

10:00 Holy Eucharist (BAS) Licensed Lay Minister: Gordon West

Processional Hymn: Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him (CP 59)

Gathering of the Community

Gloria (said)

Collect: Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table: in times of disagreement teach us to listen, loose us from prejudice and bind us to your way of forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:

Exodus 12: 1-14 (Joan MacDonald)

Psalm 149

Romans 13: 8-14 (Diane MacLeod)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20 (Bill Canning)

Homily – Rev. Lori

Iona Creed

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – When Two or Three are Gathered in My Name

Prayer over the Gifts: Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #2

Lamb of God

The Communion

Communion and Ablution Music (instrumental)

Prayer after Communion: Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Doxology

The Blessing

Closing Hymn – Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Dismissal

Music – Let There be Love

Postlude

Greeters: Judy & Harry MacKenzie

Counters: Bob Adams & Faye Kennedy

Chancel Guild: Team November

In lieu of altar flowers, a donation has been made to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth and departed members of the Phillips and Travis families from Robin, Paula, Ann-Michele, Krista and Alison.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Sunday, September 13th – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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Blessing of the Meditation Garden

Book Club

Join us today in the upper hall after worship for our first **coffee hour** of the fall season. Enjoy some snacks, talk to old friends and meet someone new! Coffee hour dates for the fall will be September 6 7 20, October 4 & 18, November 1, 15 & 29, and December 6 & 20.

The church office will resume **regular hours** this Tuesday, September 8th. Hours going forward will be Monday – Thursday from 9:00 – noon.

A warm **welcome back** to Cory Lunn after his summer placement in the Parish of Christ Church, Amherst. It is good to have you back in our midst.

Next Sunday, September 13th following our worship, we will gather in the new **meditation garden** behind the Link for a blessing of that space. Plan to stay and join us for this short time of prayer if you can!

Communion: We offer two options for the receiving of communion wine: the common cup and a second cup from which a medicine dropper is used to place wine upon the host. You're invited to cross to the chalice of your choice after receiving the host. **Dropper cup on the piano side/Drinking cup on the organ side. Note:** Dipping of the wafer (intinction) is not permitted in the common cup.

Anyone wanting to become a **greeter** at our church or receive information about the duties of a greeter may contact Placide Chiasson at placidechiasson290@gmail.com or by phone at 902 895-7832 within the next two weeks. Thank you.

Morning Prayer (BCP) will be said Tuesday mornings at 8:45 a.m. in the church beginning September 8th. All are welcome!

Men's Fellowship Group will be starting up once again in the next few weeks. If anyone would like to consider giving us a try or would like to know more about the group, please contact Harry MacKenzie, either in person or by email (htmackenzie2@gmail.com). This will be our third year of operating, and we are always looking to increase our numbers!

Mary Hubley is taking orders for copies of the **2027 Canadian Church Calendar**. This cost is \$8. If you have ordered in the past, she will automatically order you a copy. If you have not ordered before and would like a copy, please contact her at 902-893-8087 or speak to her in church.

ASK ME! You may have noticed some of our members wearing bright yellow and red "ASK ME" buttons. If you are new to St. John's (or even not so new!) and have questions – please speak to anyone wearing a button. If they don't have an answer for you, they'll find one!

We are exploring the possibility of holding an **adult Confirmation Class** this fall. If interested in seeking Confirmation, please speak to Rev. Lori.

Ordination: We are planning to book a bus to take parishioners to Natasha's ordination to the diaconate which is taking place at the Cathedral Church of All Saints in Halifax at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 26th. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church to indicate your interest in taking the bus.

Spiritual Café returns on Friday, September 25th from 9:00 – noon in the parish hall meeting room. In keeping with the feast day of St. Michael and All Angels on September 29th, our topic will be angels!

Meditation and Lectionary Bible Study will resume meeting on Friday, September 18th. Meditation is at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room of the parish hall and Lectionary at 11:00 a.m. in the main parish hall meeting room. All are welcome to join us!

Sunday School resumes regular classes on Sunday, September 20th. We will also bless the children's backpacks on that day. Dates for the fall term are September 20, October 4 & 18, November 1, 15, & 29, and December 6 & 20.

We will return to our full music format on September 20th. First **choir practice** of the fall is on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m. New members are always welcome!

Looking Ahead: Our annual **Blessing of Animals** service takes place on Sunday, October 4th, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. We will meet on the church lawn at 2:00 p.m., rain or shine. Bring your companion animals for blessing and join with us as we give thanks for all God's good creation.

Book Study: There will be one more session of the book study on John Mark Cormer's Practicing the Way. We will consider the section on a Rule of Life on **Sunday, September 13th** after the worship. Bring a bag lunch and we will provide the coffee/tea. All are welcome. Books are available in the parish office for \$30. Practicing the Way also has a podcast available at:

Podcasts <https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/practicing-the-way/id1729195085>,

Youtube

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=practicing+the+way+podcast

Spotify <https://open.spotify.com/show/7dHIByUQ588Li9pUtv0TDn>

Our parish **Fall Retreat** will take place on **Saturday, October 17th**. We will enjoy a day away together at the Seek Wilderness facility at the top of Young St. All are welcome to join in this time of prayer, reflection, sharing and enjoying God's good creation! (**Note: change of date**)

Praying for Peace: During the Second World War, a group of people stopped whatever they were doing for a specific time every night to pray for peace and safety for everyone. They did this every day, and it was as if the whole city paused – such was the power of prayer. The result was so overwhelming that the bombing stopped shortly afterward! Now once again, a group of people around the world has agreed to spend one minute praying for the safety of our countries, for the end of the problems that oppress us, and for God to guide the decisions of our leaders. The time chosen for Canada to pray is **12:00 noon**. Please pause in your busy day to pray for peace at that time.

Mission to Seafarers: We will be starting our Mission to Seafarers Campaign earlier in the fall this year. Items for a regular running shoe box include: Hat / Toque, Scarf or neck warmer, Gloves, Socks. Wrapped hard candy (**no chocolate**), Soap, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shampoo or body wash (no larger than 375ml to fit in a shoebox), Shaving foam, Razors, Deodorant, Lip balm, Playing cards, Pen/pencil, Small packages of tissues, Comb, Christmas card, Bible (supplied by mission), Mementos of NS, PEI or Canada. Rev'd Bev will be explaining more about this mission at various Sundays through to the late fall.

Stop the Traffic: On Saturday, September 12th TREY Nova Scotia is bringing communities together for **Stop the Traffic: Ride • Walk • Restore Hope**, and we're inviting churches across Nova Scotia to join us in taking a stand against human trafficking. The ride will start in Fall River and end at Masstown Creamery. Join us for one of our community walks (GP Vanier School at 10:00 a.m., Milford Rec at 11:00 a.m., Resilience Centre, Millbrook at 12:00 p.m. and Masstown Creamery at 12:00 p.m.)

We would love to challenge your church to put together a team of walkers and help us reach our collective goal of 250 kilometres walked for survivors. Why 250 km? It represents the approximate distance between **Halifax and Moncton**, along a corridor identified as a route used in the trafficking of victims through Atlantic Canada.

Your congregation can get involved in so many ways:

Walk as a church team and contribute your kilometres toward the 250.

Sponsor your church's walkers for every kilometre they complete.

Ride in the motorcycle ride from Fall River to Masstown.

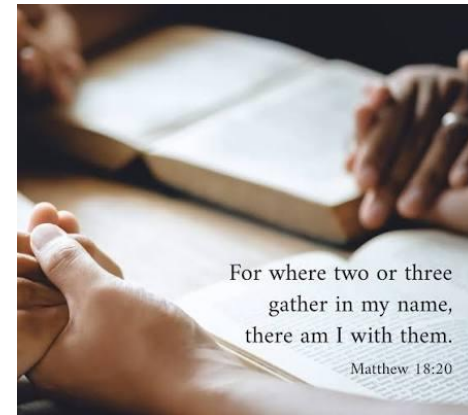
Donate, pray, or come out and stand alongside survivors.

No one person or organization can end human trafficking alone. **It takes all of us, working together.** Every kilometer tells a story. Every step raises awareness. Every rider and walker stands with survivors. Register today or support the cause by visiting treynovascotia.org/stophetraffick

Canadian Foodgrains Bank – Setting the Table for Peace. **World Food Day** is October 16th. Join us at 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church as we host a live-stream Worship Service from St. Matthew's Church in Kitchener, Ontario and meet Skylar Boylan, our new Atlantic Rep.



September 6th, 2026 15th Sunday after Pentecost



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Sarah Lennerton and Michael Sherren

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