

Remembrance Sunday

November 9, 2025



St. John's United Church of The United Church of Canada

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**Sunday church service aboard
H.M.C.S. OTTAWA at sea on November 22, 1943**

A warm welcome is extended to all.

Nursery service for infants and toddlers is available in the nursery on the second floor.

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

AMAZING GRACE

(Music: Virginia Harmony; setting by John Carter)

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

By Captain Craig Gaddess,
Master Corporal Abigail Gaddess,

Able Cadet Carter Gaddess and Able Cadet Duncan Gaddess

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

Read by Captain Craig Gaddess,
Master Corporal Abigail Gaddess,

Able Cadet Carter Gaddess and Able Cadet Duncan Gaddess

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 699 VU

LIVE INTO HOPE

(TRURO) (Words: Jane Parker Huber /

Music: Thomas Williams' *Psalmody Evangelica*, Vol. 2; harm. Lowell Mason)

Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God’s own jubilee!

Live into hope the blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty,
the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one’s daily bread,
to hear God’s word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed
from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

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.**

HYMN 229 VU

GOD OF THE SPARROW

(ROEDER) (Words: Jaroslav J. Vajda / Music: Carl F. Schalk)

God of the sparrow God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise
God of the earthquake God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks
God of the hungry God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life
God of the neighbour God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace
God of the ages God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

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 Lorilee Redmond

Haggai 1:15b—2:9

God will shake things up; there will be new splendour.

Psalms 145, p. 866 VU

Every day I will bless God's name.

R We praise you, O God: we bless your holy name.

Every day we will bless you and praise your name forever.

**O God, you are great and highly to be praised;
our greatness is beyond all measure.**

One generation shall praise your works to another,
and declare your marvellous deeds.

**I will speak of your splendour and glory,
and all your wonderful works. R**

You, God, are righteous in all your ways,
and loving in all your deeds.

**You are near to all who call to you,
to all who call on you in truth.**

You fulfil the desire of those who revere you;
you hear their cry and you save them.

**You watch over all who love you,
but the wicked you will destroy.**

My mouth will speak your praise, O God.

Let every creature bless your holy name forever. R

Luke 20:27–38

A woman marries seven brothers;
whose wife is she in resurrection?

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

ONLY GOD

(Words / Music: Mary McDonald)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(We pray for Oakhill: St. James Pastoral Charge)

HYMN

I VOW TO THEE

(THAXTED) (Music: 256 VU; Gustav Theodor Holst)

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test
That lays upon the altar, the dearest and the best
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice
And there's another country, I've heard of long ago
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know
We may not count her armies, we may not see her king
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering
And soul by soul, and silently her shining bounds increase
And her ways are ways of gentleness,
and all her paths are peace

BENEDICTION (Based on Ephesians 6)

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 SONG 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(This is great opportunity to welcome new members to our church and get to know one another.)

POSTLUDE

PRINCE OF DENMARK'S MARCH

(Music: Jeremiah Clarke; arr. Michel Rondeau)

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.*

***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*

Fred & Beulah Cassidy

*Daughters, Barb McLaughlin,
Sharon Alward and Family*

MEMORIAL





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

Mum and Dad,

John (Veteran of WW2) and Phyllis Robinson
by Carolyn Robinson and family

NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

Nov. 9	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School - Remembrance Sunday - A donation box and poppies are available at our main entrances.	
Nov. 10	Mon	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon (weekly-Owen Fraser Hall)	
Nov. 11	Tues.		church / office closed – Remembrance Day	
Nov. 11	Tues.	2:00 p.m.	Friendship Group Guest speaker: Captain Craig Gaddess. He will speak about his life in the military and the cadet group that he runs. (monthly-Fellowship Room)	
Nov. 12	Wed.		Deadline to order baked beans and brown bread (see note/order form)	
Nov. 12	Wed.	6:15 p.m.	Sparks, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Owen Fraser Hall)	
Nov. 13	Thur.	6:30 pm	Southeastern NB Regional Youth Group at St. Paul's UC, Cleveland Ave., Riverview (see note)	
Nov. 13	Thur.	7:00 p.m.	Choir (weekly-Choir Loft/Fellowship Room)	
Nov. 13	Thur.	7:15 p.m.	Pathfinders, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Social Hall)	
Nov. 14	Fri.	10:30 a.m.	Worship with the Rev. Aaron Billard at Royal Court Chapel , 6 th 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	Fri.	1:00 p.m.	Set up for Bazaar & Coffee Party If you are available to help, please advise Brenda McFarlane (Social Hall)	
Nov. 15	Sat.	9:30 a.m.	Christmas Bazaar and Coffee Party (see note) (Social Hall)	

Nov. 16	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School - Mission & Service Sunday 
Nov. 16	Sun.	12:45 p.m.	Worship & Music Committee (Norman Sinclair Room)
Nov. 19	Wed.	6:30 p.m.	WINGS Revisited (see note) (Norman Sinclair Room)
Nov. 19	Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Finance & Property Management Committee (monthly-Karing Kitchen)
Nov. 23	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School - Anniversary Sunday - Reign of Christ Sunday - Communion - 100 th Anniversary Memorials - Guest Speaker: Debbie Warren - Baptism & Welcome new members - Potluck lunch  

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.

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.



THANK YOU to everyone who answered the call and helped with the Basement Sale last weekend. This endeavour is a lot of work over four days and I truly appreciate the help on Friday to put the goods out, the members who worked the sale, those who packed up after church on Sunday and the drivers who came on Monday to truck the leftovers off to the local thrift stores. Thanks to Pat Arsenault who always goes the extra mile to help us and special

thanks to Gary Tower and Rheal Leger who put up and tore down the tables for the event. In all, we raised \$1,150.

Be sure to join us on **Nov. 15** between 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. for our **muffin party and Christmas Bazaar**. There will be lots of baked goodies, jams, pickles, and fudge as well as the ever-popular beans and brown bread to buy. *Brenda McFarlane, UCW President*

IT'S BEANS AND BROWN BREAD TIME AGAIN!

Use the form in your pastoral letter or blue form located at 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, Phyllis Perry 506-852-4761 or Church Office 506-858-8289 / stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com.



Prices are: ½ litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$7.00

1 litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$10.00

Deadline for orders is Wed., Nov. 12.

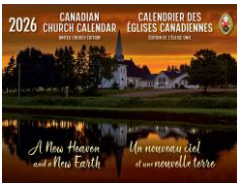
Pick up is Sat., Nov. 15 between 9:30am-12 noon.

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

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.



2026 CHURCH CALENDAR:

A New Heaven and a New Earth

Celebrate United Churches across Canada! Focusing on the theme of A New Heaven and a New Earth this bilingual calendar features

colourful photos from communities of faith across the country plus all the special days, church seasons, and lectionary dates.

The Church Office is taking orders for this calendar. Cost is \$9.50 (tax included). If you are interested in ordering one or more, sign the order sheet located at the main entrances or contact the Church Office. Payment may be made by mail (mail slot on door), e-transfer or included in your offering envelope (on bottom line titled, “Other” - note “2026 Calendar”).

NEW REGIONAL YOUTH GROUP

We are excited to announce that the first Southeastern NB Regional Youth Group will take place on Thursday, **November 13** from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at St. Paul's United Church, Riverview.

Join us as we get to know one another, discuss activities for the year, and enjoy some snacks. Please complete the registration form here: <https://forms.gle/MzWZTn4NxZVwvthQ8>.

The group will be targeted at those in grades 6-8. However, we welcome youth who may be close to but outside of these grades.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Olivia at ofinnamore@gmail.com or

Isabelle at isabelle.willixms@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and COFFEE PARTY on Saturday,



November 15, 9:30 a.m. -12 noon featuring our bake table including fudge, pickles, jams and jellies, along with the beans and brown bread and the ever popular "new to you" treasures.

(Social Hall – use Karing Kitchen entrance)

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

Pick up your beans and brown bread orders and plan to attend the **Coffee Party** with tea, coffee and muffins. Freewill offering.

We will need lots of **help on Bazaar day**, so if you are available to help, please advise Brenda McFarlane.

WINGS REVISITED gathering will be **Wednesday, November 19.** 6:30-7:30 p.m. upstairs in the Norman Sinclair Room.

Fellowship and snacks on the program. All women of the church are welcome to this informal gathering. Come and discover our community. Please advise if you intend to attend to help us plan. If you require childcare to attend - let us know... we will arrange it!

Theme: What did you do this summer / fall?

If you are able to help bringing a snack or drink, let us know by contacting the church office.

100th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL FUNDRAISER



As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of The United Church of Canada, we invite you to take part in a special fundraiser — a meaningful opportunity to honour or remember someone who has shaped your faith journey. Special recognition will be held on **Anniversary Sunday, Nov. 23**, to celebrate these lives. Forms are located at the Church main entrances and in our Facebook files.

BAPTISM, 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 baptism, 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). In case of transfer, we will contact your former church. We will have baptisms and receive new members on **Anniversary Sunday, Nov. 23**.

2026 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:

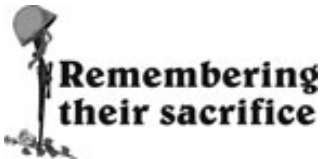
- PAR (pre-authorized remittance) – form available on our website – pamphlet located at church entrances and outside church office; PAR cards are available to put in the offering box on Sundays
- e-transfer (use sjuc@nb.aibn.com - no password needed)
- box offering envelopes – contact church office
-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

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.

STEWARDSHIP SECOND – Isn't it amazing? God has created this universe and this world and given it all to us to care for. What an honour! What a privilege! What a joy to be able to further God's vision for creation!

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

<u>Greeters & Offering</u>	
South Door – Alma St	North Door – Victoria St. Rev. Susan Estabrooks



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Supper's Ready
Homemade
BAKED BEANS & BROWN
BREAD

Prices are:

½ litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$7.00

1 litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$10.00

Place your order by one of these methods:

- a) Return the form below in the offering plate
- b) Give it to one of the UCW ladies
- c) Call: Brenda McFarlane at 506-852-3550
or Phyllis Perry at 506-852-4761
or the Church Office at 506-858-8289 or
stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com

Deadline for orders is Wed., Nov. 12

Your order must be **picked up** at the
UCW Bazaar on Sat., **Nov. 15**
between 9:30am-12 noon at 75 Alma St.

HOMEMADE
BAKED BEANS & BREAD

Please prepare for me:

___ (qty) ½ litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$7.00

___ (qty) 1 litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$10.00

Name: _____

Phone: _____

I will pick my order up at the
UCW Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 15
between 9:30am-12 noon at 75 Alma St.