

**Sunday October 26, 2025,
10:30am,
Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church**

Prelude/Announcement Video

Greeting

May the peace and grace of Christ be with you
And also with you

Acknowledgement Of The Traditional Territory

Moment To Gather Ourselves

Song: TLUS 151, Holy One, May Your Presence Here

Holy One, may your presence here
Open our minds,
May your Spirit among us help us to find
You are rising up now like a fountain of grace
From the holy ground here is this place, here in this place. (repeat)

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Moment of Silence/Leadership announced

Lighting The Christ Candle/Call To Worship

Welcome, we who are weary and in need of blessing.

God will meet us here.

Welcome, we who wonder what the point of all this is.

God will meet us here.

Welcome, we who rejoice at the abundance we have been given

God will meet us here!

By lighting this candle, we remember who we are and whose we are in Christ,
and we rejoice. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Holy and gracious God,

we gather as seekers, lovers, disciples, and friends.

**We gather to give you thanks for the blessings of our lives
and to replenish and refuel for the road ahead.**

**We gather to learn the wisdom of your way of peace
and feel the warmth of your love.**

Bless this gathering as we join together in wholehearted worship. Amen.

Hymn: MV 145, Draw The Circle Wide

Refrain

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

1. God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms.
2. Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.
3. Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

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Holy Wondering: I Think I Need Help!

Ukulele Hymn: VU 570, Jesus Hands Were Kind Hands

- 1 Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.
- 2 Take my hands, O Jesus, let them work for you,
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

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Repeat after me prayer:

Dear God,
Thank you for sending helpers in our lives.
Give us courage to be brave enough
to ask for help when we need it.
Encourage us to offer help
to other people,
just as Jesus did. Amen.

Prayer of confession

Loving Creator, this morning we confess all the ways we have fallen short.
We try to serve and honour you, but sometimes we end up serving our own needs
Forgive us, and show us a way forward.

We try to be kind and loving, but sometimes we end up sowing division.

Forgive us, and show us a way forward.

We try to be generous, but sometimes in our fear of not having enough, or fear of our neighbour having more, we hold back.

Forgive us, and show us a way forward.

In this moment of silence, hear the cries of our heart, and help us to be whole.

(Silent confessions)

We give thanks that you are a loving God, present to us in need, forgiving when we go astray. Amen.

Confessional Response: TLUS 78, Trust These Words (repeat once)

Trust these words: you are forgiven!

Through Christ's mercy, broken hearts can be restored;

Trust these words: you are forgiven!

Live in peace, beloved, know you are adored;

Trust these words, trust these words, trust these words.

Trust these words: we are forgiven.

Through God's mercy broken lives can be restored;

Trust these words: We are forgiven!

Live in grace and peace, oh, love and serve the Lords;

Trust these words, trust these words, trust these words.

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Prayer for Illumination:

May these words of scripture give us new sight, new vision. May we see newly the abundance of our lives and the opportunities we have to share with our neighbours. Amen.

Scripture: Ephesians 4: 25-5:2

Response: Let us hear what the spirit is saying to the church!

Thanks be to God.

Sing: Psalm 133, page VU 856 (Chorus in Spanish, verse in English)

Miren qué bueno, qué bueno es

Miren qué bueno, qué bueno es

- 1 How pleasant and harmonious when God's people are together:
fragrant as precious oil when running fresh on Aaron's beard. R

2 How pleasant and harmonious when God's people are together:
fresh like the morning dew that falls on Zion's holy hill. R

3 How pleasant and harmonious when God's people are together:
there is where God bestows the blessing, life for evermore. R

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Anthem: God Is There

words and music by Jay Althouse

Sermon: Councillor Shelley Knott Fife, Curve Lake First Nation

Invitation To The Offering

Offering Hymn: MV 154, Deep In Our Hearts

1. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
 deep in our hearts there is a common song;
 deep in our hearts there is a common story, telling Creation that we are one.
2. Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
 deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
 deep in our hearts there is a sacred message, justice and peace in harmony.
3. Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
 deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
 deep in our hearts there is a common current, flowing to freedom like a stream.
4. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
 deep in our hearts there is a common song;
 deep in our hearts there is a common story, telling Creation that we are one.

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Prayer Of Dedication

Thank you, God, for these gifts of money, a symbol of abundance and a means of sharing generously all that we have. May this offering bless the ministry of this community of faith and our Mission and Service partners all over the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

God our creator, our centre, our friend,
we thank you for the circle of life inside which we are blessed.
We thank you for your vision of peace and abundant life for all.
**We are grateful for those who are dear to us,
for those who have died,
and for all who have helped to form and shape us.**

We take a moment now to remember those loved ones who are on our hearts this morning... Including

George, the family of Betty, Denyse, Allen and Mary....

(time of silence, as we also please hold these people in your ongoing prayers:

Henry; Rebecca; Chris; Bill; Nancy; Larry; Ken; Mike; Danny Li; Alexandra; Ron; Margaret Knight; Barb; Lori; Patti.)

Hear now our personal prayers of concern and joy, and hold the names of the ones we mention now: *(Personal prayers)*

Gracious God, most of all, we thank you for the faith that is in us,
for our awareness of your presence,
and for our hope in you and your ways.

Keep us, we pray,

ever thankful, faithful, and hopeful now and forever.

Let us gather all our prayers together by praying together the words that Jesus taught his friends so long ago...

The 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 625, I Feel The Winds Of God

- 1 I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the water's crest, and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest, and brave another cruise.
- 2 It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.
- 3 If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above; it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift.
I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift.

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Commissioning

Go into the world this week knowing you are anointed and blessed without limit.
Share the blessing of God with friends, neighbours, even strangers.
Reach out, extend yourself, and let God surprise you.
Be blessed and be a blessing this week and all your days. Amen.

Sung Blessing: TLUS 104, May The Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you. May the love of God dwell deep in your heart.
May the Spirit enlighten your way. May you walk in the comfort of God's care.

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Postlude

Announcements

Please join us in person and on Zoom and Facebook, Oct 26, 2025 at 10:30am for our worship service. You are welcome to wear a mask. Please wear your nametag and if you don't have one, contact Pamela (613-475-1311) in the church office to arrange one. If you wish to donate towards your nametag, our cost for ordering is \$9 per nametag.

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 Chrysanthemums in the church today
are in loving memory of:
Dorothy and Simon Cournoyer, by their daughter Jeanette
And
Joyce and Olgar Hastings, by their daughter Charlotte
And
Harry and Shirley Irvine, by Lori and Gary Cooper and family.
And
For loved ones passed, by Sonja Rundle

New Announcements:

CHRISTMAS EVE ACTORS / WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED!

For the second year in a row, Rev. Wanda has written a 7:00 Christmas Eve service/play to share the good news of Christmas in a humorous, light-hearted way. Would you like to be a part of delivering the service this year?

There are roles for singers / choir members, worship leaders, angels, shepherds, Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus. Please reach out to the office or Rev. Wanda if you are interested. All are welcome!

Seeking Cast Members for A Christmas Carol Stage Reading

Join us in bringing the classic holiday tale to life! Trinity-St Andrew's is excited to present a reading of *A Christmas Carol*, and we're looking for enthusiastic cast members of all ages to participate.

No acting experience needed – just a love of Christmas!

NO Rehearsals (except in front of the mirror at home).

Interested? Please contact Brian Ostrander at brian.s.ostrander@gmail.com (or in person) or by calling the church office.

Let's make this Christmas memorable together!

Christmas Bazaar Nov. 7&8

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat , Let's pitch in, And have fun with this and that!! Yes, we are having A Christmas Treasures Sale this year on Friday November 7 and Saturday November 8.

We need VOLUNTEERS who can give us a couple of hours of their time to help set up tables and put out sale items on Thursday Nov. 6, or helping on Friday from 9 to 8 pm or on Saturday Nov. 8, from 9:00 to 4:00 pm for the sale would be greatly appreciated. There will be sign-up sheets indicating different 2-hour time slots. They are posted on the Hall Bulletin board in case you drop into the office during the week and will be available for signing on Sunday mornings after Service.

This is a FUN TIME of socializing and getting to know other members of the congregation better, as well as meeting new people in the area. This is a great way to do STEWARDSHIP for Trinity-St.Andrew's Church.

FAIR TRADE PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE

Please join us in the church hall for an opportunity to support Fair Trade and buy quality, ethical items for yourself and your Christmas list. Fair Trade helps improve the income, the health care, and the education of artisans and their communities around the world. Among the huge selection of items you'll find Christmas ornaments from Vietnam, olive oil from Palestine, musical instruments from Bali, scarves from India, cinnamon from Sri Lanka, and so very much more. If you wish to volunteer, contact Helmut at helmutjanet@gmail.com

Our sale hours are:

Friday, December 7th, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 8th, 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9th, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. and 4:00 – 5:00

From The Stewardship/Fundraising Committee

Loonie Toonie Fundraiser....It is that time of year again. Please remember to turn in your Loonie Toonie tin to Sharon McMullen

Guy Davies, Nov 16, 7pm, tickets \$35 available at the church office, Lighthouse Books or online using this link www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/trinity-st-andrews-united-church-brighton-pastoral-charge/events/guy-davispastoral-charge/events/lennie-gallant

From The Worship Committee

Quinte Transit is picking up residents from Applefest Lodge and Brighton Retirement Living to come to church. If you know someone who might benefit from this service, please let them know to advise their Activities Director.

Bible study started September 10 at 10am in the quiet room. Everyone welcome. Email office if they've never been before. Watch for an email with discussion starters from Rev Wanda.

Light A Candle for Those We Are Missing

Once again, On November 2 during our 10:30 worship service we will be honouring All the Saints and Souls who have left us this past year, or those for whom you wish to light a candle of remembrance. Please let Rev Wanda or Pamela in the office know your wish to light a candle, preferably by Friday October 31. There is no cost to light a candle, just a desire to remember, in community, the people who have shaped our lives.

Lectio DivinaPlease reach out to Irene Robb (eneri1414@gmail.com) or the office (admin@trinitystandrews.ca) if you are interested in coming together once a month (or so!) to practice an ancient way of listening for God's voice in scripture. You can learn more about Lectio Divina or sacred readings here: <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/253799/1-What-is-Lectio-Divina.pdf> . We are gathering Wed. Nov 12th, at 2pm in the Quiet Room.

Caregivers Peer Support Group: once monthly at Trinity-St. Andrew's the fourth Wednesday of the month, 3:00 - 4:00 in the Quiet Room. Next meeting Wednesday Nov 26. Open to anyone caring for a loved one who would benefit from sitting with other caregivers in a supportive, safe, and confidential space. Limited openings now. For more information, please reach out to the office.

From the Youth and Christian Education Committee

TSAUC Homework Club...Mondays from 2:30-6:30pm we will have snacks and activities in the hall for youth ages 10 and up. We hope to provide a safe, welcoming space after school.

Please let Bets or Stephanie know if you are interested in helping either regularly or occasionally as a substitute.

Poppy Project...From Sept 20th till November 11th we are invited to intentionally pray for peace. As a visible symbol of this prayer and longing for peace we, at TSA, are all invited to make poppies. The goal is to make strands of poppies that we would use to decorate the railings leading into our church and hall. Starting on October 19th we will begin attaching the ones already made and begin looping them on the outdoor railings. There are knitting and crochet patterns available from the office. As well, every Sunday we will have foam and templates available to cut out poppies that can be added to the strands and eventually to the railings. Even if you don't feel especially creative, please consider making at least one poppy, as a visible commitment to your longing for peace in your life, in this community and in the world. We will have resources for red poppies for remembrance, white poppies for peace, and purple poppies in honour of service animals.

October 26th - Stone Soup Lunch... After church the children and youth group will be sponsoring a stone soup lunch. Please stay for lunch and consider making a twoonie donation to support the after-school program here at TSA. Now, we really won't be cooking stone soup but the story is told that a community was struggling with scarcity, and people were hoarding the little they had. One day one brave soul said they would set up their soup pot in the market square and if everybody brought a little, together, they could enjoy a truly delicious soup. People muttered about stone soup but on the day the person set up their soup pot, one person stopped by with half an onion, someone else brought a few tomatoes, another a quarter cabbage, someone else some chicken. No one brought a lot but most everyone in the community brought something. Soon an amazing scent began permeating the air and people gathered around the soup pot. Someone brought a loaf of bread they had baked that morning. Someone else brought cheese. The community gathered and was fed in body and in spirit.

Daring Justice...As part of the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada we have been asked to think about our commitment to this church that tries to live into Bold Discipleship, Daring Justice and Deep Spirituality. Last month I centered my thoughts, prayers and actions on what it means to be Bold in my Discipleship. In October my personal faith journey is focusing on Daring Justice. My commitment to seeking Justice has been integral to my faith journey. In fact, the call to work for justice is what has kept me in the church. Through the years I have advocated, boycotted, and written thousands of letters to politicians. Justice work is deeply grounded in my spiritual journey but adding the descriptor in front of the justice has me taking some moments to reflect on where I am willing to be daring. So, for this month I will be reflecting on what it means to dare in the reality of this corner in God's world I live in. Wanda's invitation in her message on September 28th invited us to exercise

curiosity. So I am going to try to be curiously daring about four justice issues - the genocide in Gaza, homelessness and food insecurity in my home community, climate change, and Trans gender justice. Please feel free to ask me how it's going or to engage in this spiritual practice of engaging in Daring Justice. *Submitted by Rev. Jackie Harper*

From The Outreach Committee

Witness Blanket... Monday October 27 : we are going to the Lennox Addington museum in Napanee to see the witness blanket. We will meet in the church parking lot and carpool at 9:00 am. Please see the full poster in your weekly email or contact the church office for more info and to register.

From the Affirm and Accessibility Committee

Affirm Terminology for October: How to Be an Ally to and within the LGBTQ+ Community, Part 1

An LGBTQ+ ally is a person who supports and advocates for the rights and acceptance of LGBTQ+ individuals, regardless of their own sexual orientation or gender identity. Allyship, both within the LGBTQ+ community and on behalf of it by cishet* people, is vital to our mental wellness: The actions taken by those outside the community can serve to save the energy and well-being of those within it. Because being an ally means a lot more than just saying you are one, here are some actionable steps you can take. Understand emotional labor. You might think that asking someone questions about their experience is innately a good thing because you're coming from a place of wanting to educate yourself. That's not necessarily the case. Asking someone more marginalized than you to explain their identity is a request for emotional labor from them. Before asking a person for resources or to explain their identity to you, ask them if they're up for it. Just because someone is part of a community doesn't mean they are obligated to educate others on the matter. A simple Google search could help you identify these answers yourself. Follow the same rules. You wouldn't generally ask an overly personal question of anyone who isn't your close friend, so you shouldn't ask one of someone who is LGBTQ+ just because you're curious, either. That means that asking two women about "how" they have sex together or asking a nonbinary person whether they were "born a girl or boy" is equally uncouth. It's best to follow the same rules when asking LGBTQ+ people questions as you would anyone else. If you know it's inappropriate or personal, save it for Google. * A cishet (pronounced sis-het) person identifies with the gender they were assigned at birth, and they choose romantic partners of the opposite sex.

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 **Nov 4**. Please note that from October 1, 2025 to April 30th, 2026 we will be using the double doors on Chapel Street near the accessible ramp to access the Quiet Room. For more information, speak with Jeanette Cournoyer or email: brightonlgbtqgroup@gmail.com.

From the Property Committee:

The Property Committee would like to thank the following church members for their hard work in clearing out the huge amount of refuse in the church basement. Jack Reed, Helen Bonisteel & Sharon McMullen for being our advisors on what to keep & what to throw away. We'd also like to thank David, Justin & Tyler Richards for their youthful exuberance as well as Ken McClintock, David Smith, Barry Street, Danny Li & Derrick Madder. All the refuse was taken up to the Brighton dump by a local contractor.

The church office is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am -12:30m.

Pamela works from home on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Please see these posters on the bulletin board in the hallway




Welcoming All



**Holiday
Rummage Sale**

in the Hall at Trinity-St. Andrew's
United Church in Brighton

November 7 9:00pm-8:00pm
November 8 9:00am-4:00pm

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November 16 at 7pm
Doors Open at
6:30pm



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