

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion BCP

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist BAS Licensed Lay Minister: Stephen Hamlin

Opening Hymn – Come, Ye Thankful People Come

Gathering of the Community

Gloria

Collect of the Day: Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 (Gordon West)

Psalms 65

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 (Stephen Hamlin)

Gradual Hymn – We Give You Thanks

Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19 (Bev DeVouge)

Homily – Rev. Lori Ramsey

The Apostles Creed

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – Take My Life and Let it Be

Prayer over the Gifts: Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebration of the Eucharist

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #3

Lamb of God

Communion Hymn – Seed, Scattered and Sown

Ablution Music – Now Thank We All Our God

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Blessing

Closing Hymn – Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Dismissal

Music – Let There Be Love

Chancel Guild: Cathy Boudreau, Kim Benedict, Laurel MacIntosh

Greeters: 8:00 – Leona Hunt 10:00 – Harry MacKenzie, Walter Spears

In lieu of Altar Flowers, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents Hilda and Blanchard Conrad and my husband Earl Chisholm from Goldie and family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, Oct. 10th – Men's Group 2:00 p.m.

Property 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 11th – Finance 1:00 p.m.

Choir 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 13th – Meditation 10:00 a.m.

Lectionary Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

Next Sunday, October 15th – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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

11:30 a.m. Book Club

A **Happy Thanksgiving** is wished to all of our parishioners today. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need in our community through your food donations which also help to beautify our sanctuary and give glory to our gracious God. Join us immediately following today's final hymn on the church lawn for a short ceremony as we plant and bless an **English Oak tree** in thanksgiving for the reign of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

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 **parish office** is open Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Our next **parish book club** meeting will be on October 15th after worship. The book for discussion will be Starry Messenger by Neil deGrasse Tyson. All are welcome to join in the parish hall meeting room for the discussion.

Our weekday services of **Morning Prayer** in the Chancel have switched back to Fridays for the fall. The dates will be: **Oct. 20th, Nov. 10th and Dec. 1st**. All services start at 9:15 a.m.

Dates for **8:00 a.m. BCP Communion** till Christmas – Nov. 12th, Dec. 10th.
Dates for **Coffee Hour** till Christmas – Nov. 5th, Dec. 3rd.

Sunday School dates for the fall term will be: Oct. 15th, Oct. 29th, Nov. 5th, Nov. 19th, Dec. 3rd and Dec. 17th.

Offerings Update: End of August year to date total offerings received were \$83,251 putting us behind \$4,612 from where we needed to be in order to meet our 2023 offerings budget. September 24th offerings totaled \$450.

We are in the midst of preparation for the 2024 parish diary and are looking to update our list of those interested in providing the **Lectionary Readings** at our worship services. Please contact Bev DeVouge (902-814-1992) if you would like to have your name added to or removed from our list. Readers are normally scheduled to read 6-7 times a year.

Men's Fellowship Group: An informal (no minutes, no officers!) gathering of our men for fellowship, activities, outings, etc. is being offered at St. John's. For anyone interested in learning more or wanting to help chart the direction of this endeavour please join us in the parlour in Kaulback Hall on **Tuesday, October 10th** at 2:00 p.m. for our first get together. Coffee and tea provided. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to speak to Bill Wesley or Harry MacKenzie.

Christmas Index: Believe it or not, it's almost that time! Our Christmas Index collection begins next week on Sunday, Oct. 15th. Our first Tuesday drop off will be on Oct. 24th. 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!

Christmas Index Program 2023: Beginning on Sunday, October 15th, 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. beginning October 24th. Any items left over after preparing our boxes will be donated to the Food Bank:

Sunday, October 15	small can of vegetables (398 ml) small can of baked beans (398 ml)
Sunday, October 22	can of soup (any kind) can of tuna
Sunday, October 29	bottle of jam (500 ml) bottle of peanut butter (500 ml)
Sunday, November 5	box of crackers (500 gr) box of cereal (500 gr)
Sunday, November 12	can of juice (1.8L) small can of fruit (398 ml)
Sunday, November 19	Package of cookies (454 gm) box of stove top stuffing
Sunday, November 26	can of cranberry sauce/jelly box of tea bags (30 count)
Sunday, December 3	3 boxes Kraft dinner bag of Christmas candy (300 gm)
Sunday, December 10	tub margarine (454 gm) 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.

Harvest Thanksgiving

October 8th, 2023

Count

Count your blessings instead of your crosses
Count your gains instead of your losses
Count your joys instead of your woes
Count your friends instead of your foes
Count your smiles instead of your tears
Count your courage instead of your fears
Count your full years instead of your lean
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean
Count your health instead of your wealth
Count on God instead of yourself

Your Blessings



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Elaine MacInnis and Neil Harris

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