

Sunday Sept 6, 2026
10:30am,
Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church
Creation 1

Worship Leader: Rev. Wanda Stride & Helmut Enns

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

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the light that God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad as we follow Christ's way.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: VU 315, Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

1. Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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Holy Wondering: Blessing new beginnings

Ukulele Hymn: He's Got The Whole World In His Hands

1. He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands
2. He's got the tiny little baby in his hands (4x)
3. He's got everybody in his hands (4x)
4. He's got the whole world in his hands. (4x)

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Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God's Grace

With the whole creation, we groan as we await the realm of God. Our hope is in the constant presence of Christ, working all things in a new way, bringing about healing in the world. We are not there yet, but our promise is that one day, all creation will be at peace and there will be no more tears. May we trust in God's goodness that we will cry no more. we are a forgiven redeemed people.

Scripture: Psalm 8

O God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

From the lips of infants and children your praises reach up to the heavens.

**You have set up a stronghold against your foes,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look to the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their places,
**what are we mortals that you should be mindful of us,
mere human beings that you should care for us?**

You have made us little less than divine,
and crowned us with glory and honour.

**You have made us rulers over all your creation,
and put all things under our feet,
all sheep and cattle, all creatures of the wild,
the birds of the air and the fish in the sea,
and all that make their way through the waters.**

Sing: VU 308 Many and Great (vs 1)

- 1 Many and great, O God, are your works, Maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars,
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your word the waters were formed; deep seas obey your voice.

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Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10: 26-31

This is the Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sing: VU 308 Many and Great (vs 2)

- 2 Grant unto us communion with you, O star-abiding one.
Come unto us and dwell with us, with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with you.

Message: Human's In Creation: In the Spotlight of God's Love.

Minute For Mission

Offering Invitation

Sing during offering: VU 333, Love Divine All Loves Excelling

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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Blessing

With all creation we sing praises of gratitude, Creator God!

Take what we give this morning, and what we have sacrificed all week, and with your beautiful blessing, bring something new and hopeful into Creation. 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: MV 144 Like A Healing Stream

1. Like a healing stream in a barren desert, Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth like a healing stream
2. Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden, Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation
yearning for an end to want and need like a gentle rain.
3. Like a river strong with a restless current, Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,
calling for an end to hate and war like a river strong.
4. Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons, Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and provide! Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,
like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

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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.**

New Announcements:

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.

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.

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 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, 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.

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

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

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.

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:

Sept 20, 7pm, Jory Nash & Jason Fowler, tickets \$30 available at the church office, by e-transfer 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

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

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.

Bible study ...Wednesdays at 10am. Everyone is welcome! Please reach out to the office for more information and then watch for an email with discussion starters from Rev Wanda.

Bible study is finished for the season and will resume in September.

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.

Youth And Christian Education

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.