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Office Hours: M-F, 9am–1pm

A warm welcome is extended to all.

If you are a parent or caregiver, there is a kitchen and washrooms on the main and upstairs levels, as well as a diaper changing area upstairs.

Please feel free to return to the service at any time.

*The congregation is invited to join in responses printed in **bold**. Stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

PRELUDE IN F MAJOR

(Music: Robert J. Powell)

ANDANTE SOSTENUTO

(Music: Rogert Lau)

DOXOLOGY (541 VU)

(OLD 100TH) (Thomas Ken, Genevan Psalter)

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pastoral Care (Valerie Roy)
- Senior Centre (Roberta Bunker)

CALL TO WORSHIP

The call of the Holy One has brought us together.

We have been called to pray and to praise.

We are called to worship and to holy wonder.

May the light of Love burn brightly in us.

May it transfigure and transform our hearts and minds.

May it become a beacon of hope for others.

HYMN 220 VU PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY
(LOBE DEN HERREN) (Words: Joachim Neander / Music: Stralsund *Gesangbuch*)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation:
Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen how all you needed has been
met by God's gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who out of love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again:
gladly with praise we adore him.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

God of mountaintops and valleys and everywhere in between, we thank you for meeting us where we are. We thank you also for leading us to this place of prayer and renewal. Enlighten our minds, radiate our hearts, and ready us for your alive word of Love. Let it shine in and through us, lighting a path of grace, hope, and joy. May the same transfiguring power, shown forth in Jesus Christ, also shine in us for the good of the world.

We pray with the words Jesus taught us, saying, "Our Father...Amen." (960 VU) (A laminated handheld version of The Lord's Prayer can be found in the hymnbook holder in the pew.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, it has been easy to live with our eyes veiled. Too often, we have hidden from the hard realities within us and around us. We have shielded your light of love, instead of sharing it. Something deep within has often hardened our hearts, leading to inertia and unfreedom. But there is a deeper longing within. We hunger for the forgiveness and renewal you revealed in Jesus Christ. Forgive us, Holy One, and unveil our eyes and our hearts. With Your shining love, light a path of forgiveness for us that we may share it with others. By this, we may know the freedom of new life you revealed in Jesus Christ. Amen.

(moment of silence to offer personal thoughts and concerns)

WORDS OF GRACE

Hear the good news! Do not lose heart! God is merciful. Bit by bit, we are being transformed into the image of God's glory made known in Jesus Christ. In our turning, God has forgiven us and unveiled our lives. God has also called us to listen to Jesus Christ, the beloved, who calls us by the same name. Beloved, may the forgiving light of God's love shine through us, and bear the hope of a new beginning to others. Thanks be to God! Amen.

OFFERING

Offering boxes are located inside the Sanctuary at the two main entrances.

OFFERTORY (537 VU)

YOUR WORK, O GOD, NEEDS MANY HANDS

(KILMARNOCK) (Words: Calvin Weiss Laufer / Music: Neil Dougall)

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share. Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy Mystery, help us tap into the deep faith of Elijah, Moses, and Jesus. Through our giving, expand our hearts to make room for challenge and joy, transformation and summons. Please take our gifts, and those given through the mail, PAR and online, and use them to help us create transformation in the world, in our homes, and in ourselves. Amen.

REMAIN SEATED

HYMN 289 VU

IT ONLY TAKES A SPARK

(PASS IT ON) (Words / Music: Kurt Kaiser)

It only takes a spark to get a fire going
and soon all those around can warm up to its glowing:
that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
you spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on
What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found--
on God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want my world to know:
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children up to age 12 yrs. are now invited to go to our Sunday School program time. If you are a child here for the first time, please feel welcome to join the children's group upstairs, or remain here for the rest of the service.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read by Roberta Bunker

Exodus 24:12-18

God calls Moses up the mountain.

Psalms 2, p. 725 VU

Serve God with holy fear.

(Music: Hal H. Hopson)

R Serve God with holy fear.

Why are the nations in turmoil,
and why are the peoples engaged in futile plotting?

**The monarchs of the earth arise,
and the rulers take counsel together
against God and against God's anointed.**

"Let us break their fetters," they say,
"and let us cast off their chains."

**The One whose throne is in heaven laughs them to scorn,
God holds them in derision.**

You speak to them in your wrath, and terrify them in your fury.
"I myself have set up one to rule, on Zion, my holy hill." *R*

I will recite the decree of God, who said to me,

"You are my child, today I have begotten you.

Ask, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance,
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

**You will crush them with a rod of iron,
and break them in pieces like a potter's vessel."** *R*

Now therefore, you monarchs, be wise;
be prudent, you rulers of the earth.

Serve God with fear, with trembling bow down,
lest God be angry and you perish,
for God's anger is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who put their trust in God. *R*

Matthew 17:1–9

Jesus transfigured on the mountain.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 103 VU

HOW GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

(CARLISLE) (Words: Joseph Armitage Robinson /
Music: Charles Lockhart; desc. Sydney H. Nicholson)

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

How good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,
we hail your body glorified, and our redemption see!
Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come:
we long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home!
How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
but, since you bid us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

SERMON

ANTHEM

I WILL SING AND NOT BE SILENT

(Words / Music: Allen Pote)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(We pray for Bedeque North Pastoral Charge)

HYMN 421 VU

LEAD ON, O CLOUD OF PRESENCE

(LANCASHIRE) (Words: Ruth Duck / Music: Harry Thomas Smart)

Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come.
In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
Our slavery left behind us, new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.

Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we come,
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.

Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.

BENEDICTION

May the Holy radiance of transfiguration
continually light the wick of your life.
May it be a light that bears joy and hope and love.
May the voice of Jesus enter not only your ears but also your heart.
And may that voice shape your voice for the good of the world.
Blessings on you all! Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SUNG POSTLUDE

GO NOW IN PEACE

(Words: Don Besig, Nancy Price / Music: Don Besig)

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

(Music: "Stralsund Gesangbuch")

During the postlude the congregation is welcome to depart.

On the Mountain to Pray: Service Prayers for Transfiguration Sunday Year C
was written by the Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins, Conference Minister of the
Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ.

***You are invited to join us in the Owen Fraser Hall
for a time of fellowship and refreshments.***



*The bulletin and pastoral letter are dedicated
in Loving Memory of
the family members we miss
on this Family Day weekend
by Nina & Norm Bourque*

MEMORIAL

*A donation has been made to
St. John's United Church in memory of*

Carol Ann Bryant
by Neil Bryant and Family

Kenneth Harper
by Brian & Florence

NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Check our website at www.stjohnsmoncton.ca
for **Sunday online Worship links**, calendar, and more.

Feb. 15	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School - Transfiguration Sunday
Feb. 15	Sun.	12:45p.m.	Worship & Music Committee (monthly-Norman Sinclair Room)
Feb. 16	Mon.		Church closed – Family Day
Feb. 16	Mon	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon (weekly-Owen Fraser Hall)
Feb. 17	Tues.		Shrove Tuesday 
Feb. 17	Tues.		Deadline to submit reports to the church office to be included in the 2025 Annual Report.
Feb. 17	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Wings. Divine Vuguziga will share "My experiences from Rwanda to Canada". As February is "Black History Month" in Canada, this is also an opportunity to learn about one person's history. We expect to have childcare that evening if you require it (let us know). (Owen Fraser Hall)
Feb. 18	Wed.	.	Ash Wednesday 
Feb. 18	Wed.	6:15 p.m.	Sparks, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Owen Fraser Hall)

Feb. 18	Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Finance & Property Management Committee (monthly-Norman Sinclair Room)
Feb. 19	Thur.	7:00 p.m.	Choir (weekly-Choir Loft/Fellowship Room)
Feb. 19	Thur.	7:15 p.m.	Pathfinders, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Social Hall)
Feb. 20	Fri.	6-9pm	Rehearsal – UdeM (Sanctuary)
Feb. 21	Sat.	9-12:30pm	Rehearsal – UdeM (Sanctuary)
Feb. 22	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School - 1 st Sunday in Lent - Grocery Sunday(see note)  LEN 
Feb. 22	Sun.	1:30 p.m.	Concert, 3pm – UdeM (Sanctuary)
Feb. 23	Mon.	2:00 p.m.	UCW (monthly-Fellowship Room)
Feb. 24	Tues.	700 p.m.	Church Council (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)
Feb. 25	Wed.		PINK SHIRT DAY
Mar. 1	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School - 2 nd Sunday in Lent - Worship Leader: Rev. Mary MacPherson LEN 
Mar. 1	Sun.	12:30 p.m	Trustees Committee (Norman Sinclair Room)
Mar. 6	Fri.	 2:00 p.m.	World Day of Prayer Service at St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, 28 Woolridge St., Riverview.
Mar. 14	Sat.	 6:30 p.m.	St. Paddy's Day at St. Johns: Kitchen Party!  A fun-filled evening of singing and music. Bring your instruments and join in the fun! (Social Hall - basement)

Announcements from other United Churches, Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region 14 and the community are shown on the TV in the Owen Fraser Hall and also located on the bulletin boards located at the Alma St. entrance and outside the Church Office.

SOBEYS & SUPERSTORE GIFT CARDS are sold each Sunday in the Sanctuary before and after Worship and at the Church Office M-F, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



We make 4% on every card sold. Your support is needed and appreciated.

2025 TAX RECEIPTS are ready for pick up at the front of the Sanctuary at Sunday morning Worship and on weekdays Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm at the church office. If you do not receive your receipt, please send us an email or give the office a call. Thank you to all who supported the work of St. John's United Church.

WELCOME!

We would like to warmly welcome any new faces to our church family today! Please feel free to introduce yourself to a fellow member or reach out to our minister if you have any questions. We invite you to stay after the service for fellowship. Fill in the "welcome" envelope located on the table at our two main entrances and place in the offering box (no money required) or email the church office at stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com to let us know you are worshipping with us.



SENIOR CENTRE

The Moncton City Council will be making a motion on **Tuesday, February 17, 2026** at City Hall .The motion will either allow or reject the proposal to erect a Seniors Centre at the former Kiwanis Pool location (Brady and Limerick Streets). It has been 38 months since we lost the former Lions Community Centre and have been working diligently to establish a Seniors Centre in Moncton.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

We are asking seniors, families and supporters to show up in large numbers and make our voices heard. Moncton's seniors deserve no less than those in other communities. We have been patient - now it's time to be heard. PLEASE attend this important meeting to support our community of seniors on **TUESDAY ,FEBRUARY 17, 2026 at City Hall at 4 P.M.**

GROCERY SUNDAY FOR KARING KITCHEN

(Feb. 22 – last Sunday of the month)

The Outreach Committee would like to bring your attention to the Karing Kitchen's need for these groceries: cream of celery soup, honey garlic sauce flakes of ham and hot dogs. *White baskets will be at the main entrance for your donations.* Thank you.



January 2026 GIVINGS

Local Offering - Env	\$ 6,221.00	Local Offering - PAR	\$ 5,918.87
Mission & Service – Env	\$ 399.00	Mission & Service - PAR	\$ 815.46
Plate Loose	\$ 202.40	Memorial Donations	\$ 165.00
Bulletin Sponsorship	\$ 450.00	Grocery Card Revenue	\$ 8.00
Revenues Year-to-Date:	\$17,197.59	Expenses Year-to-Date:	\$25,168.73
Mission & Service Year-to-Date:	\$ 1,214.46	Mission & Service 2025 Goal	\$ TBD

Thank you for your generous and continued support!

Please take our CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT SURVEY 1, Jan. 25 – Feb 11

Your Worship and Music Committee is working to “Strengthening our Invitation” at St. John’s United Church. Please take our anonymous congregational survey – your input will help us improve our worship experience. We will be sharing a summary of the results. You can respond from your phone or from a computer. We look forward to hearing from you!

Click on this link [Congregational Survey 1](https://forms.gle/6nuomC88RvHWtta9) or go to <https://forms.gle/6nuomC88RvHWtta9>

Note: your email address will be visible to you as you take the survey, however, it is **not** collected as part of the survey.

To use the QR code shown in the Sunday bulletins (and below), simply:

1. open your camera app
2. point the phone at the QR code, as if you were taking a picture of it
3. a link will appear, simply touch this on your screen
4. the survey will appear.



The **PASTORAL CARE & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** needs volunteers for the various roles and activities the committee undertakes. If you would like to help or for more information, speak to Valerie Roy or contact the church office.

DEDICATE THE BULLETIN/PASTORAL LETTER in memory of a loved one(s). The cost is \$50.00. Upcoming dates available: June 7, 2026 and Jan. 10, 2027. If you dedicated last year, you will be contacted to see if you want to dedicate again.

STEWARDSHIP SECOND – Sometimes, the vision of what God is up to is so clear it is blinding.

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH CARES... To notify the Minister of personal concerns, anxieties, illnesses, hospitalizations or deaths, or to pass along a prayer request, contact Rev. Aaron Billard at 506-858-8289 or sjucrev@gmail.com

Greeters & Offering

South Door – Alma St
Susan Estabrooks

North Door – Victoria St.
Alice Gracie



**SHROVE
TUESDAY**



**A S H
WEDNESDAY**

CHURCH MINISTRY PERSONNEL AND STAFF



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St. John's United Church
CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
January 27, 2026 Meeting

Church Council met for the first time in 2026 on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

REGION 14

- Material was received and reviewed from the region regarding “When a Health Emergency Affects Your Ministry”. The document was prepared to assist ministries manage the increased spread of communicable disease (RSV, Covid, Flu, Measles, etc.) during our gatherings and visitations. For the time being we will discontinue the “Passing of the Peace” at the end of our Sunday service.
- Information related to the launch of “Towards 2035” was shared. The initiative is an invitation to prayer and a whole-church conversation about the future of God’s call to the United Church of Canada. More information will follow in the coming months.

FINANCE & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- After a month-long outage, the elevator is now back in service.
- One of the three hot water tanks in the building was replaced in December.

PASTORAL CARE & MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- The team reported 22 telephone calls and 18 home visits in the month of January.
- Fourteen volunteers delivered poinsettias to our shut-ins on December 21st.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

- Plans were finalized on the congregational survey which will be launched at the end of January.

TREASURERS REPORT

- The financial year-end report for the general account dated December 31, 2025 was presented. Note – Revenues include the receipt of \$73,927.47 in grant funding.
Revenue \$348,593.57
Expenses \$292,676.22
Surplus \$ 55,917.35
- The Board of Trustees closed the year with holdings in the amount of \$618,529.55
- The proposed 2026 Mission & Service goal as well as the 2026 Budget was approved for presentation and approval at the 2025 Annual Meeting, to be held in March.