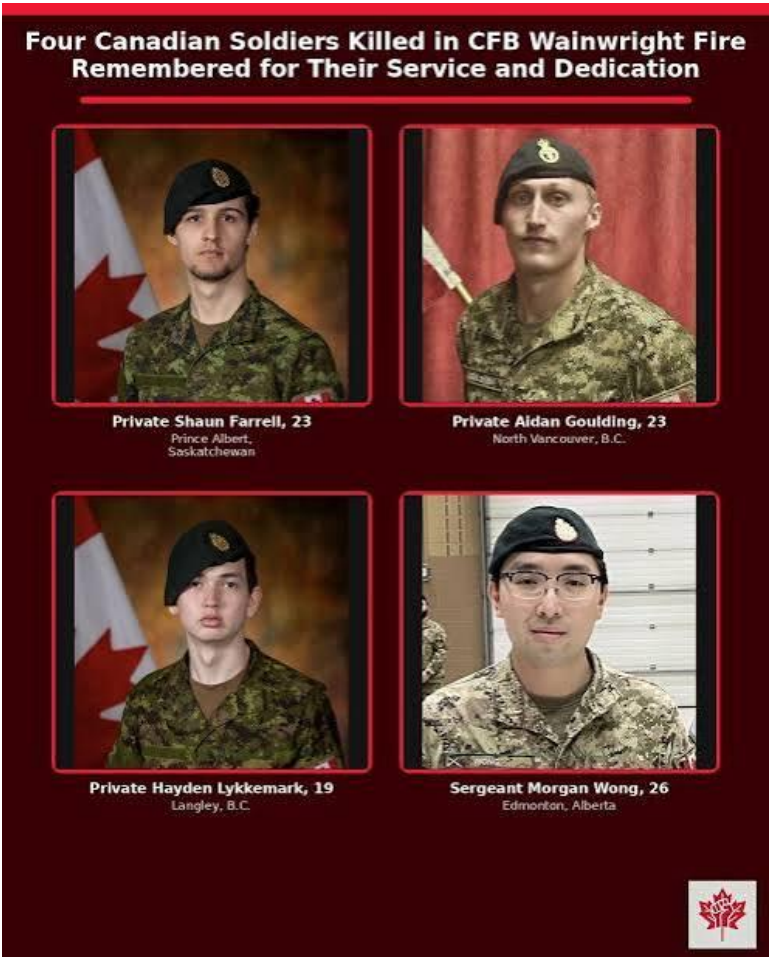
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A warm welcome is extended to all.



October 17, 2026

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 *PRIÈRE À NOTRE-DAME* (Music: Boëllmann)

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

National Anthem

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Commonwealth Anthem

God save our gracious King
Long live our noble King,
God save The King:
Send him victorious, Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us: God save The King.

In Flanders Fields (Written by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae)
Read by Jacob MacNairn and Ethan MacNairn

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Placing of Crosses Pat Gillespie, Kathy Isaac, Chris McQueen

Ode of Remembrance (Exhortation) Captain Dominic Larocque

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning.
We will remember them.

We will remember them.

Last Post Performed by Matthew Ross

Minute of Silence

Rouse Performed by Matthew Ross

Words of Remembrance Captain Dominic Larocque

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O God,
and may perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the righteous, through your great mercy, rest in peace.

Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

From east and west, north and south, we gather
on this day of remembrance to give thanks and praise.

We come to be inspired by the Word of God and honour the sacrifices of those who have

committed themselves to service before self.
In times of peace, in times of conflict, and in times of uncertainty,
we remember that we are not alone.
We are the people of God, connected across time and space, from generation to generation.
We are united by the love of the One who said:
"No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends."
As we gather to remember, let us sing and pray.
Let us worship God together!

HYMN 245 VU (PRAISE THE LORD) (Words/Music: Natalie Sleeth)

PRAISE THE LORD WITH THE SOUND OF TRUMPET

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Let us pray…God of our past, present, and future, we have come to this place as a people of hope. We hope for a future without war and a world that lives together in peace. In years past, and in the present day, members of our armed forces have put their lives at risk for this hope, with some paying the ultimate cost. May what we do here today strengthen our resolve to work together so that this hope may be fulfilled.

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 One, when our lives are comfortable and we live in relative safety, it can be all too easy to forget that what we enjoy today has come at a great cost. For some, the price was their last breath. For others, it was wounds to body, mind, or spirit. Our inability to resolve conflicts through peaceable means has caused harm beyond measure.

Forgive us for using violence
as a way to resolve our differences.

On days like this, we remember those who defend our freedoms and we say "Lest we forget."

Yet, too often we forget that the wounds to mind and spirit can last a lifetime. Forgive us for not remembering once the poppies have been put away.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers," but we have often focused on what divides us rather than on what can bring us together. Forgive us for our reluctance to do the hard work of peacemaking.

For all these things, and for those which we name before you now in the silence of our hearts, forgive us…

(moment of silence to offer personal thoughts and concerns)

WORDS OF GRACE

We are a forgiven people.

Thanks be to God.

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

God of abundance, we thank you for the gifts that we present to you now. We ask that you receive them and bless them. May they enable us to serve the world in ways that inspire hope and make your love known. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

REMAIN SEATED

HYMN 570 VU *JESUS' HANDS WERE KIND HANDS*

(AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE) (Words: Margaret Cropper / Music Old French melody)

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.

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.

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 Marcia Hicks

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25

Joshua challenges the people to choose God.

Psalm 78:1–7, Part One, p. 792 VU

We will teach the next generation.
(Music: Geistliche Volkslieder; harm. Paul Bunjes)

R: We will tell new generations of the wonders God has done.

Part One (1-7)

Give heed to my teaching, O my people,
turn your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will reveal the hidden meaning of things in the past.
What we have heard and known, what our parents have told us,
we will not hide from their grandchildren,
but declare to the next generation
the testimony that you gave to Jacob
and the law you appointed in Israel,
which you commanded them to teach their children,
that the next generation might know them, children yet unborn,
and these in turn should arise, and tell their children,
that they should put their trust in you,
and not forget your great deeds,
but keep all your commandments. *R*

Matthew 25:1–13 Parable of the 10 bridesmaids and the lamps.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 659 VU *ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE*

(MELITA) (Words: William Whiting / Music: John Bacchus Dykes)

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard,
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease,
and gave for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, all travellers guard in danger's hour.
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go:
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

SERMON

ANTHEM *CREATION WILL BE AT PEACE*

(Words: J. Paul Williams / Music: Anna Laura Page)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(We pray for St. John's Pastoral Charge)

HYMN 256 VU *O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING*

(THAXTED) (Words: Michael Perry / Music Gustav Theodor Holst)

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendour in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you our God most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown,
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.

Then, hear O gracious Saviour, this song of praise we sing.
May we, who know your favour, our humble service bring;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

BENEDICTION

Remember the sacrifices of those who have gone before us.
Take up the whole armour of God and remain steadfast.
Fasten the belt of truth around your waist,
and put on the breastplate of righteousness.
Put on whatever will make you ready
to proclaim the gospel of peace.
May the grace of God, the love of Christ,
and the hope of the Spirit be with you now and always. 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 God 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 *TRIUMPHAL MARCH*

(Music: Giuseppe Verdi, arr. Jason Gray)

During the postlude the congregation is welcome to depart.

Contributed by Capt (Rev.) Nathan Wright—Chaplain, The Royal New Brunswick Regiment (Fredericton, NB)
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We thank Trumpeter, Matthew Ross
for taking part in our Worship this morning.
Matthew is a musician with the Tutta Musica Orchestra,
the Teaching Artists of Sistema NB.

Fellowship After Worship

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

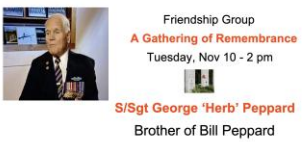
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Fred & Beulah Cassidy
by Daughters, Barb McLaughlin, Sharon Alward and Family

MEMORIAL

A donation has been made to St. John's United Church in loving memory of
Dorayne Forster
by June MacEachern

NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

Nov. 8	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School - Remembrance Sunday - A donation box and poppies will be available at our main entrances. 
Nov. 9	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon (weekly-Owen Fraser Hall)
Nov. 10	Tues.		**Deadline** to order baked beans and brown bread (see note)
Nov. 10	Tues.	FRIENDSHIP GROUP 2:00 p.m.	**Friendship Group** - We will be viewing a Veterans Affairs DVD interview with Bill Peppard's brother. All are welcome. (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall) 

Nov. 11	Wed..		**Church / office closed** – Remembrance Day 
Nov. 12	Thur.	6:45 p.m.	Pathfinders, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Social Hall)
Nov. 12	Thur.	7:00 p.m.	**Choir** (weekly-Sanctuary)
Nov. 13	Fri.	10:30 a.m.	**Worship** with the Rev. Aaron Billard at **Royal Court Chapel**, 6th Floor, Coverdale Rd., Riverview If you are a resident there, we ask you to help us spread the word to members of the congregation who live there.
Nov. 14	Sat.	10:00 a.m.	**Christmas Bazaar & Coffee Party** (see note) 
Nov. 15	Sun.	 11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School - Mission & Service Sunday
Nov. 15	Sun.	12:15 p.m.	**Ministry & Personnel Committee** (weekly-Social Hall)
Nov. 17	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	**WinGS** - The topic of the evening is "Christmas traditions ". Come share your favourite family traditions and learn other traditions to potentially adopt as your own. Make it a "show and tell" or if you are sharing a food tradition, you are welcome to bring some for others to sample. (Owen Fraser Hall)
Nov. 18	Wed.	7:00 p.m.	**Finance & Property Management Committee** (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)
Nov. 22	Sun. 	11:00 a.m. 	WORSHIP and Sunday School - Anniversary Sunday - Reign of Christ Sunday - Communion - 100th Anniversary Memorials - Guest Speaker: Randy Ellridge - Welcome new members 

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 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.

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 and if you would like to receive our weekly email.

IT'S BEANS AND BROWN BREAD TIME AGAIN!



Use the form in your online pastoral letter or blue form located at our church main entrances. Place the form in the offering plate or give to one of the UCW ladies or contact: Brenda McFarlane 506-852-3550, or Church Office 506-858-8289 / stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com.

Deadline for orders is Tues., Nov. 10.

Pick up is Sat., Nov. 14 between 10am-12 noon.

If you are able to help us by making a pot of beans, please contact Brenda McFarlane.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP,
PROFESSION OF FAITH AND CONFIRMATION

The Pastoral Care & Membership Committee, as part of their mandate, is to seek those congregants who wish to transfer their church membership or become a member of to St. John's. This requires a phone call or email to Karen at the Church Office (506-858-8289 or stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com) **no later than Nov. 16**. In case of transfer, we will contact your former church. We will receive new members on **Anniversary Sunday, Nov. 22**.





CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and COFFEE PARTY on Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m. -12 noon. Shop from our bake table including fudge, pickles, jams and jellies, along with beans and brown bread as well as crafts, puzzles and other treasures.
Coffee Party: Tea, coffee and muffins. Freewill offering.
(Social Hall – use Karing Kitchen entrance)

If you have donations, please drop them at the Church.

Pick up your beans and brown bread orders.

UCW QUILT FUNDRAISER



A beautiful queen size Autumn Leaves Quilt handmade and donated by Sue MacLeod has been donated to the UCW. Tickets are $5.00 each. Tickets are available after church in the Owen Fraser Hall, from UCW members and at the church office. The draw will take place on **Nov. 22** at 12:15 p.m. after church.

ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES are located at the Church main entrances. If you use SJUC box offering envelopes, an Anniversary envelope is in your box. If you use PAR, your Anniversary envelope is in your packet of envelopes. The Church thanks you for your support.

2027 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

We are in the process of preparing box offering envelopes for those who presently use them. Please advise the church office at stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com or 506-858-8289, for any of the below scenarios:

- you presently use box offering envelopes but would like to give in another way (i.e. PAR, e-transfer)
- you use your box offering envelopes very infrequently and can give in another way
- you would like to start using box offering envelopes

You may donate to the church in a variety of ways:
- PAR (pre-authorized remittance) – form available on our website – pamphlet located at church entrances and outside church office; PAR cards are available to put in the offering box on Sundays
- e-transfer (use stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com - no password needed)
- box offering envelopes – contact church office
- Canada Helps - online
- cash or cheque - identified with giver's name/address (for income tax purposes).

STEWARDSHIP SECOND – Words matter. As do actions. We are challenged to match our actions and our words. If we speak out against injustice, then we act to bring justice to pass. If we call out for peace, then we work for peace for all people. If we recognise the needs around us, then we generously share.

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	*North Door – Victoria St.*
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