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Worship

Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, October 12, 2025 10:30 am

Welcome to our worship and fellowship. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book.

Masks are welcome and optional in our building. * *Stand, as you are able.*

PRELUDE

Kevin Dupuis

*WELCOME

Rev. Marlene

*During the first part of worship, write on the **leaf** something to give thanks for, and later you can place it upon the **Prayer Tree** by the Communion Table.*

*INTROIT 151 **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!

***CALL to Worship** (using Psalm 66) **leader & people**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;

give to him glorious praise. Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.”

***HYMN 292** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

**1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song harvest home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin,
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God’s own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.**

**2. All the blessings of the field,
All the stores the gardens yield,
All the fruits in full supply,
Ripened ’neath the summer sky,
All that spring with bounteous hand
Scatters o’er the smiling land,
All that liberal autumn pours
From her rich o’erflowing stores:**

**3. These to Thee, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow;
And for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then, thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home;
Come to God’s own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.**

PRAYER of Approach

in unison

God, You are Spirit, and yet You show Yourself to us in body, in Jesus Christ.

**We gather together with You to lift up our hearts, to raise our voices,
to pray. Forgive our moments of not being grateful, moments of greed, moments of
rudeness. Forgive the ways we put You in a spiritual box,
while we live our down-to-earth lives. This Thanksgiving Sunday,
show Yourself in our physical world, all this beauty.**

Be merciful, and touch our bodies and souls with Your goodness and grace.

Then, we shall live all the better, and give hope and joy to others. Amen.

HYMN 301 “Can a Little Child Like Me”

vs. 1 & 2

**1. Can a little child like me
Thank the Father fittingly?
Yes, O yes! be good and true,
Patient, kind in all you do;
Love the Lord, and do your part;
Learn to say with all your heart,**

**2. For the fruit upon the tree,
For the birds that sing of Thee,
For the earth in beauty dressed,
Father, mother, and the rest,
For Thy precious, loving care,
For Thy bounty everywhere,**

**[chorus] Father, we thank Thee! Father, we thank Thee!
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!**

STORY TIME

Rev. Marlene

(There is Sunday school for children following the Story Time.)

HYMN 301

“Can a Little Child Like Me”

vs. 3 & 4

**3. For the sunshine warm and bright,
For the day and for the night,
For the lessons of our youth,
Honour, gratitude and truth,
For the love that met us here,
For the home and for the cheer,**

**4. For our comrades and our plays,
And our happy holidays,
For the joyful work and true
That a little child may do,
For our lives but just begun,
For the great gift of Thy Son,**

[chorus] **Father, we thank Thee! Father, we thank Thee!
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!**

PRAYERS of Thanksgiving

*Please come forward to place your prayer leaves
upon the prayer tree.*

LITANY of Thanksgiving

leader & people

Let us express our gratitude to our God of generous goodness.
Seasons of thankfulness have always been with us.

This Thanksgiving we rejoice in You, our God!

For thousands of years, people on this land have been grateful.
The Mi'kmaq have celebrated and revered the fellow creatures
of land and sea and sky.

This Thanksgiving we rejoice in You, our Provider!

447 years ago, French explorers in the north gave thanks for their safe journey.
Their Chaplain celebrated communion and preached, and the men feasted.

This Thanksgiving we rejoice in You, our Protector!

419 years ago, French settlers established the Order of Good Cheer.
They combated the harshness of winter with feasting and festive noise.

This Thanksgiving we rejoice in You, our Hope and our Joy!

275 years ago a meal of turkey and squash and pumpkin
was being introduced to Nova Scotia.

To this day, the richness of this land comes to our tables.

This Thanksgiving we rejoice in you, our Giver of good gifts!

68 years ago the second Monday in October was set as our Thanksgiving holiday.
We continue to be grounded in the good things of earth that feed us.

This Thanksgiving we rejoice in You, our Giver of life! Amen.

First TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Karen Fraser

CHOIR

“Simple Praise”

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

Liz Hickey

HYMN

“Called By Earth and Sky” (Pat Mayberry, 2005)

[chorus]

**Called by Earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky, called by earth and sky, called by earth and sky.**

1. **Precious these waters,
endless seas, deep ocean’s dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again.**

2. **Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born & free. Breath of the Spirit,
blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace.**

3. **Precious these mountains,
ancient sands; vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening, rooted & strong,
Creation’s faithful song.**

4. **Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one.**

SERMON

“Build and Live, Plant and Eat”

Jeff White

SILENT Meditation

OFFERING

Rev. Marlene

*RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. (Fairhill)

Praise Christ all creatures here below.

Praise Holy Spirit, evermore.

Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

CELEBRATION of Ministry

Rev. Marlene

PRAYERS for all

Jeff White

*HYMN

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

(Shirley Erena Murray; Colin Gibson 1191 © 1992 Hope Publishing Company)

1. **Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.**

2. **We who endanger, who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!**

3. **Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God’s garden,
hope in God’s children,
regeneration that peace will compete**

4. **God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow & the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.**

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL Amen 606 **Amen, amen, amen.**

POSTLUDE

[You may remain seated to hear the postlude music.]

Kevin Dupuis

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Bible Basics: The Gospel of **John Tuesday**, usually at **1:15 pm** in the Parlour, finished at 2:30. Led by Jeff While, he recommends you read a few chapters in John before our weekly lesson. And bring a Bible.

- Oct 14 1:30 pm John 1-4
- Oct 21 **12:00 pm** John 5-8
- Nov 4 1:30 pm John 9-12
- Nov 11 1:30 pm John 13-17
- Nov 18 1:30 pm John 18-21

Bread Making: Hands-on demonstration in making **homemade white bread** on **Wednesday, October 22** at **1:00 pm**. **Limited space – only 10 spots available** (sign-up sheet on Church Office door.)

FBC Christmas Tea – White Elephant Table: As part of this special event, we are **collecting donations** for our **White Elephant Table**. If you have jewelry, crafts, re-gifts, or lightly used treasures to share, we would be most grateful. Should you require assistance in delivering items to the church, please contact the Church Office for arrangements (902) 667-2001. Thank you for helping us make this festive tradition success.

Ignite Family Retreat at Camp Pagweak on **Saturday, October 18** from **10:00 am – 7:00 pm**. Cost: FREE. Enjoy a time of worship, games, food and fun for the whole family. Learning tracks for kids, youth, and adult.

Rev. Marlene will be on vacation this week.

Schedule Sun., Oct 12 – Mon., Oct 20

Sun., 12	10:30 am	Worship Service & Sunday School
Mon., 13		Happy Thanksgiving – Church & Office Closed
Tue., 14	10:00 am	Practice for White Birches
	1:15 pm	Bible Basics
	6:30 pm	Bd of MGMT
Thur., 16	1:30 pm	Singing at White Birches
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri., 17	10:00 am	Fibre Arts Quilt Show
Sat., 18	10:00 am	Fibre Arts Quilt Show
Sun., 19	10:30 am	Worship Service & Sunday School
	2:00 pm	Baby Shower
Mon., 20	1:00 pm	Line Dancing
	2:15 pm	Prayer Time

Offerings for Sunday., October 5

Envelopes	\$390.00
Plate	\$ 55.05
Restoration	\$ 5.00
Benevolent	\$ 25.00
Christmas Cheer	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
TOTAL	\$525.05

Pre-Authorized Offerings for September
\$1,080.00

Fall Food Drive: Fall Food Drive on **Saturday, October 25** from **9:00 am - 1:00pm**. Please place your non perishable/unexpired food donation on your **front doorstep by 9:00 am** for volunteer pickup. Alternatively, you can drop it off at any of our three convenient locations: Superstore, Sobeys or Walmart. Your community thanks you for your assistance

