

Stairs Memorial United Church

Faith that Matters

Love that Matters

Community that Matters



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Thanksgiving Sunday

October 11, 2026 @ 10:30 AM

*Making brave decisions
to actively connect with the neighbourhood
so that we can be a center of Faith, Love, and Community!*

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

WELCOME

Everyone here at Stairs Memorial UC and welcome all those joining us each week on FB live.

Acknowledgement of the Territory

We live, work and worship on the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples, predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace, friendship and reconciliation with its people.

Lighting of the Christ Candle- Together

Creator God, on this Thanksgiving Sunday, You call us to remember we are all part of this wondrous world. On this day we celebrate the beauty all around us and within us, while remembering our kinship with fellow Christians throughout creation. And so it is that we pause now to invite the light of Jesus Christ into our midst.

(Christ Candle is lit)

And also, may this flame remind us that God is near, speaking blessing, offering hope as we light the affirming candle to remind us that every person is created in God's image, precious and beloved.

(Affirming Candle is lit)

And lastly, we look at the bird of peace central on our table, may we light this candle for peace each and every week.

(the Peace candle is lit)

^ Centering Song— “Let’s Go Together) (v.1) TLUS #138

^Call to Worship (based on Psalm 65)- Responsive

Praise is due to you, O God in all the earth!

**By your awesome deeds, you answer us;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.**

You have done many great and wonderful things;
you have assured your people of your continued presence.

**You crown the year with your bounty;
our lives overflow with abundance.**

People of God, gather to hear the glorious deeds
of God and the wonders of what God has done.

**We gather to offer praise and thanksgiving
for God's abundant, unconditional love,
mercy, and grace.**

Let us shout and sing together for Joy!

Opening Hymn VU#218

We Praise You, O God

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

An Invitation

Out of the 10 that were healed by Jesus,
only one returned to give thanks for God's gracious actions.
How often do we forget to thank the one who gives us so much.
Let us lift up those forgotten moments to God's gracious presence.
Let us join together in our Prayer of Confession.

Will you celebrate with your friends in Christ?

We rejoice in times when we can connect with those we love.

Will you seek to understand the viewpoint of your friends in Christ?

**We will search out those whose approach to faith is different from
our own.**

Will you be companions to your friends in Christ?

**We will look for those within our faith community and those
beyond who may need a friend.**

SILENT REFLECTION....

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ is present with us as our friend and our guide.

Thanks be to God! Amen

Time for the Young at Heart

^Hymn VU#227

For the Fruit of All Creation

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

^Prayer of Illumination VU#371 (verse 2 sung)

Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for Thee, ready my God, Thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit Divine.

Scripture - Luke 17:11-19
Ten healed, one returns to offer thanks.
The Word of God.
Thanks be to God!

Reflection – Don't Forget to Say Thank you

Reflective Music

Ministry of Music –

"When Aging takes Its Toll" Words by Delores Dufner, Music by Larry Visser, Arranged by Byron Hermann

Responsive Hymn VU #236 Now Thank We All Our God

OFFERTORY CALL

VU 300 "God, whose Farm is All creation" (V.1)

Offertory Prayer- Together

As people who yearn for new opportunities to put our faith into action, we give thanks for God's presence in our lives.

Bless all who offer whatever they are able.

We pray our thanks in Jesus' name. Amen

Prayer of Thanksgiving, followed by the Lord's Prayer

The Life and Ministry of this Faith Community

Closing Hymn VU#242 Let All Things Now Living

Commissioning

Go out into the world to share the 'bread of life' with all whom you meet.

Share by doing as you would have them do.

Share by loving God with all your heart.

Song of dismissal – "Don't Be Afraid" MV#90

Postlude