door that I might see,
you're blessing me.
And you keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me.
I will glorify you, O my Lord, today!

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Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Minister:

How many people have done something wrong?
Part of growing up
is being able to take responsibility for our lives and our actions.
One helpful way to do that is to name before God
our pain and our faults,
our sins, as we call them in church.
That's what we do in our prayer of confession.
This is an action prayer—stand if you can.
Let us pray with hope, sure and true,
that God sees our sinfulness
and does not turn away from us.

Leader 1 (*touching the sides of their mouth with both hands*)

Let us offer up the sins of our mouths.

Gracious God,

we offer up to you the words we've said in anger
or when feeling spiteful or hurt,
lies we've told that we thought didn't matter
or that we could "get away with."

Leader 2 (*two hands on head*)

Let us offer up the sins of our minds.

Holy God,

we offer up to you thoughts we've had that "cut down" others
or show a lack of respect for ourselves.

Leader 3 (*hands over heart*)

Let us offer up to God the sins of our hearts.

Merciful God,

we offer up to you the times our hearts were bitter
and we refused to forgive,
or when we were sad and refused to be comforted,
or when we were hardened to others and didn't share love.

Leader 4 (*hands open, upwards, chest height*)

Let us offer up the sins of our hands.

Loving God,

we offer up to you the times we used our hands
to do things that brought harm to others,
to the earth or to ourselves,
the times we were not kind.

Leader 5 (*lifting open hands overhead*)

Let us take the sins of our mouths and our minds,
our hearts and our hands, and release them to the heart of God.

Leader 6 (*one hand spiralling downward*)

God will transform us,
pure and clean as the dove of the Holy Spirit,
for we are loved.

This is the Good News of the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

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Scripture: Isaiah 55 (an invitation to abundant life)

Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

**Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.**

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

**Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.**

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

**Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.**

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
**so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

**For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
**and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 14: 15-24

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to the Risen Christ.

Choir Anthem: TLUS 35 Bless The Lord, O My Soul(10,000 Reasons)

Refrain: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship Your Holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

Last time: worship your Holy name, worship your Holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning:
it's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass and what ever lies before me.
let me be singing when the evening comes. R

2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. R

3. And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come,
still, my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever more. R

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Message: without money, without price

Offering Invitation

Sing during offering: VU 218, We Praise You

- 1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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Blessing

**Giving and Providing God,
As we sit at our tables today,
We remember that you have fed millions;
You made bread fall from heaven in the desert,
You made a few fish and loaves multiply.**

Help us to feed our neighbours,
as you have fed us.
Through our hands, feed the hungry.
Through our gifts, help the food insecure.
Amen.
(united-church.org)

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: **Karsen Bourque, Larry Knutson, Pastor Miguel Castro, Nadine, Terry, Daniel, Ewa (Eva), Donna, Graham, Kevin, Grace Peters, Al, John, the family of Larry Spencer** *(time of silence, as we also please hold these people in your ongoing prayers: Rebecca; Chris; 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 291, All Things Bright And Beautiful

All things bright and beautiful all creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful the Lord God made them all

- 1 Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings.
- 2 The purpleheaded mountains, the river running by,
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky;
- 3 The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.
- 4 The rocky mountain splendour, the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall;
- 5 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker, who has made all things well.

All things bright and beautiful all creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful the Lord God made them all

Thanksgiving Commissioning

**When we wake up each day
may gratitude
stir and strengthen us, O God.
Let it draw us to goodness
and hold us there...
There, where your Spirit sings,
“Go define love today,”
and our hearts choose
to rise to the occasion.
Amen.**

Parting Song: VU 884, You Shall Go Out With Joy

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you
there'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap clap)
while you go out with joy. (repeat last verse)**

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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.

November 1 – All Saints Service ...Our All Saints Service will give us an opportunity to remember and honour those we have lost. Invitations will be extended to those who have experienced a loss during the past year. Together, we will hold their memories with care and

gratitude and light candles to share their light.

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.

The Wondering Dove

As you entered today, you received a survey about some potential learning opportunities that may be offered starting in January. Please take a moment or two to give us your input so that we can proceed in a good direction, meeting the needs of our faith community and any friends you may wish to bring along! Thank you.

Trenton United each year we welcomes singers **to choir loft**, from all denominations, to join in a special **Christmas Cantata**. It is a wonderful opportunity to sing in a large choir setting, sing great music, make new friends and have fun along the way.

This is a warm invitation to members of your church family who love to sing. This year's performance is called Sing Out for Joy! and will be performed Sunday December 6th at 7:00 PM. Rehearsals begin after Thanksgiving on Wednesdays at 8:00 PM in the sanctuary.

Anyone who is interested in joining please share my email address - music@trentonunited.ca and I will prepare a music package for them.

Celebration of Life for Agnes Ward, Join us Saturday Oct 24, 2pm-4pm at Seasons Retirement Home in Trenton as we honour Agnes Ward who died Aug 28, 2026. The obituary for Agnes Ward is on the Rushnell website or by clicking on this link...<https://www.rushnellfuneralhomes.com/memorials/agnes-ward/5268480/>

The Sharing Stand (a food sharing program by GRAN Northumberland).

Mondays and Wednesday, 10am – 7pm, throughout the growing season. Share what you can – take what you need. A table will be set up behind the church this year because of the construction on Prince Edward St.. **Oct 14 will be the last day.**

East Central Ontario Region (Bay of Quinte) UCW

MIDWEEK 2026

WEDNESDAY NOV 4TH, 2026

Guest Speaker – Rev Kristiane Black, “Wondering as We Wander”

Northminster United Church, 300 Sunset Blvd, Peterborough

9:00 Registration 9:45 Gathering

**** Deadline to register is October 26th 2026 ****

\$30

For information or to register please contact: ShiningWatersUCWpres@gmail.com

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, Oct 6. 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:

Oct 20, 7pm, Cara Luft, 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/cara-luft

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.

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

Oktoberfest, Saturday October 17, 5-8pm with live music, authentic German food. All are welcome! Adults \$20 and children under 10, \$5.

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

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 Oct 14th, 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 21, 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 Oct 22, Nov 19 & Dec 17, 5-7pm**