

10:00 – BAS Holy Eucharist **Licensed Lay Minister:** Gordon West

Opening Hymn – The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

Gathering of the Community

Gloria (sung)

Collect of the Day: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 (Tom Rudolph)

Psalms 100

Ephesians 1: 15-23 (Jon Muers)

Gradual Hymn – He is Exalted

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46 (Jacquie Muers)

Homily – Natasha Bejarano

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – The Kingdom Song

Prayer over the Gifts: Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Celebration of the Eucharist #2

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread #4

Lamb of God (sung)

Communion Hymn – Bread of Life, Feed My Soul

Ablutions Hymn – How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Blessing

Closing Hymn – Jesus Shall Reign

Dismissal

Let There Be Love

Chancel Guild: Mary Hubley, Linda Higgins, Judy Wesley

Greeters: Bob Standing, Neil Harris, Sterling Hubley

In lieu of altar flowers, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joyce Standing and son Tom from Bob, Diane, Debbie and Roberta.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, Nov. 28th – Men's Fellowship Group 10:00 a.m.

Index Drop Off 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Regional Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, Nov. 29th – Choir 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 1st – Morning Prayer 9:15 a.m.

Meditation 10:00 a.m.

Lectionary Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

Next Sunday, Dec 3rd – First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS) Sunday School Coffee Hour

Today is **White Ribbon Sunday** across the Anglican Church of Canada. Every year, from November 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) to December 10 (World Human Rights Day), Canadians observe the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. It is an opportunity to come together to call out, speak up and renew our commitment to end gender-based violence. As followers of Jesus, we cannot remain silent in the face of gender injustice. ***We pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about all forms of gender-based violence and discrimination.***

Next date for **8:00 a.m. BCP Communion** – Dec. 10th.

Next date for **Coffee Hour** – Dec. 3rd.

Sunday School dates for the fall term: Dec. 3rd & Dec. 17th.

A service of **Morning Prayer** will be held in the Chancel on **Dec. 1st**. The service starts at 9:15 a.m.

Our next **parish book club** meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 14th after worship. The book for discussion will be The Age of Insecurity: Coming Together as Things Fall Apart by Astra Taylor. All are welcome to join in the parish hall meeting room for the discussion.

The next meeting of the **Men's Fellowship Group** is Tuesday, Nov. 28th at 10:00 a.m. in the Hall Meeting Room.

We have launched our annual shoebox program for the **Mission to Seafarers**. The list of requested items for the boxes is: work gloves/mitts, shampoo, shaving cream, deodorant, socks, hard candy/chocolate, toothpaste & toothbrush, razors, lip balm, playing cards, small memento of NS, PEI, or Canada. We have scarves and toques left over from previous years, but we are in dire need of shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream and work gloves. Phone cards are always welcome.

Common Cup: As part of our cautionary approach in dealing with Covid 19 and other communicable illness, we continue to offer two options for the receiving of communion wine: the common cup and a second cup from which a medicine dropper is used to place wine upon the host. You are invited to make the choice that is best for you and cross to the appropriate chalice after receiving the host. **Note:** Dipping of the wafer (intinction) is not permitted in the common cup.

Our **Mitten Tree** has gone up for another year. We welcome your handmade or purchased donations of mittens and scarves to share with our local schools. Please note: we are not accepting hats this year.

For the taking: There are a number of small wooden crosses on the table at the back of the church. They were made by a community member with branches from the tree that was felled on the church lawn during hurricane Fiona. You are welcome to take one and consider leaving a small donation for the Food Bank in the jar on the table. This is the request of the creator of the crosses and any proceeds will be donated to the Food Bank.

Office Hours Change: Our parish office is now open Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Peace Service: Join us on Sunday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. for a service of quiet prayer, reflection and music as we pray for peace in Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, and around the world.

ACW Church Calendars for 2024 are delayed. They may not be available until the New Year.

Christmas Index Program 2023: Again this year, we will be supporting 30 families in our local area with Christmas dinner and other groceries. As always, we appreciate your help in making this project a success! Each week we will be asking for two items and you are asked to bring in only one of them the following week. These items can then be deposited in our grocery cart. We will also be accepting items at the link entrance to the hall each Tuesday from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Any items left over after preparing our boxes will be donated to the Food Bank:

Sunday, Oct. 15 can of vegetables (398 ml)/can of baked beans (398 ml)

Sunday, Oct. 22 can of soup (any kind)/can of tuna

Sunday, Oct. 29 bottle of jam (500 ml)/bottle of peanut butter (500 ml)

Sunday, Nov. 5 box of crackers (500 gr)/box of cereal (500 gr)

Sunday, Nov. 12 can of juice (1.8L)/small can of fruit (398 ml)

Sunday, Nov. 19 Package of cookies (454 gr)/box of stove top stuffing

Sunday, Nov. 26 can of cranberry sauce or jelly/box of 30 tea bags

Sunday, Dec. 3 3 boxes Kraft dinner/bag of Christmas candy (300 gr)

Sunday, Dec. 10 tub margarine (454 gr)/Monetary donations toward the purchase of potatoes, turnips and carrots.

Note: Please remember to check the expiry date on the items you give – they will not be used until December and we are unable to distribute outdated items. We will also need cloth grocery bags for delivery.

Offerings Update: End of October year to date total offerings received were \$131,212 putting us behind \$6,056 from where we need to be in order to meet our 2023 offerings budget. Nov. 19th offerings totaled \$525.

Advent begins next week on Dec. 3rd. On that first Sunday, please join us for coffee hour as we kick off our Advent season with **"How Sweet the Name"**; an at-home learning resource focused on the names of Jesus. Each week, we invite you to take home a Christmas ornament and reflect on the meaning of the name featured on the ornament. Bring it back with you the next Sunday, if you wish, and take a different ornament home with you. Over the season, you will learn about several of the sacred names of Jesus and make one ornament yours to keep.

We will also be gifting each household with an inter-generational Advent calendar called **"Slow Down. Quiet. It's Advent"** for use throughout the season. It is filled with creative ideas and reflections, questions, prayers and activities to help you make time to grow your spirit and draw closer to God as you prepare for Christmas.

Advent Word: Again this year, many of us will be following Advent Word; an online Advent resource that gives a word prompt, image and reflection for each day from Dec. 3 – 25. Sign up online at adventword.org to have the daily Word delivered to your inbox.

First United's annual **Candlelight Christmas Concert**, featuring the First United Church Choir, Handbell Ensemble, and other musicians, led by Chris Bowman, minister of music will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m., and a freewill offering will be taken up in support of First United's music program.

Also coming up in the next few weeks at First United:

- **Handel's Messiah**, presented by Cantabile Singers, on Saturday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. (tickets available at the office and <https://ticketstripe.com/CantabileHandelsMessiah>)
- **Brigid Trio's Christmas Concert** (featuring Resonance) on Friday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m.
- Creative Voices' **"The Wonder of Christmas"** featuring Truro Youth Singers on Saturday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m.
- **Brenna Conrad's Studio Recital** on Sunday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. (admission by donation)



Reign of Christ

November 26th, 2023



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Elaine MacInnis and Neil Harris

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