

10:00 Holy Eucharist (BAS) Licensed Lay Minister: Bill Canning

Processional Hymn: Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing (CP 282)

Gathering of the Community

Gloria (said)

Collect: Holy God, giver of blessing to hungry and hated, you overturn tables of privilege and greed. Teach us a new way of being beyond reward, beyond revenge, so that we may do to others as we would have them do to us; through Jesus Christ, who prays for all who crucify him.

Amen

The Proclamation of the Word:

Revelation 7: 9-17 (Sarah Lennerton)

Psalms 34: 1-10, 22

1 John 3: 1-3 (Bill Canning)

Gradual Hymn: For the Faithful Who Have Answered (SP 205)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12 (Natasha Bejarano)

Homily – Rev. Lori

Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn – What Wondrous Love is This (CP 400)

Prayer over the Gifts: Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer #3

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #2

Lamb of God

The Communion

Communion Hymn: Jesus the Joy of Loving Hearts (CP 70)

Ablution Hymn: Heaven and Earth are Filled

Prayer after Communion: Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen**

Doxology

Children's Hymn: Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (CP 324)

Dismissal

Music: Let There Be Love

Postlude

Today we remember those of our parish who have passed from this life since last All Saints Day:

Entered into Eternal Rest November 1, 2025 – November 1, 2026

Stanley Dean Salsman

Rev. Gary Walter Yetman

Ivan Franklin McKenna

Leonard Joseph O'Toole

Skylar Lee Blackie

Donna Jean Craig

Charlotte Julia McWilliam

John Ray Andrews

Rita Elaine McGuire

Ursula Grice

Donald John Pickrem

Chimdiamara Tehilla Chikwendu

Kathleen Jean Hull

William Carter "Bill" McMullen

Ruth Mosher

Douglas Alfred Lane

Darrell Howard Alexander MacDonald

Daphen Adelia DeVouge

Mark Wilcox

Jacqueline Louise "Jackie" McKenzie

Colin MacKenzie Dodds

Robin MacIntosh Phillips

Collect for All Souls: Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Greeters: Hazel & Michael Sherren

Counters: Michael Sherren & Stephen Hamlin

Chancel Guild: Mary Hubley & Linda Higgins

Altar Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of departed family members from Mary Hubley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mon., Nov. 2nd – Pickleball 7:00 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 3rd – Morning Prayer 8:45 a.m.

Spiritual Development 7:00 p.m.

Weds., Nov. 4th – Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 5th – Adult Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 6th – Spiritual Café 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Next Sunday, November 8th – 24th Sunday after Pentecost
(Remembrance Sunday)** 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Spiritual Café dates for the fall: (Fridays at 9:00 a.m.) - November 6 & 27 and December 18. On all other Friday mornings we will have **Meditation and Lectionary Bible Study**. 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!

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!

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.

Mitten Tree – Our mitten tree has gone up for another year. We receive small sized mittens and hats and distribute them to the elementary schools in our area. We welcome any donations of these items.

St. John’s Games, Cards and Café: Looking for a mid-week pick me up? Drop by St. John’s Hall for an afternoon of fun, friendship and refreshments. Every second Tuesday – Nov. 10th & 24th and Dec. 8th. Bring your own cards/board games or join in the ones provided. There’s always laughter, good company and a fresh pot of tea and coffee. Come play, chat and unwind in a relaxed friendly space! **ALL WELCOME!**

Church office hours are Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Getting to know the Anglican Liturgy Bulletin Series

Snippet Two: The Procession

Not every Anglican church does this but here at St. John’s at the beginning of the service a few folks line up at the back of the church and come forward or process in behind a cross. What is this about? Indeed, it is an ancient Christian tradition, first noted in the 3rd century when a nun named Egeria who travelled to Jerusalem journaled that everyone processed into the church behind a cross.

The idea of the procession is simple. We are gathering for worship from outside, from our daily lives and community. We are approaching God through Christ; therefore, the cross goes before us. As we leave, we are being sent back out into the world, with the cross leading the way.

It used to be that everyone processed in behind the cross. Because of the need for seating, time, and other factors, not everyone processes today, but the symbolism remains. We are under the cross of Christ, and we follow the cross of Christ into the presence of God and into the world.

Depending on where you are worshipping, the processing “party” may look different. For example, here at St. John’s our “party” is small with the clergy which includes the Presider (Rev. Lori), Deacon, assisting clergy, postulant, the Licensed Lay Minister and sometimes a Crucifer (cross bearer) who is not a Licensed Lay Minister. You also may notice that as the procession passes, some folks at St. John’s choose to bow to the cross as a sign of respect and reverence.

In other Anglican settings the procession may be much bigger and include the choir, and someone carrying the Gospel. Additionally, in the processing party there could also be a **Thurifer** which is the server or acolyte who carries and swings the thurible in which incense is burned during the eucharist and other liturgies, and the **Torch bearers** who are acolytes or servers that carry torches representing the “Light of Christ.”

However, no matter how big or small, the procession serves as a beautiful symbol for all of us gathered that we are on a pilgrimage away from the secular world into the sacred space of worship as followers of Christ.

Adult Confirmation Class will meet next on Thursday evening **November 5th at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall meeting room.

Mission to Seafarers: We have started our Shoebox Campaign. Items for a regular 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. You will find empty shoeboxes at the back of the church each Sunday. Please take one to fill. Individual items can also be donated.

Christmas Collection 2026: Each week we will be asking for two items and you are asked to bring in only one of them the following week. These items can then be deposited in our grocery cart. Any items left over after preparing our boxes will be donated to the Food Bank:

Sunday, Oct. 18	can of vegetables / can of baked beans
Sunday, Oct. 25	can of soup (any kind) / can of tuna
Sunday, Nov. 1	bottle of jam / bottle of peanut butter
Sunday, Nov. 8	box of crackers / box of cereal
Sunday, Nov. 15	container of juice / small can of fruit
Sunday, Nov. 22	package of cookies / box of stove top stuffing
Sunday, Nov. 29	can of cranberry sauce/jelly box of tea bags/jar of instant coffee or hot chocolate
Sunday, Dec. 6	3 boxes Kraft dinner / bag of Christmas candy
Sunday, Dec. 13	small tub margarine
Monetary donations toward the purchase of potatoes, turnips and carrots.	

Please remember to CHECK THE EXPIRY DATE on the items you give – they will not be used until December and we are unable to distribute outdated items.

Sunday School and **Coffee Hour** dates for the fall term are November 1, 15, & 29, and December 6 & 20.

Pickleball anyone? We have set up pickleball play for interested parishioners in the upstairs hall. If you'd like to give pickleball a try, please contact Harry MacKenzie at htmackenzie2@gmail.com **Our pickleball sessions will take place Mondays at 7:00 p.m.**

Dementia Friendly Connections Café: Join us at our monthly social group for an afternoon of connection, conversation and coffee (or tea). November 12th at the Truro Library from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Call 1-800-611-6345 or email Donna.Lawrence@asns.ca for more information.

Strides for Safety: Walk for Third Place Transition House. For more than 40 years, Third Place Transition House has provided emergency shelter and support to survivors of intimate partner violence. Now, we're working toward **Second Stage Housing** – safe, affordable housing with wraparound supports where survivors and their children can rebuild their lives for up to two years after leaving shelter. With intimate partner violence at epidemic levels and Nova Scotia facing an ongoing housing crisis, this project has never been more important. **When:** November 7th at 5:30 p.m. **Where:** Meet at Civic Square, then walk 2.5 km together around downtown Truro. **How to participate:** Join a team or join on your own. Spread the word and ask your friends and families to support your efforts. For more info visit <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/third-place-transition-house/p2p/walk-for-third-place-2026/> email: fundraising@thirdplaceth.ca Or phone 902-893-4844.

13th Annual Christmas Craft Market & Pantry Sale will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7th, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at First United's Memorial Hall. Come and enjoy a wonderful selection of handmade crafts, unique Christmas gifts, delicious homemade goodies, and pantry favourites. It's a great opportunity to get a head start on your Christmas shopping while supporting our church. We look forward to seeing you there!

A Night of Christmas: Measha Brueggergosman-Lee with Steve Lee on guitar and Larry Bjornson on bass. Thursday, Dec. 10th at Immanuel Baptist Church. Cake/baked goods silent auction. Tickets \$65. Call 902-893-3991 or Eventbrite.ca Event starts at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.) A fundraiser hosted by Archway Counselling.

† COMMUNION OF SAINTS

A great cloud of witnesses surrounds us—grounding our daily lives in the ancient and living call of God through Jesus.

A flourishing church is rooted in a simple, life-giving truth: we do not walk the path of faith alone. Across time and space, Christians of old and newer times have modelled and greatly influenced us to live fully into God's call. To anchor our reflection this All Saints Sunday, we lean into four pillars of our shared Anglican tradition:

Prayer & Spiritual Disciplines

Christian Education & Study

Worship & Sacramental Life

Giving, Serving & Stewarding

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The Fellowship of the Spirit

Focus: The Communion of Saints (Spiritual Connection)

THE PRACTICE

Acknowledge the unbroken spiritual connection uniting all members of the Body of Christ today. Take time this week to name those who have gone before us—teachers, mentors, and forebears—whose lives illustrated Christian principles and encouraged our faith.

TRY THIS AT HOME

Set aside 10 minutes of quiet reflection. Read through the names of mentors, family members, or historical figures who shaped your spiritual foundation. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their witness and for the grace that binds the living and the departed together.

PARISH REFLECTION

How might our daily choices change if we truly lived as though surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, treating our faith not as an isolated individual pursuit, but as a shared inheritance passed down through generations? What is one action our parish could take to connect with the next generation?

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." — Hebrews 12:1



November 1st, 2026 All Saints/All Souls



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Sarah Lennerton and Michael Sherren

PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET HOME FOR FUTURE REFERENCE