

Sunday Sept 13, 2026
10:30am,
Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church
Creation 2

Worship Leader: Rev. Wanda Stride & Brian Ostrander

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

May the Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit bless us all this morning

Thanks be to the God who gives life

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

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 & Call To Worship

Your glory is written in the sky, Creator God;

your artistry is carved on the face of the earth.

From one day to another, the message passes on,
and each night puts the next one in the know.

Not a word is spoken,

not a sound do they make;

yet their silence reverberates around the earth
and their unspoken message echoes from pole to pole.

The stars and angels and all creation are worshipping God.

Let us join the chorus.

As we light this candle, may its glow inspire us to praise and remember: God is good, God is love, God is here. Let us worship our God now.

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Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: VU 217, All Creatures Of Our God And King

- 1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Bright burning sun with golden beam, soft shining moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 2 O rushing winds and breezes soft, O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
sing praises, hallelujah!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice; O lights of evening, find a voice:
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 3 Earth, ever fertile, day by day brings forth rich blessings on our way:
sing praises, hallelujah!
The flowers and fruits that verdant grow, let them God's glory also show:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 4 And everyone of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part:
sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and yield up all your care:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

- 5 Let all things their Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

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Holy Wondering: Taste and See

Sing: VU 766, As The Deer Pants For Water

- 1 As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you;
you alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield
to you alone may my spirit yield;
you alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.
- 2 I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy;
you alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye. R
- 3 You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a king;
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything! R

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Prayer of Confession (Psalm 19:11-14, The Message)

God of life, your Word warns us of danger and directs us to hidden treasure. Otherwise, how will we find our way or know when we play the fool? Who can see their own errors? Deliver us, Lord, from hidden faults! Keep us safe, also, from willful sins; don't let them rule over us. Then we shall be blameless and free from the evil of sin.

[silent confession]

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the good news: The steadfast love of the Creator never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning. Wherever this week takes you, remind yourself of this great truth and live from there.

Scripture: Colossians 1: 15-23

Responsive Reading (Psalm 19: 5-10, Adapted from The Message)

Leader: God makes a huge dome for the sun—a superdome! The morning sun's a new husband leaping from his honeymoon bed, the day breaking sun an athlete racing to the tape. That's how God's Word vaults across the skies from sunrise to sunset, melting ice, scorching deserts, warming hearts to faith.

Group 1: The revelation of God is whole.

Group 2: It pulls our lives together.

Group 1: The signposts of God are clear.

Group 2: They point out the right road.

Group 1: The life-maps of God are right,

Group 2: showing the way to joy.

Group 1: The directions of God are plain.

Group 2: They give understanding to the mind.

Group 1: Reverence for the Lord is good; enduring forever.

Group 2: The judgments of the Lord are just; they are always fair.

Group 1: They are more desirable than gold, even much fine gold;

Group 2: Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Gospel Lesson: John 4: 46-53

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, O Christ!

Message: The Wondrous World Of Creation: Pay Attention

Response: taste and see

Minute For Mission

Offering Invitation

Sing during offering: VU 535, For The Music Of Creation

1 For the music of creation, for the song your Spirit sings,
for your sound's divine expression, burst of joy in living things:
God, our God, the world's composer, hear us, echoes of your voice;
music is your art, your glory, let the human heart rejoice!

2 Psalms and symphonies exalt you, drum and trumpet, string and reed,
simple melodies acclaim you, tunes that rise from deepest need,
hymns of longing and belonging, carols from a cheerful throat,
lilt of lullaby and love song catching heaven in a note.

3 All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet,
worship lifting up the senses, hands that praise, and dancing feet;
over discord and division music speaks your joy and peace,
harmony of earth and heaven, song of God that cannot cease!

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Blessing

The heavens declare that you are God, loving God! So we entrust these gifts to you, gifts that you gave to us first, so that the world might one day reveal your perfect image. We long for the day of your realm, in trust and gratitude. Bless these gifts in Christ's name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

We pray for our own bodies and souls, especially: **the family of Opal Cooper, Larry Knutson, Pastor Miguel Castro, Nadine, Larry, Terry, Daniel, Ewa (Eva), Donna, Graham, Kevin, Grace Peters, Al, John** (*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 420, Go To The World

- 1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 2 Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
 for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
 when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!' Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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Blessing and Commissioning

God has placed us in creation not as owners but as loving caretakers. May the grace of God sustain you, the love of Christ be your glad delight, and the Holy Spirit renew the image of God in you day by day.

Parting Song: VU 884, You Shall Go Out With Joy (sing twice)

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.

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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.

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.

Save the date! Please circle October 8 at 6 30 for a Congregational Meeting to take place in the Church Hall. We have 2 items on the agenda so far; reporting back on the accessible ramp

project for the sanctuary and approval for next steps, and, restoration of some brickwork on the sanctuary wall. Two important items and we need your input! See you there

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!

American Sign Language Lunch and Learn,

Sunday, October 4th, 12:15pm - 1:45pm, the Dove Hall

Come and learn the ASL (American Sign Language) alphabet and some basic words and phrases of our faith. We will also explore some newer technologies that enrich communication for all of us, especially as we age and our hearing may face challenges. Dan and Betty Clost will be our facilitators for this event. Lunch will be homemade soup and sandwiches and apple crisp. This is a FREE event sponsored by TSA's Affirm and Equity Committee. Please let us know if you are planning to attend by signing the sheet posted on the cork board.

From The Stewardship/Fundraising Committee

Upcoming Concerts:

Sept 20, 7pm, Jory Nash & Jason Fowler, tickets \$30 available at the church office, by etransfer to admin@trinitystandrews.ca, Lighthouse Books, or by clicking this link:

www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/jason-fowler-and-jory-nash

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

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

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 July 2026	YTD July 2025
TOTAL INCOME	\$136372.	\$134765
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$154948	\$155797
VARIANCE	(\$18576)	(\$21030)
General Fund BALANCE	\$5543.	
CONTINGENCY FUND BALANCE	\$51643.	

From The Worship Committee

Worship Returns to the Sanctuary... Welcome to the Season of Creation at Trinity-St. Andrew's—a time to celebrate God's beautiful creation and to reflect together on our call to care for the earth and all that God has entrusted to us. Beginning September 13, our worship services will resume in the sanctuary, weather permitting. If September brings us the kind of cool, comfortable weather we normally expect at this time of year, we look forward to being together in our beautiful sanctuary once again.

Upcoming Special Services

As we move into the Season of Creation, there are many meaningful opportunities ahead for worship, celebration, remembrance, and fellowship. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for these special Sundays and services!

September 6 – Blessing New Beginnings

We will celebrate **new beginnings** as we offer a blessing and commissioning for **Judy Murtha** as our new leader for Friendly Visitors and **Harma Badgley** as our new leader for our Card Ministry. We look forward to supporting them and recognizing this special moment in their journey.

Join us for worship as we covenant with our new council, and receive special “rocks” to remind us we are of the earth, beloved and commissioned by a loving God.

September 13 – Return to the Sanctuary

After our summer season, we will gather once again in our **Sanctuary** for worship. We look forward to returning to this familiar space and sharing in worship together.

Welcoming is up to all of us!

Every Sunday, we will remind you to take those few minutes after the 10:20 announcements and look around for somebody you don't know, or somebody you kind of know but can't remember their name, and let them know you are glad they are here.

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 first meeting is on Wednesday September 9th.

Crafters Group

Starting Thursday October 8, 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 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 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, starting September 16, 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

For September 16, please come prepared to discuss the first four chapters of Matthew.

Questions to ask yourself are: What am I learning about the identity of Jesus? What does Matthew say about the nativity? Is there anything surprising I have learned? and finally, what does this reading have to do with my life today? that last question might be key!

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.

Youth and Christian Ed

Messy Church will be offered once a month for October, November and December.

Holy Wondering programming for the fall will begin on Sept 13th, during worship time. All children and youth are welcome. Please join us in the sanctuary for the start of worship, and together we will leave for our wondering time. A schedule of wondering times and activities will be available on the 13th.

Family Fun Concert and Play Area

Better prepare your guest rooms! You and your guests will want to bring the whole family to Trinity-St. Andrew's Family Fun Concert and Play Area.

Join us at the church starting at 10:30 - a shortened, Applefest-creation themed service, then at 11:15 head out into the yard for a concert of local musicians, \$5 for a hotdog, piece of apple pie and a drink (and full pies to purchase!) plus a kids' zones with lots of fun surprises.

Everything is free, but donations are always welcome.

Family visiting for Applefest weekend? Make sure they plan to stay after the Saturday festivities - Sunday is shaping up to be just as fun!

Do you want to be involved in a fun, community activity this fall?

Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church is looking for a group to organize our Family Fun Concert and Play Area, Sunday September 27 from 11:15-2:00. Or maybe you would like to do part of the planning? We need: 1) someone to be our go-to person, keep track of details, generally organize and make sure this runs smoothly. 2) someone to arrange a sponsor for the hotdogs and buns 3) a group to arrange for fun activities in the play area, including a focus attraction like a bouncy castle. 4) pie makers 5) barbecuers on the day 6) help set up the stage and sound for the concert 7) help procure and set up tents

If you are interested, please reach out through the office, to either Brian Ostrander, chair of stewardship, or Lori Cooper, chair of council.